

LENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7.30pm WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY 2020
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE GROOM WAY LENHAM.

PRESENT Cllr. R Greenwood Chairman presiding.
Cllrs. M Ballard, J Britt, M Cockett, N Osborne & A Walmsley.
M McFarlane. (Clerk & RFO)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies as all the F & GP committee members are present.

2. DISCLOSURES AND CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No disclosures of confidential items on the agenda.

3. LANDSCAPE, MAINTENANCE WORKS AND PROJECT UPDATES

A meeting with MBC on 10th February will discuss the WCs and Maidstone Road car park.
A meeting will take place with Down to Earth to discuss the hedge cutting at Groom Way.
Contractors will be asked to repair/replace the light outside the cemetery.
The quote from Cybereye Security for lights at the William Pitt Field will be recommended to council.
The tree report requires actions, Cllr. M Cockett will liaise with Cllr. D Garland.
Cllrs. M Ballard & R Greenwood will meet the cricket field owner to discuss the trees on the boundary.
Cllr. J Britt presented the communications process and the style guide for use with the web-site.
The site will comply with government regulations and offer links to 'Visit Lenham' businesses, local groups and a local walks guide will be included.
The style guide will be uploaded to the site and the communication process recommend to full council.
The site will be guided by the Communications Committee and will be further developed over time with additional material.

4. ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL REPORTS/REVIEWS AND TENDERS

Three quotes for the landscape contract for 2020/21 will be discussed at the February F & GP meeting.
Cllr. M Ballard recommended a watching brief on the expenditure of S106 monies for future projects to ensure the council receives all monies due before any expiry dates.
An advertisement for a Responsible Financial Officer to work with the Clerk with a list of requirements will be organised.

Following the William Pitt Field site layout plan being deferred from the council meeting on 8th January Cllr. R Greenwood tabled options for discussion; 1) go ahead with the quote 2) delay the decision 3) offer a contribution of up to £5000 4) go ahead with the car park with 50% match funding from LWFC 5) remove the basketball net and make good the ground 6) delay until the road and bell mouth are installed subject to a programme of works from Countryside 7) refuse the application completely 8) take the money from S106 monies. Cllr. M Cockett proposed, Cllr. J Britt seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to recommend to full council to delay until the road and bell mouth are installed.

Cllr. R Greenwood proposes organising a workshop at the Community Centre to discuss the future maintenance of open spaces, taking into consideration the NHP open spaces conditions and possibly using the Countryside proposal as a template for future open spaces maintenance.

5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For information)

LWFC reported escaped horses entered the William Pitt Field through a gap in the boundary fence.
Cllr. A Walmsley reported positive responses received concerning the extension of the 30mph zone at Platts Heath, the informal consultation closes on 5th February.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

