

Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting for Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council

Held 7th November 2023, 8:00pm at the Loyd-Lindsay Rooms

Attendees	
Hugh Roberts (HR)	Chairman
Derek Morrow (DM)	Councillor
Jo Noble (JN)	Councillor
Nicky Hancock (NH)	Councillor
John Hedgecock (JH)	Councillor
Ron East (RE)	Councillor
Sarah James (SJ)	District Councillor
Jane Humphreys (JAH)	Parish Clerk
Ardington & Lockinge Residents	12

1..	Apologies	Actions
	None	
2.	Requests for Dispensations, Declarations of Interest, gifts and hospitality	
	None	
3.	Reports	
	The report from the District Councillor distributed prior to the meeting was discussed. The consultation for the 20mph speed limits through the villages was discussed and the deadline for responses noted as being the 24 th of November. SJ also highlighted a funding boost for rural areas which includes town and parish councils – rural England prosperity fund. The deadline for bids to be submitted to VOWHDC is the 24 th of November. SJ noted an Oxfordshire County Council health and wellbeing survey with a deadline of 12 th November. There was also an update regarding the reservoir – GARD are advising anyone who made a submission to the Water Resource Management Plan to raise any concerns regarding the response to your submission with Ofwat or the Environment Agency by 20 th November.	
4.	Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 th September 2023	
	The minutes were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman	
5.	Update on progress from the previous minutes – already on the agenda	
6.	Lockinge Councillor and Chair of Parish Council vacancies – Sir Hugh confirmed that he will not be resigning from the Parish Council at the end of the year, but will remain in post until later in 2024.	
7.	20mph speed limit consultation for Ardington & Lockinge - all the attendees at the meeting were in favour. There was a request to introduce speed limits on The Chestnuts (the road from the A417 to the edge of Ardington and East Lockinge). There had previously been a request to reduce the speed limit on Grove Park Drive. Councillors agreed that the response to the 20mph speed limit consultation should be to extend speed limits beyond the 20mph boundaries. Particular mention was made of the road passing the Sports Club.	Action JAH – respond to the 20mph speed limit consultation
8.	Notice of receipt of CIL payment of £583.24 - councillors agreed that this money should be spent on the playground refurbishment. The CIL payment resulted from the Andersey Farm development. A report will need to be submitted on the use of these funds.	
9.	OCC Grass Cutting Agreement - further clarification required on letter received.	Action JAH - contact OCC to obtain further information
10.	Neighbourhood Plan - referenced meeting with Cheryl Soppet on 30 th of October. The realistic timetable for the preparation of a NH Plan is 1-2 years. The majority of the work	Action JAH - to notify steering

Chairman's Signature:

Date:

	<p>required will be delegated to a steering group to be nominated by the PC. The PC representation will be Jo Noble, with Derek Morrow as backup. The following people have come forward: Gary Proudfoot, Carol Gibbs, Bruce Winney, Annie Boon and John Chadwick. The recommendation for a NH Plan steering group is to have a core group of 6-8 members.</p> <p>The boundary of the NH Plan was discussed, and it was felt that the actual parish boundaries should be used as it would be a quicker and cleaner process and census data that would be required would also be collated according to parish boundaries. It was felt that the steering group should be inclusive and would need to have representation from all groups within the parishes including the Lockinge Estate and Ardington House. The NH Plan cannot be negative.</p> <p>The Chairman read out a statement from the Lockinge Estate regarding the responses to the Estate's exhibition on the proposed new development in Ardington. The responses were varied and could feed into the NH Plan process. The responses would be published in the December issue of the Estate's newsletter. The Estate would be able to engage in the process as soon as possible. The Chairman had suggested Kit Loyd as the representative. In subsequent correspondence it was agreed that Julian Sayers would be the Estate's representative, with Alison Bowler as backup.</p> <p>One meeting attendee commented that he had discussed the proposed development with Victoria Land at the Estate's exhibition and was told that no planning application would be submitted prior to the development of the NH plan.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk and Chairman thanked Mr Ron Hurst for his contribution of detailed written ideas for the NH Plan at the meeting.</p>	group members and handover administration to Carol Gibbs												
11.	<p>Finance Resolutions</p> <p>a. Bank Statement – the bank statement to 31st October was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and acknowledged at the meeting.</p> <p>b. Payments & Receipts – the P&R report to 31st October was agreed and signed.</p> <p>c. Budget - the budget variance to 31st October was circulated prior to the meeting and agreed. It was noted that £1,131 remains in the budget for the street lights for this year, and £1,633 for playground repairs. The free NatWest Bankline for communities is still not available so the ongoing charge of £21 per month will represent an unbudgeted expense. The council is now required to pay for the website which will be £12 per month, another unbudgeted expense. The Clerk's pay award due in November 2023 will also need to be backdated to 1st April 2023, also unbudgeted.</p> <p>d. Invoices for payment or payments made: the following payments were approved.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Supplier</th><th>Description</th><th>Amount</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>White Horse Horticulture (Jason Woodage)</td><td>Grass cutting September 23</td><td>£570</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tom King</td><td>Grass cutting June to October 23</td><td>£470</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hugo Fox</td><td>Website monthly charge now being applied via DD for Bronze package</td><td>£9.99 + VAT pm</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Supplier	Description	Amount	White Horse Horticulture (Jason Woodage)	Grass cutting September 23	£570	Tom King	Grass cutting June to October 23	£470	Hugo Fox	Website monthly charge now being applied via DD for Bronze package	£9.99 + VAT pm	
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8.	Planning Applications – a summary of recent planning applications for Ardington and Lockinge was circulated prior to the meeting. No new applications were reported.													
9.	<p>Parish Matters</p> <p>a. Playground - DM to contact The Sylva Wood Centre to see if anyone would have the necessary skills to work on the urgent playground repairs needed.</p> <p>b. Defibrillators - all reported to be working correctly.</p> <p>c. Street Lighting – next lantern to replace will be at Jubilee Cottages, followed by one in the Rickyard. The lantern at West Lockinge Farm is not considered to be a priority at this stage. DM in the process of updating the list of residents due to receive an electricity rebate in November. A note needs to be produced to</p>	<p>Action DM: to contact Sylva Wood Centre wrt playground repairs</p> <p>Action JAH: to produce note to</p>												

	<p>include with the cheques to ask residents if they would prefer to receive payment via BACS from next year.</p> <p>d. Ardington Noticeboard – a quotation has been received from The Sylva Wood Centre (Morgan Charles) for £4,200 (not VAT registered). This is cheaper than the Lockinge Estate quotation of £4,465 + VAT dated 4th July 2023. All agreed to proceed with the quotation from Morgan Charles. A grant needs to be obtained from the CBPT for this work therefore the quotation cannot be accepted until the grant has been approved.</p> <p>DM also commented that the salt bins have been checked and are ready for winter.</p>	<p>accompany electricity rebate cheques</p> <p>Action JN/HR - to notify CBPT of quotation for noticeboard.</p>
10.	<p>Matters arising from comments by Councillors at this Meeting & AOB</p> <p>NH commented that there was another issue with fly tipping along the road from the A417 which she would report. It was suggested that logs be placed in this area which is regularly used for fly tipping.</p> <p>DM commented that there have been several power cuts in the villages in recent months. The dates of the power cuts were Jan 7th, March 15th, April 7th, July 21st, August 15th, 21st, 29th, October 19th, 24th, 30th.</p>	<p>Action JAH – to contact Estate office to see if logs could be placed in this area to deter fly tipping.</p>
11.	<p>Choice of items for inclusion in Trumpeter and on Facebook - the items to include are the 20mph speed limit consultation and an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>Action JAH - to notify Susanna.</p>
12.	<p>Date of next Meeting: The parish council meeting dates for 2024 will be the first Tuesday of every other month apart from in January and June. The meeting dates will be 9th January, 5th March, 14th May, 2nd July, 3rd September and 5th November.</p>	