

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES MONDAY 11TH.MAY 2020

HELD BY ZOOM

PRESENT; ANNE HUGHES PETER BUNTING CLIVE CHAMBERS MAGGIE HOLMES SARAH HUGHES
RICHARD MARRIAGE IAN MOORE MIKE STRAIN BRIAN TURNER GRAHAME WALKINGSHAW

CLLRS; KEVIN BENTLEY ANDREW ELLIS

PUBLIC; MARK JONES JENNY LYNCH LINDSAY & TONY WILSON

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST NONE

MINUTES Mrs.Hughes said the minutes were not a true record of what happened on the 9th March.

Mrs.Hughes read out the changes that Parish Council asked to be changed. She will email the changes to the Clerk, so that he can make the alteration. All the Parish Councillors agreed verbally and with a show of hands for the changes to be made.

CLLRS REPORT **Cllr. Bentley** said he would email a copy of his report to the Clerk.

He spoke about Adult Social Care. More testing is being done. They are doing what they can to provide adequate PPE for care homes, some is being sourced internationally.

Highways are still repairing potholes, at a slower pace due to COVID , with the required social distancing. All major road schemes are up and running. There is a relaunch of the Summer programme eg Abberton Road and the Folley. There is a relaunch of the pavement scheme in the New Cut.

Recycling centres are working towards re opening, with safety measures in place. Managing traffic and social distancing.

Country parks will also reopen soon.

Cllr. Ellis Still waiting for maps and letter re; local plans. They have not been released yet. Planning in Layer. Cllr Ellis will speak to the Tollgate Partnership , re the Folley, in due course.

CLERKS REPORT He confirmed his resignation letter, giving 4 weeks' notice, to 8th.June. The letter had been previously submitted. Anne noted the letter and said the Parish Council accepted his resignation. The Council would require a handover of details from the Clerk, to ensure the smooth running of the Council.

FINANCE Mr.Marriage said he had no update of accounts from March. End of year accounts still required. There had been a problem with a BT bill not being paid for 6-7 months (Oct 19 being the last payment). Mr.Marriage proposed payment of the bill £490.42 The Clerk suggested PC should be certain it is for the Parish Council and not the village hall, as the name on the bill is R. Larkin and the address I.Moore Church Rd. Mr.Larkin (hall treasurer) assures the PC it is not the hall's bill. Mr.Marriage said the Oct 19 bill was for £67.92, which equates to the correct amount waiting to be paid. P.C. approved the payment of the bill.

The Clerk requested approval for the April payments, as set out on the agenda. The P.C. approved payments. agreed under delegated authority.

PC Salary	£426.17
Mileage Expenses	£4.50
S. Priestland – Grass cutting	£45.00
Strutt & Parker – Rent	£518.93
CBC – Street Lighting	£91.80
Opus Energy	£25.80
EALC Annual Subs	£452.54
CBC – Street Lighting	£102.00
Office Expenses	£25.00
Clive Chambers	£400.00
Total	£2091.74

PLANNING Previously circulated. Taken as read.

200550 – 12 Waterworks Close, Laver de la Haye, CO2 – Removal of existing conservatory and proposed new single storey rear extension.

Comments: No Objections

200591 – 30 New Cut, Laver de la Haye, CO2 – Demolish existing fully enclosed glazed side extension and existing rear conservatory build new side and rear extension.

Comments: No Objections

200746 – Corner Cottage, Lower End, Laver de la Haye, CO2 0LE – Single storey rear/side extension to accommodate Garage and Porch, with a room within the roof.

Comments: No Objections

200788 – Follywood, The Folley, Laver de la Haye, CO2 0HZ – Modification to vehicular access

Comments: No Objections

76.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

200568 – Willow Barn, Fields Farm Road, Layer de la Have, CO2 0JW –
Proposed Garage

Comments: Approve Conditional

COUNTY BROADBAND Poles are appearing all over the village. The Govt gave freehand for poles to extend broadband coverage. Little can be done. Mr.Marriage has been in communication with Mr.Ashkettle (County Broadband) as several residents have been complaining re the siting of poles in unsuitable places outside houses and in verges. Some adjustments will be made in response to complaints from residents. Mrs.Hughes thanked Mr.Marriage for continuing to monitor the situation.

TOLLGATE PARTNERSHIP Mrs.Hughes reported that she had been talking to the Tollgate Partnership re; plans for The Folley. This is not a good time to have a public meeting and is very unsatisfactory. They intend to leaflet all the houses in the village. Mrs.Hughes asked that the P.C. be shown a draft of the leaflet first.

GRASS CUTTING The Clerk reported that Pinnacle had been affected by COVID and will cut Malting Green as soon as they can.

VE DAY Very sad that the celebrations could not go ahead. The village had put on a good show, with bunting and decorations. They partied in their own gardens, observing social distancing.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY Mrs.Hughes asked the Clerk for an update on the survey. He reported that there had been a good response, but final figures not yet available – again affected by COVID.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY GROUP This is a very organised group, who are carrying out various tasks for vulnerable people. They are keeping an eye on anyone in need. Mrs.Holmes observed that the group of volunteers, was ably organised by Mrs.Hughes. Mrs.Holmes made a query in relation to the COVID grant, kindly organised by Cllrs Bentley and Ellis. The volunteers are using their own transport to shop, collect scripts etc. could they be given petrol expenses out of the grant. Mrs.Hughes said she had offered expenses, but mostly volunteers declined. Cllr.Bentley said the money had been obtained for this use. Distribution of the money will be looked at again,she thanked Cllrs Bentley & Ellis for obtaining £200 from the locality budget, for COVID related items.

PUBLIC A member of the public expressed concern about the Kingsford bridge which has been knocked down many times. It is being completely rebuilt at the moment with different bricks. She was also concerned about the historic plaque that was on the bridge. Mrs.Sarah Hughes said that the plaque was still there, hopefully to be returned to its rightful place. Cllr.Bentley did not know rebuilding had been commenced. He had discussed the bridge many times with Highways. He has asked for the name of the contractor and he will contact both them and highways.

Congratulations Mrs.Holmes, congratulated Mrs. Anne Hughes on being awarded the Acorn Silver Award for services to Scouting – this had been reported in the digital Parish Magazine.

Meeting ended 8.35pm

Next meeting Monday 8th.June 2020.