

**LENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9.00pm WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**  
**AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE GROOM WAY LENHAM.**

**PRESENT** Cllr. R Greenwood Chairman presiding.  
Cllrs. J Britt, M Cockett, N Osborne & A Walmsley.  
Cllrs. K Hammond and A Ratcliffe were also present. M McFarlane. (Clerk & RFO)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr. M Ballard (after the meeting)

2. **DISCLOSURES AND CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**  
No disclosures of confidential items on the agenda.

3. **ENVIRONMENTAL, MAINTENANCE WORKS AND PROJECT UPDATES**

Cllr. A Ratcliffe will present the options for the refurbishments of the WCs at the LPC December meeting. A meeting organised with MBC was unfortunately not on a suitable date. The Clerk will ask for alternative dates to discuss the WCs building and the Maidstone Road car park lease.

Cllr. R Greenwood reported we are awaiting details from RB Plant in relation to possible parking provision. A meeting with MBC parking officers to discuss the overall situation relating to the emerging plan will be requested.

Cllr. R Greenwood proposed a thank you to Mr C Hill (Down to Earth) for the excellent groundworks at both the churchyard and cemetery for the Remembrance Service.

Cllr. J Britt confirmed the working party for the Cross will be held on Wednesday mornings.

Cllr. N Osborne reported on a meeting with Nursery School trustees and staff and following a lease offer from KCC for the nursery to stay on the primary school grounds, the project to provide new facilities at Ham Lane allotment site is on hold.

Cllr. M Cockett detailed progress on the new website, he is working with Lenham Square to provide a modern user-friendly site with direct links to MBC. The site will be hosted by Hugo Fox and the separate Lenham Tourist site will be absorbed into the LPC site. Lenham Square will be asked for a quote to include more items. The cut-off date for minutes etc. will be two years, so the new site will have details from 2018 onwards, older details will be archived. Cllrs. agreed to progress the site with Lenham Square. Cllr. A Ratcliffe suggested a link to the NHP documents could be held as a hyperlink at a separate location with its own VRL, he provided a quote of £500 per year, the link may only be needed for one or two years. Cllrs. agreed Cllr. A Ratcliffe make further investigations.

4. **ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL REPORTS/REVIEWS**

It was agreed to recommend for payment to full council the grant to Lenham Lights for £500.

Two quotes from Landscape Services for hedge works in Groom Way were discussed, it was agreed to recommend to full council the footpath works for £274.50. The other works will be discussed further and a meeting with Down to Earth will be organised.

Amiga Security quoted £515.00 for flood lights at William Pitt field, we await another quote from an alternative supplier before deciding.

Amiga Security will be asked for a quote to upgrade the CCTV cameras in the Square.

A meeting with Lenham Wanderers FC will be organised once we have more facts to discuss concerning the proposal to sell of a strip of William Pitt field to enable the widening of Old Ham Lane.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

No correspondence to report.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

