

SOUTH LENCHES PARISH COUNCIL.

Draft minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held in Church Lench Village Hall, Church Lench on Monday March 13th, 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Seabourne, Mr. Ball, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Tyrell and Mr. Hailwood. <u>In attendance:</u> Parishioners x 1 and Clerk, Mrs. Holland.
63/22	Apologies: Cllrs. Mrs. Abbey and Dr. Murray (reasons accepted by Council) and District Cllr. Mr. Wilkinson.
64/22	Interests/ Dispensations: Nil declared.
65/22	Reports from County, District Councillors and the Police:
Public Question time: Nil.	
66/22	Minutes: resolved by all to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 16th 2023.
67/22	Clerk's report: <u>Election procedure:</u> Update given on photo identification required to be able to vote. Election papers to be forwarded shortly for those that wish to apply for a further term and notices displayed on the website and notice boards.
68/22	<p>Councillors' reports:</p> <p>a) <u>Amphitheatre project:</u> Cllr. Mr. Seabourne reported on correspondence received from the Lenches Sports & Recreation Club (LSRC) and a request for the Council to look into extra funding to complete the project. The Clerk and Chairman have been asked to attend a meeting at Wychavon District Council on the 22nd March 2023 to discuss the project and funding required. The LSRC recently held a public meeting where approximately 80 people were present, including 10% of the Parish electorate, to discuss the funding issue.</p> <p>b) <u>Assets Report:</u> Cllr. Mrs. Tyrell reported all was in good order, apart from a panel that requires replacing on the wooden bus shelter.</p> <p>c) <u>Pool/Play area:</u> New multi play area now installed. Correspondence received from parishioner re the height of the unit and visual impact. Chairman explained that the old unit wooden posts had sunk over the years it had been in place.</p> <p>d) <u>Quarterly meeting of the Worcestershire Association of Local Councils:</u> Cllr. Mrs. Tyrell reported the Communities Manager from Wychavon District Council talked about the following fund opportunities: a) Covid 19 Recovery Fund, applications finish end of October 23; b) <u>Community Legacy Grant</u> – initially aimed at those Councils that have not received funding in the past. c) UK Shared Prosperity Fund – for Capital and Revenue funding. d) Rural prosperity fund and e) Coronation Funding for events.</p> <p>e) <u>20 is Plenty:</u> Cllr. Mrs. Hodges attended a presentation. The view in the Villages is that in some areas 30 mph is too high a limit. Previous consultation resulted in 3 response – 2 for and 1 against.</p>
69/22	Council Matters.
69.1	<u>Annual Play inspections:</u> Three quotes received. Resolved to accept the quotation from the Play Inspection Company of £82.50.
69.2	<u>Request Fog Waste Bin, Farm Lane:</u> It was agreed that there were enough bins in the vicinity owned by the District Council. Resident could ask the District Council to relocate one of the

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	bins.
69.3	<u>Purchase of bark for the Play area:</u> Chairman agreed for the time being to monitor the level.
69.4	<u>Village Pool area:</u> Various papers had been distributed to members regarding the Pool ownership. A number of people have raised the issue of a Camper Van parking on the site. As the Parish Council do not own the site it was agreed that Cllr. Mrs Hodges would speak to the owner of the Van.
69.5	<u>Council Facebook presence:</u> Cllr. Mr. Hailwood discussed the value of having a Facebook presence. To report back on progress at a future meeting.
69.6	<u>Renewal of contracts:</u> a) <u>Parish Lengthsman:</u> Hourly rate had not been increased for a while. It was agreed by all to up the hourly rate to £16. b) <u>Village/Pool:</u> Contract to be renewed with no changes.
69.7	<u>West Mercia Police Charter review:</u> Agreed that speeding and outbuilding theft remain a priority.
70/22	<u>Neighbourhood Plan Update.</u>
70.1	<u>Update on progress:</u> Cllr. Mrs. Hodges reported that the Housing Needs Survey had been posted out to all residents. 8 responses received, same as in 2016.
70.2	Quotes to be sought to appoint a Planning Consultant. Packages of small amounts of work to be spent out to volunteers in the Village shortly.
71/22	<u>Financial Matters.</u>
71.1	Resolved to approve the payments schedule and summary of accounts to date.
71.2	Resolved to vire £30 from the Contingency budget heading to the Website budget.
72/22	<u>Planning Matters.</u>
72.1	It was agreed to comment on the following planning application: W/23/00317/OUT Oak Cottage, Evesham Road, Church Lench. Proposal: Outline application for the construction of 1 no bungalow on land to the north of Oak Cottage. Comment: The proposal is outside the development boundary.
72.2	Duly noted that the following application was dealt with by delegation: <u>W/22/02749/HP</u> Pilgrims Rest, Main Street, Church Lench. Proposal: Single storey rear extension with internal alterations. Comments: Nil.
72.3	<u>Correspondence duly noted from the Planning Authority:</u> a) <u>W/22/01789/FUL</u> - Oak Farm, Low Road, Church Lench. Proposal: Siting of a log cabin for tourism/holiday use. Permission granted with 8 conditions. b) <u>W/22/02333/FUL</u> Former Baptist Chapel, Atch Lench. Proposal: Demolition of existing dilapidated building, erection of a new one and a half storey dwelling adjacent to Baptist Church variation of condition 2 ref 19/02526FUL. Application withdrawn. c) <u>W/22/02155/HP</u> Brookfields Farm, Ab Lench. Proposal: Variation of condition 2 on planning reference W/20/02416/HP. Proposal: Proposed two storey extension to all elevations creating two additional bedrooms and living spaces adding 3 in no bi-fold doors. Permission granted with 9 conditions. d) <u>W/22/01902/FUL</u> Solar Farm off Broad Lane, Bishampton. Proposal: Variation in condition of 2,4 and 12 grant of permission on 20/02071/FUL. Permission granted.
73/22	Meetings: Annual Parish Meeting: To take place at 7pm on April 24 th , 2023.

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Parish Council Meetings: Confirmed dates are: Annual Parish Council Meeting May 15 th ; Ordinary Parish Council: July 10th, September 11th, November 13th, January 8th 2024 and March 11 th 2024.

Meeting closed at 9 pm.

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