

Ardington and Locking Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting for
Ardington and Locking Parish Council
Held Tuesday 11th January 2022, 8:00pm at the Loyd-Lindsay Rooms

Present	In Attendance
Derek Morrow (DM) Councillor	Megan Boyle (MB) Clerk
Paul Gibbs (PG) Councillor / Acting Chairman	
Nicky Hancock (NH) Councillor	
Ron East (RE) Councillor	
John Hedgecock (JH) Councillor	
	Apologies
	Hugh Roberts (HR) Councillor

		ACTION
1.	Welcome and Apologies The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies received from Hugh Roberts (HR).	
2.	Declarations of Interests Councillors drew attention to their standard declarations as recorded on the register.	
3.	Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 9th November 2021 The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed to that effect by the Chairman.	
4.	Matters Arising Paul Gibbs (PG), acting Chairman, highlighted a grammatical error on page 1, item 1 of the minutes for the meeting held Tuesday 9 th November 2021. PG drew attention to page 2 of the minutes and confirmed that the replacement trees down conker avenue have been planted. Derek Morrow (DM), councillor, highlighted action 5.5 and drew attention to the asset list that was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. DM noted that the council's lawnmower, (which is in Clive's possession), bush cutter and overhead projector are no longer required and proposed that the items are sold. Councillors voted to approve the sale of the redundant items. DM noted that the estate installed the bus shelter and is to be added to the council's asset list. PG highlighted action 7.1, and drew attention to the past quotation for the completed replacement of the East Lockinge notice board that was circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors agreed to replacement of the parishes notice boards in West Lockinge and Ardington and noted that a smaller notice board in Ardington would be sufficient. Councillors drew attention to action 11.1 – MB advised that the VOWH DC (Vale of White Horse District Council) do offer a range of support for those parish councils implementing a neighbourhood or community led plan. Those present discussed including the implementation of a plan at the AGM to provide parishioners the opportunity to share their view on the parishes' priorities, including transportation and electric car charging points. PG noted that an original copy of the village's plan is	ACTION (4.1) – Arrange sale of redundant items DM / MB / NH ACTION (4.2) - Obtain estimation of bus shelter / confirm responsibility and maintenance ACTION (4.3) – Contact Craig Simpson to obtain a quotation for the replacement of the Parishes notice boards. ACTION (4.4) - PG / MB – share copy of original village plan

	<p>available and would be shared with the Clerk.</p> <p>Councillors voted to approve changing the current 30mph speed signs to 20mph, and agreed to request additional signage at the Ardington and Lockinge cross junction, sports hill road, and the turning off the A417 into Ardington by the bus shelter. Those present requested that the locations of the current speed limit signs are plotted on to a map for review.</p> <p>NH suggested that an elderly people sign is also located near the bus shelter along the A417.</p>	<p>ACTION – MB, inform Cllr Sally Povolotsky</p> <p>ACTION – MB, request sign</p>
5.	<p>Matters raised by parishioners present at the meeting</p> <p>On behalf of parishioners, DM raised concerns regarding recent electricity power cuts and explained that he had contacted SSE and later received confirmation that repair works had been carried out.</p> <p>Concerned for the welfare of elderly residents, those present agreed that a letter regarding the councils concerns should be sent to the county council and SSE.</p> <p>PG informed councillors that he had received an email from an (Ardington) concerned parishioner regarding the use of unregistered and unlicensed motorbikes in the woods. Councillors requested that the incident is reported to the police and shared on council's Facebook page encouraging parishioners to report any future incidents to phone 101.</p> <p>There was discussion that Sally Povolotsky's report mentioned that over the last few months she has received several reports of motorbikes going where they should not on the Hendreds, Ardington and Route 1 areas.</p>	<p>ACTION – Draft letter for approval re concerns about power cuts.</p> <p>ACTION – MB report to Police / communication on Facebook to parishioners.</p>
6.	<p>Reports</p> <p>6a. District Council None</p> <p>6b. County Council NH summarised highlights from Cllr Sally Povolotsky's report that was circulated prior to the meeting. Key points of note include: Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) consultation launching on the 10th January, encouraging residents to share the view on current SEND provision within schools.</p> <p>NH advised that the draft Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) was approved last October, and is now encouraging residents to share their views on the plan, via a consultations link by 16/03/22. Due to the lack of available public transport within the parishes, the councillors requested that the council issue a formal response to the consultation and share the consultation link with residents via the council's Facebook site.</p> <p>NH informed those present that there is still no progress in relation to the A417 School Crossing signs in Ardington.</p> <p>6c. PCSO None</p>	<p>ACTION MB – Share link on Facebook page for SEND consultation.</p> <p>ACTION MB – Draft formal response from Council and circulate to councillors</p> <p>ACTION MB – share consultation link on Facebook page.</p>
7.	<p>Finance</p> <p>7a. 2022-23 Budget – Version 1</p> <p>MB requested councillors to approve the appointment of an internal auditor to carry out an audit of the council's financial business for the end of the financial year.</p>	.

	<p>Councillors noted that councillor John Hedgecock (JH), has helped to facilitate the council's internal audit in previous years. MB advised that councillors should not be appointed as the internal auditor and explained that the audit should be carried out by an independent body from the council.</p> <p>Councillors requested that MB email all councillors with a summary of the given advice for confirmation prior to the appointment of an auditor.</p> <p>7b. Precept Proposal</p> <p>PG drew attention to the precept proposal that was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. MB provided an overview of the proposal and explained that the proposal to increase the precept amount by 15% was due to the need for the council to build reserves for the purpose of contingency planning. MB explained that the 15% increase equated to an additional £5.23 per household per annum (£0.41 per calendar month). Councillors voted to approve the precept increase by 15%.</p>	<p>ACTION MB – email all councillors regarding the appointment of an internal auditor.</p>
8.	<p>Facilities and Maintenance</p> <p>8a. the Big Cleanse</p> <p>Councillors requested that the original email regarding 'the Big Cleanse' to be recirculated. The Submission deadline is 01/03/2022.</p> <p>8b. Ardington and Lockinge Parish 'wish list'</p> <p>Those present reviewed the council's 'wish list' for Ardington and Lockinge that was circulated prior to the meeting. Nicky Hancock (NH), councillor, suggested that consideration for a footpath leading to the bus stop on the A417 should be included, explaining that elderly parishioners are forced to walk on along the main road in order to use the bus service.</p> <p>PG highlighted the incorrect signage to be corrected for the cycle path near the allotments, councillors agreed for this to be added to the wish list to be sent to Cllr Sally Povolotsky.</p> <p>DM confirmed that photographs supporting the justification of the council's wish list would be shared with the Clerk.</p> <p>8c. Playground maintenance and repairs</p> <p>PG drew attention to the overview of the most recent playground inspection that was circulated prior to the meeting. MB confirmed that an email has been sent to Simon Scott in regard to the completion of the reported playground repairs. MB noted that a communication had been sent to neighbouring parishes with playgrounds in order to obtain details of playground repair providers for insurance purposes.</p> <p>Councillors requested that request for funding is sent to County Councillor Sally Povolotsky to see if there are any available funds for playground equipment replacement and repairs.</p> <p>Those present discussed the management of the playground's litter bin; MB noted that the bin would be emptied for future collections. Councillors agreed to obtain a quotation from the district council in relation to a regular public bin collection for the play area.</p>	<p>ACTION 8a – MB recirculate details of the BIG cleanse.</p> <p>ACTION 8b.1 – MB – Update wish list and send to Cllr Sally Povolotsky.</p> <p>ACTION 8b.2 – DM – send photographs of wish list considerations to MB</p> <p>ACTION – MB ask VOWHDC who they use for playground work</p> <p>ACTION – MB – Email Cllr Sally Povolotsky regarding funds for playground repairs.</p> <p>ACTION – MB – Obtain quotation for bin collection.</p>
9.	<p>Clerk's Update</p> <p>Items including in the written update had been covered throughout the meeting. MB welcomed any further questions. There were none.</p>	

12.	Any Other Business – Notified in advanced to the Chair / Clerk PG invited those present to raise any other items of business for discussion / consideration. There was none. <i>Meeting Closed 10:15pm</i>	
13.	Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 8th March 2022 , 8pm at Loyd-Lindsay Rooms	