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Minutes of the Meeting of Little Addington Parish Council held on Monday 17th July 2017.

Present: **Clrs:** Karen Smith; Paul Dollimore; Barry Goodey; Diane McAlister

In Attendance: John Bilson (Public); Linda Marshall (Clerk)

LAPC17/37 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Kerry Richardson as she had to stay at home to look after the children. No further apologies were received.

LAPC17/38 **Public Open Time:** Mr John Bilson addressed the Council and handed round a report and a plan. He firstly spoke about the fireworks event and confirm that everything would be in order with regards to the field as before.

He went on to speak about the Bell Inn and gave an update on the planning whereby they are going to form an entrance. He advised that the purple prunus will be taken down (on Friday). He confirmed that the street scene will not change, but that the stone wall will have to come down and then be re-built. He advised that the plans for the annex will follow. Cllr B Goodey advised of an adjacent tree that needs cutting back. Mr Bilson suggested that Cllr Goodey speak with his contractors on Friday.

Mr Bilson then spoke about the back road and village entrance gates – and asked if the Council were aware of the incident 3 weeks/a month ago. Cllr P Dollimore advised that the police had undertaken a speed check on that area over a three-week period. He has heard nothing further on this. Cllr P Dollimore further advised that Highways are stating that the area is not wide enough for village entrance gates. Mr Bilson suggested rumble strips. Cllr P Dollimore said that he would raise the concerns at the next JAG meeting.

LAPC17/39 There were no Declarations of Interest received.

LAPC17/40 **Minutes** of the previous meeting dated 19th June 2017 were **proposed, agreed** and duly signed by the Chair as a true reflection of the meeting.

LAPC17/41 The Clerk confirmed that she had not heard from ENC regarding an election, and therefore the Council were free to co-opt. The Council discussed possible candidates. Cllr P Dollimore will approach a potential candidate.

Cllr D McAlister arrived 19:50

LAPC17/42.1 Retrospective Change of Use Granted at The Beeches: Noted.

LAPC17/43.1 Cllr P Dollimore reported that he had heard from Cllr Dudley Hughes who advised that there will be a planning meeting at ENC on the 27th at 2pm regarding the new development opposite Amen Place. Cllr P Dollimore confirmed that he would attend.

LAPC17/43.2 Cllr P Dollimore reported that the holes in the footpath have now been filled, but stated that the footpath is a problem. Discussions took place regarding the footpath to Irthlingborough and the hazards when it is dark.

LAPC17/43.3 Cllr P Dollimore advised that Cllr M Parsons was going to obtain some quotes for the village entrance gates but said that he would chase him on this. He advised that the top end of the village has enough space for gates; it is the other end which is limited. Discussions took place about the vegetation that has been dumped. Cllr P Dollimore will speak with Mark Beatty about this.

LAPC17/43.4 Cllr D McAlister confirmed that the light pollution from Warth Park is still not an issue at present due to the lighter evenings. Cllr B Goodey said that he believed you could tell which units were

causing the issues when you were driving up the slip road at Thrapston onto the A14. He said he would have another look at this.

- LAPC17/43.5 Grass Cutting Contract to be carried forward as awaiting plans from Cllr M Parsons.
- LAPC17/43.6 The Council agreed that the NCC Trial Groundwater Flooding was not applicable to Little Addington. The Clerk to report this back to NCC.
- LAPC17/44.1 In accordance with the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, the Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation for July was considered. It was **proposed and duly resolved** that it should be accepted by the Council. It was noted that the balance held in the current account stood at £4,506.63 and in the savings account it stood at £7,015.20. The Clerk was authorised to make the payments as detailed following the signing of each invoice by the Chair. A cheque was raised for the payment to Cllr B Goodey and countersigned.
- Discussions took place with regards to the room hire at the church. Cllr B Goodey advised the Council of the history of the payments made. Following discussion it was **proposed and duly resolved** that with effect from next year the Council would increase its contribution to £300.
- LAPC17/44.2 The Clerk advised of the issues with the HSBC Bank Mandate and confirmed that she was speaking with Cllr K Smith after the meeting regarding the Minutes of her appointment as Clerk.
- LAPC17/45 Letter from E.on regarding costs of lamp changes to LED was discussed at length. It was agreed that the costs were too high and the Council didn't have the funds to support this. Cllr P Dollimore said that he would speak with Cllr M Parsons and see if they could obtain other quotes.
- LAPC17/46 Cllr K Smith had circulated the Minutes of the Fireworks meeting recently held. The marquee was then discussed and it was confirmed that Cllr M Parsons was pursuing this. Cllr B Goodey advised that he had contacted Tom Brown regarding the rope lights.
- LAPC17/47 Cllr K Richardson had informed the Council that she could not do the defibrillator checks on the 3rd, 24th & 31st August. Cllr B Goodey confirmed that he would do the 3rd & 24th. Cllr D McAlister confirmed that she would do the 31st. The Clerk is to request Cllr K Richardson to pass on the paperwork.
- Discussions then took place regarding the next training date. It was agreed to hold it on Saturday 21st October. Cllr B Goodey confirmed that he would look at his contacts for the details of the First Responders.
- Cllr D McAlister left 20:35**
- LAPC17/48 Cllr K Smith asked everyone to look at the website and let the Clerk have any comments / additional information, and any photos. The Clerk is to check for advice on whether photos with children can be uploaded to the website.
- LAPC17/49 With regards to tidying the village entrance, Cllr P Dollimore agreed, with the assistance of Cllr B Goodey, to try and clear the area behind the salt bin including the tree stump. They will also have a look at the vegetation that has been dumped on the opposite side.
- Cllr K Smith raised her concerns at the amount of cigarette butts that were found in the vegetation at the corner of Amen Place and its surrounding area on the litter pick day. The Clerk was asked to write to the Care Home suggesting perhaps a sand bucket for its staff.
- LAPC17/50 Regarding the McDonalds rubbish that is found in the village, it was agreed that as it couldn't be pinpointed where the rubbish is coming from, i.e. which McDonalds restaurant, that no further action will be taken. However, the Clerk was asked to prepare an article in general for the Nene Valley News, to include a couple of the photos taken by Cllr B Goodey.
- LAPC17/51 The Police & Crime Plan booklets were dated and handed out.
- LAPC17/52 Noted that the next meeting will be held on the 18th September at 7.30pm. Cllr B Goodey gave his apologies as he will be away on holiday. Cllr K Smith advised that she may not be in attendance as her son is having his first baby.
- LAPC17/36 **Next Agenda:** Usual agenda items plus Lighting, Grass Cutting Contract & Update on the Development on the Irthlingborough Road.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____