

# Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting for Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council

Held 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 8:00pm at the Loyd-Lindsay Rooms

Attendees	
Hugh Roberts (HR)	Chairman
Derek Morrow (DM)	Councillor
John Hedgecock (JH)	Councillor
Ron East (RE)	Councillor
Sarah James (SJ)	District Councillor
Julian Sayers, Alison Bowler	Lockinge Estate
Duncan Morris, Jenny Hutchings	Victoria Land
Jane Humphreys (JAH)	Parish Clerk
Ardington & Lockinge Residents	12

1..	Apologies	Actions
	Jo Noble and Nicky Hancock	
2.	Requests for Dispensations, Declarations of Interest, gifts and hospitality	
	None	
3.	Public participation	
	A parish resident (Arthur Lawrence) raised concerns about the volume and speed of traffic along Grove Park Drive. Arthur asked the PC to raise the issue of reducing the speed limit along this section of road from 60mph to 40mph. This is an issue that needs to be raised with the County Councillor.	JAH to raise issue with Sally Povolotsky
4.	Presentation by the Lockinge Estate: “Lockinge Estate Future Concept Plans – Initial Discussions”	
	<p>HR outlined the parish council’s progress to date with a proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Ardington &amp; Lockinge. The PC had been advised to go ahead by the VOWHDC as other villages within the Vale have already embarked on Neighbourhood Plans and the new style plans do have considerable value in terms of future planning. The development of a Neighbourhood Plan would be a long process and would need to be put to a referendum of voters in order to be accepted. The initial progress had been halted by COVID but with the appointment of a new parish clerk, further progress can now be made.</p> <p><b>Julian Sayers</b> provided the background to the Lockinge Estate proposals which could potentially be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan. The Estate is considering factors such as population size, housing, employment and amenities as well as the future viability of the estate. The Estate is also facing external pressures from the housing developments on the edge of Wantage. The Estate’s philosophy remains the same: to ensure a vibrant local community which includes services partially supported by the Estate. The main aims of the proposed development are to ensure a sustainable population via a modest increase, to release capital partially for new community facilities and for re-investment into the estate, to increase the availability of affordable housing, to reduce traffic movements in the villages and to manage public access.</p> <p><b>Duncan Morris</b> and <b>Jenny Hutchings</b>, from <b>Victoria Land</b>, then outlined the areas being considered for development which include the derelict barn in the paddock to the north of the playground and an area on the eastern edge of Ardington, to the east of the road known as the Firs, leading up to the A417. The proposals include a visitors’ centre to attract visitors to the community wood and approximately 30 new houses, 35% to be</p>	

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	<p>affordable (the exact nature of affordable housing to be determined), which would include a new shop and the relocated café. The main aim of the development at this location is to reduce the traffic through the village by providing amenities on the edge of the village. This will effectively move the centre of the village to the east of its current location. Victoria Land, as a land promoter, would work with the estate in the selection of an appropriate developer to ensure that the Estate remains in control, to ensure the quality of the build, to ensure that the design is in keeping with the ethos of the Estate and to ensure that the development has the potential to be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan. This is the first time these plans have been discussed in public and the importance of community input was emphasised. The time scale for the new development is at least 18 months to 2 years: 2025 is the target for completion. In parishes that have an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, 25% of CIL funds will be passed to the parish council.</p> <p>A number of questions were raised by residents at the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the main advantage for the village? Response: The future sustainability of the estate.</li> <li>2. Will the development be visible from the A417? Response: No, the new development will be heavily landscaped and screened by tree-planting.</li> <li>3. Where will the water supply come from for the new development? Response: The Estate is exploring the possibility of Thames Water supply.</li> <li>4. Will there be a dedicated footpath up to the A417? Response: Yes.</li> </ol> <p>The Estate emphasised that this is the first consultation on this new proposed development and comments and feedback should be addressed directly to the parish council in the first instance. The Estate will then determine if there is sufficient community support to proceed. A further formal presentation will then be made by the Estate in the autumn.</p>	JAH/HR to collate responses from residents and forward to estate
5.	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p>Reports from the County Councillor and the District Councillor had been distributed prior to the meeting.</p> <p>SJ noted that Camp SOUL had applied for a TEN licence.</p> <p>SJ noted that the X32 bus service is to be replaced by the X35. There will no longer be a through bus to Oxford.</p> <p>RE commented that the bus service is becoming increasingly unreliable and does not always stop at designated bus stops.</p> <p>SJ commented that new bins are only installed if there is a litter problem. There was a discussion on the location of the bin in the playground and it was agreed to investigate the feasibility of moving the bin from next to the High Street fence to the other side of the playground.</p>	DM to determine feasibility of moving bin to far side of playground
6.	<p><b>Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman</p>	
7.	<p><b>Update on progress from the previous minutes</b></p> <p>Nothing of note to add beyond reports already received.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Governance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Financial Regulations</b> – checklist previously circulated reviewed and agreed.</li> <li>b. <b>Councillor responsible for internal financial control</b> – JH agreed to act in this capacity subject to the volume of work required</li> </ol>	JAH to provide first quarter documents for review
9.	<p><b>Finance Resolutions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Bank Statement and reconciliation</b> – circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and acknowledged at the meeting.</li> <li>b. <b>Banking</b> – Jo Noble and Nicky Hancock to be approached as additional NatWest Bankline authorisers.</li> <li>c. <b>Invoices for payment or payments made:</b> the following payments were approved. <b>White Horse Horticulture - £385</b></li> </ol>	JAH to ask JN & NH

	<p><b>Daniel Kerr – invoice JUN95: £45, invoice JUN87: £167, invoice JUN83: £181, invoice JUN86: £174</b></p> <p><b>Derek Morrow – playground maintenance expenses: £49.57</b></p>	
10.	<b>Planning Applications</b> – a summary of recent planning applications for Ardington and Lockinge was circulated prior to the meeting. No new applications were reported.	
11.	<p><b>Parish Matters</b></p> <p>a. <b>Playground and Defibrillators</b> – DM reported that weekly inspections of the playground were being carried out. DM demonstrated the remedial work that had been undertaken with sand bags and filling holes with resin. DM noted that the Lockinge defibrillator had failed but Daniel Kerr had been able to reset.</p> <p>b. <b>Street Lighting</b> – DM also provided an update on work carried out on street lighting.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Matters arising from comments by Councillors at this Meeting</b></p> <p>No further comments from councillors</p>	
13.	<p><b>Choice of items for inclusion in Trumpeter and on Facebook</b></p> <p>No new items were identified</p>	
14.	<b>Date of next Meeting:</b> The remaining meetings for this year to be held at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms at 8.00p.m. 5 September and 7 November.	