



## LIMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

*Minutes of meeting held January 13<sup>th</sup> 2020*

*In attendance:*

*John Thompson, Bob Harvey, Ashley Fosdike, Ann Osborn, Laila Turner, Tom Briggs, Bernie De Haldevang, Philip Bailey, Mark Wilson  
Cameron McIntosh, Claire Blackwell, Phil Davies*

*Clerk: Sophie Martin*

### MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES** for absence.  
None
2. **MINUTES** of the previous meetings to be confirmed and signed. Please note that Minutes are displayed on the Parish Council website and can be obtained from the Clerk.  
No comments. **Accepted with no further comment.**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**  
None
4. **PUBLIC SESSION:** *a period of up to, but no longer than 15 minutes, to hear questions or statements from members of the public. Individuals are allowed to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes.* **None**
5. **DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**  
5.1 Cllr Cameron McIntosh

SCC – Putting budget forward. Will balance budget without dipping into reserves. Council Tax will go up. £378.1m on Adult Social Care, £138.9m on Children Social Care. SCC can start investing in other areas. Council Tax will be used for a Capital Scheme with some investment into Highways.

SGN works – short extension until 17 January. Could SGN be proactive about it and send out some sort of communication to residents? CMcl has emailed head of Streetworks to see what is going on. Lane Rental Scheme (being put through at the moment) should prevent this sort of situation happening again. Hoping this will go through in the summer.

Parking review process – Pavement parking under review – CMcl to update. Could potentially be applied in areas of Limpfield. General parking restrictions review currently underway. **Action: CMcl to send over proposed parking restrictions / review of current ones for any additions or feedback.**

Traffic Warden Contract – should be changing over in March. (Reigate & Banstead ends in March – switching to Sevenoaks). We should be able to dictate some areas that we want them to look at. **CMcl to update when contract in place.**

PB enquired about current status of expansion of carpark at Ellis Road. Cost went up to £5m so at the moment has been cancelled.

Limpfield School Crossing - TB and CMcl to meet Philippa Gates on 4<sup>th</sup> February. To have conversation as part of CIL update.

Bluehouse Lane – Due to the VAS that broke down in Detillens Lane, CMcl suggest LPC to fund the replacement of the VAS on Detillens lane and when SCC has repaired the broken VAS to go to Bluehouse Lane. Refurbished would not cost much less than a new one. (£3,000). CMcl would put forward half the money. Because Parish Councils have been buying the VAS signs, there may be a legislation that comes up in terms of maintenance of signs. Could be raised at meeting with Philippa Gates. **SEE 8.7 for further comments.**

RH noted motorway sliproad rubbish tip again. CMcl confirmed this as been raised. Limpsfield Village sign (Titsey Road) logged for repair, but no date yet.

#### 5.2 Cllrs Philip Davies / Claire Blackwell

Mobile phone mast. PD went to see Alda Song at TDC to explain the situation. No feedback since the last communication with regards to potential relocation despite planning being approved without TDC comment.

Greenheyes, Uvedale Rd: PD is finalising a response and an additional clarifying paragraph on “design”. **MW/Planning Committee to draft further comment.**

#### 6. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT** (including correspondence)

ECG donation photo opportunity with Dr Hill on Feb 11 at 12 noon.

#### 7. **FINANCE COMMITTEE** (Cllr Tom Briggs)

7.1 2021 final budget - for approval - PB explained the summary of the budget (attached).

**Vote to approve budget: TB proposed, PB seconded. 8 for, 1 abstention.**

7.2 CIL update – CIL meeting with PD, JT, TB and AO + Mark Bristow. There is a process to hopefully lower the CIL levels for bidding. Timing for approval after CIL workshop on 30<sup>th</sup> January. To finalise new bidding process by the end of the year (after local elections). Currently about £3.5m CIL revenue for Tandridge. This may grow. Problem is that there are currently 14 pending bids totalling £25-£30m. Several by Highways. There is more demand than available funding. Revenue collected for CIL eligible projects – per m2 is quite low compared to other parishes. Was originally set as part of the last local planning process where the housing target was much lower. Therefore, CIL set lower and cannot be raised until the next Local Plan is approved, but intention is to raise it. 5-6 generic areas of infrastructure. Highways, safety, flooding, health, education... Strongly encourages CIL bids to combine under category or combine with another Parish. Feasibility studies between £50-100K. Some feasibility studies to come from Highways. For crossings etc there is a periodic review of funds for priority highways projects. For feasibility studies – available annually £150,000 – there is some potential left to help with our proposals. Duncan Knox – at SCC – would be happy to talk to LPC. Playground for example could be put into an overall project – as part of Limpsfield Way etc. MB happy to provide guidance and discussion to help with proposals.

**AO to contact Duncan Knox for potential conversation about Limpsfield School crossing. To clarify position regarding Limpsfield Crossing (re Highways).**

7.3 Precept discussion and decision required (for submission to TDC by 17 Jan).

PB questions rationale for large reserves? Why do councils have such large reserves when they can rely on the next year’s precept? View is that we need to be careful with what we increase and therefore what LPC then commits to spend and that we don’t spend money without proper consideration.

Discussion as to why we would be putting up precept. MW happy if it’s for projects, not if it’s to have higher reserves. MW believes we may have enough potential projects to justify a significant increase. AO is not sure that we do at this point.

**VOTE (for one year):**

1. Go for RPI: 7 for 2 against (MW & JT) - carried
2. Go for increase to £37K: 2 for (MW & JT) rest against.

7.4 Payment Items for approval – attached.

## 8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE (Cllr Ann Osborn)

8.1 Priority projects update (Cllr Ann Osborn) No further update

**8.2** Conservation areas appraisal update (Cllr Mark Wilson). MW Monitoring officer has said we do need 3 quotes. **Action: MW to obtain 2 more quotes.**

8.3 Limpsfield school crossing (Cllr Mark Wilson) Discussed as part of Cameron's contribution.

**8.4** Assets of Community Value applications update (Cllr Mark Wilson) **Action: MW To talk to owners**

**8.5** The Brook Field (Cllr Ann Osborn) – AO talked to Skinners who are determined to keep the lease going. Would want to keep on their good side. **AO suggested a working party to clear some brambles etc.**

**8.6** Village Playground (Cllr Laila Turner). Discussion document proposes to postpone playground on basis that the Glebe Meadow is not suitable and Stanhopes not viable due to objections and parking. AO reminds that 100 people put a playground in their top 3 in the LNP survey. AF – as part of the Limpsfield Way, the Legion would be happy to have a playground based on their existing play area. **Action: Further discussion required for LT's proposal. AF to look further into Legion alternative and discuss this at LNP / next LPC meeting.**

8.7 Bluehouse Lane speed measures update (Cllr Laila Turner) - discussed with Cameron. LT – how much would we be happy to put forward for VAS? PB would like to know our policy on VAS funding and replacement. TB raised the need to understand ownership, maintenance responsibility and insurance before committing to more VAS signs.

**Action: To double check SCC contribution and also ownership, maintenance and insurance obligations.**

## 9. PLANNING COMMITTEE (Cllr Mark Wilson)

### 9.1 Current applications & appeals

2019/2181 12 Stoneleigh Road – approval recommended

2019/2120 89 Bluehouse Lane – approval recommended

2019/2105 40 Stoneleigh Road – approval recommended

2019/2073 65 Stoneleigh Road – erection of 2-storey house. Ted prepared some notes (circulated). It's not strictly in-fill because there is a significant gap. Propose not to object because it's not out of keeping with what's existing around it.

2019/2054 Limpsfield LTC, Detillens Lane (Padel courts). Lighting may be the only issue – approval recommended pending lighting.

2019/2040 45 Bluehouse Lane – approval recommended - but to visit first.

9.2 Recent determinations – none.

**9.3** Terms of Reference – **MW to finalise for next meeting with any comments received in the meantime.**

**10. PLAYGROUND** (Cllr Bob Harvey) – no further on the extension. Checked this week and all OK. Handle/rope repaired.

11. **HIGHWAYS** (Cllr Bob Harvey) – no further.

12. **PARISH PROPERTY** (Cllr Bob Harvey)

13. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** – alternative venue for discussion / decision. Agreed Winter period at TDC and summer period at Carpenters Arms if still available and happy with that arrangement.

14. **PARISH OFFICE & STORAGE/ARCHIVING** – *SM/JT present statements as to archiving for next meeting.*

15. **COMMUNICATIONS (PR, Social Media) & WEBSITE** - no update.

16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

16.1 Parish noticeboard – *quote & approval required* (Cllr Mark Wilson) £1863 inc VAT that would be split with Church. Split net amount after we reclaim the VAT. Same as Carpenters Arms. Planning permission request from the Church. **Approved. YES – 8. NO - TB.**

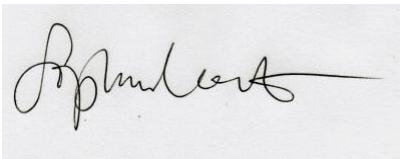
16.2 Oxted Health Centre donation (*as above – photo opp*)

16.3 Citizens Advice Bureau donation £150. Section 137 **PB proposed. MW seconded. Carried.**

16.4 **Chart Fair** – for reasons of public liability insurance and organisation, Bob Harvey has been made a member of the Chart Fair Committee, which will now be a [sub-committee of LPC](#).

16.5 CHART FAIR committee: to be made sub-committee of Limpsfield Parish Council for purposes of liability and insurance.

17. **NEXT MEETING** 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.



Sophie Martin  
Clerk to Parish Council