

LENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9.07pm WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH 2020
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE GROOM WAY LENHAM.

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs. M Ballard, M Cockett & M Lowe.
2. **DISCLOSURES AND CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA** No disclosures of confidential items on the agenda.

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

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) future meeting arrangements; it is hoped to hold the April meeting. The Annual Assembly on 30th April will be cancelled and the May Annual Parish meeting will be postponed. All decisions relating to future meetings will be guided by KALC/NALC advice.

Cllrs. agreed to accept the MBC grant of £10,000 with a £1,000 contribution from s106 monies to have a new rope swing at Ham Lane play area to replace the slide. Cllr. M Lowe will coordinate with MBC and organise the installation of the equipment.

Cllr. R Greenwood reported on the meeting concerning the future improvements of the WCs and the transfer of the site to LPC ownership. The running costs of providing the facilities for the last five years will be provided. The question of the land transfer of the car park to LPC ownership will be investigated further.

Cllr. A Ratcliffe reported on the Maidstone Road car park upgrade and outlined options for the repair/replacement of the soak away system. Quotes will be sought for a professional survey for a jet vac tanker to clear the drains in order to define the works required.

Cllr. A Walmsley recommended overgrown brambles and two wooden sheds be removed to enable a neighbour to replace a rear fence backing on to the former St John site on Ham Lane. A quote from Down to Earth will be sought to carry out the works as soon as possible.

Cllr. A Ratcliffe has drafted an up to date plan for the proposed Nursery at the Ham Lane site and is awaiting the business plan from the nursery trustees to forward the project.

The meeting held with MBC parking services discussed the suggestion that parishes share the cost of employing a car park warden to enforce parking restrictions. Consideration was also given to parking bays in Old Ashford Road with waiting restrictions, the MBC officer will produce a report.

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

Tenders from Landscape Services £13,879.98, S Waring £11,611.50. Cllr. J Britt proposed, Cllr. N Osborne seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to award the grounds maintenance contract for 2020-2021 to S Waring.

Cllrs. recommended the payment to CPRE for annual membership of £100.00 and a grant application received from the Air Ambulance for £250.00.

The RFO information confirming the appointment of J Bate has been sent to the NatWest bank

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For information)**

No correspondence to report.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

