

SOUTH LENCHES PARISH COUNCIL.

Draft minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held in Church Lench Village Hall, Church Lench on Wednesday 19th April, 2023 at 6.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. Mr. Seabourne, Mr. Ball, Dr. Murray, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Tyrell and Mr. Hailwood.
In attendance: Parishioners x 5 and Clerk, Mrs. Holland.

80/22 **Apologies:** Nil.

81/22 **Interests/ Dispensations:** Nil declared.

Public Question time: Meeting suspended at 6.05pm, reconvening at 6.15 pm. Notes appended to the minutes.

83/2. Community Legacy Grant Project.

a) To discuss new information received relating to the LSRC amphitheatre project following two independent meetings held with Wychavon District Council Officers and members of the Amphitheatre Project.

Chairman report:

The purpose of this meeting was that the Parish Council has been approached by the Lenches Sports & Recreation Club (LSRC) to raise further funds towards the Amphitheatre Project due to an overspend of a considerable amount, mainly due to increased costs of materials and inflation.

At the November Meeting, the Council, was asked by the LSRC to consider taking out a Public Works Loan. This was refused due to higher inflation and increase in households' costs by Government.

The Parish Council is the responsible body for ensuring the project is completed to the standard required in the application for the Community Legacy Grant funding of £95,000.

The LSRC has raised further funds through loans, grants and fund raising of £100,000. The current estimation to complete the project is that a further £66,000 is required due to inflation and material costs, this includes an estimated £33,000 to install plumbing and power to the lower level. Chairman stated that the quality of construction is different from the original specification.

It was reiterated that £25,000 in loans is the responsibility of the LSRC.

b) Public Works Loan Board: To consider that a decision taken at the November Meeting, in regard to an application to the Public Works Loan Board, be revisited in light of the above information, by passing a resolution to set aside Standing Order 6a.

Following discussion it was **resolved** by all not to proceed with an application to the PWLB.

It was proposed by Dr. Murray and **resolved** by all members that three quotations be obtained to ask an Independent Surveyor for a valuation on what is required to finish the project.

Meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

Public Question Time:

Questions raised on the purpose of the meeting – Chairman explained in his report above.