



**Minutes of the Limpsfield Parish Council to be held on 14th February 2022 at
Limpsfield C of E Infants School Hall.**

Attendees:

*Cllrs John Thompson (Chair), Ann Osborn, Bernie De Haldevang, Bob Harvey, Mark Wilson,
Jenny Williams.*

*TDC Cllr Phil Davies (OLRG), SCC Cllr Cameron McIntosh
Sophie Martin, Clerk*

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Claire Blackwell, Laila Turner, Thomas Briggs. [Philip Bailey absent]
2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE INTEREST – none
3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – Agreed and Signed
4. PUBLIC SESSION - Any member of the public wishing to discuss an item in the public session, should email the Clerk. clerk@limpsfield.org This session is 15 minutes maximum. – None
5. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (Cllrs Cameron McIntosh, Philip Davies, Claire Blackwell)
Phil Davies
 - *Gaywood Solar* – PD has also been to see the site. Not really much to be done at the moment until / if a planning application is submitted. PD to circulate a similar application that was refused at appeal. Residents group representatives will be attending the upcoming planning meeting on Feb 22. Action: To await any planning application. Residents will be attending upcoming LPC Planning Committee meeting on 22 Feb.
 - *Local Plan* – No further at this time. Inspector has sent a response, which is now published and TDC has responded. To await follow up and next steps. PD says there isn't enough funding or provision for funding to increase capacity at Junction 6 of the motorway. Nor enough funding to start again so at the moment the Local Plan is no further on.
 - *Caxton Lane footpath* signpost broken at Quince House. AO will look into this with SCC/Tony Pearson. It is SCC responsibility.
 - *LPC Letter regarding Priest Hill*. No meeting date set to date. CB has been chasing for the meeting. PD will also keep chasing for meeting on matter of principle for future applications.
 - *LPC / LNP training* – again chasing for meeting to train TDC Planning officers on Neighbourhood Plan.

Cameron McIntosh

- In response to PD's comment regarding lack of funding, CMcl asks what specific funding he is referring to and mentions the Levelling Up White Paper which will help ensure infrastructure planning is better directed and includes possibility of moving CIL away from districts in order for the money to be properly spent on / allocated to infrastructure

projects. CMcl believes that this is another area where the current two-tier system doesn't work.

- Reports that SCC has balanced the budget. Council Tax is increasing, and mental health provision is increasing within the county.
- *A25 Puffin Crossing* – CMcl confirms that responses have been sent out to those who have objected. BH would like to know how many people objected. CMcl says he will send him the response numbers if available.

BH asks if the LPC has received a response letter from SCC. The Clerk confirms this has been received and circulated (11/2/22). With regards to the parking, the residents can still park outside their house. The hatching is advisory only, as confirmed by CMcl.

BH asks how much the crossing will cost. CMcl estimates £150K.

BH asks how this is already happening so quickly after the consultation and if objections were considered at all? CMcl responds that the objections were considered and set aside, meaning there was not sufficient reason to look into them further.

In terms of timing and funding, this project is being funded by Local Committee (Tandridge and Surrey) as part of highways safety. Different to resurfacing which would have much longer lead times. The plans for this crossing were already in place and have been on the ITS for some time. Hence quick turnaround to be completed before year end and potential loss of funding.

Re. residents parking - SCC will potentially look at residents parking bays further down the line if necessary.

Clerk says she received a call from a resident about enforcing the double yellow lines outside the school. CMcl advises to flag with Parking Enforcement / Sevenoaks and also for the school to talk to the parents. **AO/The Clerk to flag with Sevenoaks and the School.**

- *Moorhouse Road* – will be resurfaced early July.
- *Kent Hatch* due for resurfacing in 2022-2023. First section from the Kent border will hopefully be done end of July (TBC).

6. CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Ann Hollywood – request to clean memorial bench outside of Memorial Stores. JT has no problem with this.

AO would like to thank Anthony Turner for looking after the Memorial Garden for so long.

7. FINANCE – Cllr Thomas Briggs (not present)

7.1. *To note February Payments & Receipts* – Clerk relays all upcoming payments for February. No comments. All noted and agreed.

Note that the National Trust licensing payment will be funded by YFS. Awaiting invoice from TDC for Jubilee street party application.

Clerk also presents updated reserves / budget status to end February.

7.2. *Proposal to designate Neighbourhood Plan bank account as YFS dedicated project account for the term of Your Fund Surrey.* All present agreed this is sensible option and good use for the LNP project account.

7.3. *Limpsfield Chart Cricket Club and Grub Street Cricket Pitch.*

Jubilee Bench funding request from The Chart Cricket Club. **BH proposes that we agree in principle to the donation of the bench for the Chart Cricket Club. All present agreed to maximum of £700** (awaiting written request form from Peter O'Rourke).

LPC to discuss Grub Street benches and land ownership / cost for vote in March.

To NOTE: Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday 7 March to discuss any end of year/audit requirements, any 2022-3 budget revisions and Annual Parish Meeting report.

8. PLANNING – Cllr Mark Wilson

- 8.1. Any urgent planning applications for discussion /note – see attached. Any applications for action can wait until the planning meeting on 22 February. [Clerk to request extension from TDC to discuss 29 Granville Road]
- 8.2. Recent determinations – see attached.
- 8.3. Gaywood Solar update – covered in Phil Davies' update.
- 8.4. AONB Review update - MW
West Heath, Limpsfield Common, Searn Bank, Caxton, Swaynesland and Tenchleys were all submitted as areas to be included. Suggestion being that the whole of this area (LCA04) should be in the Surrey Hills AONB. Aecom Report was also sent suggesting this area is wooded Greensand Hills. JT thanks Ted Beresford Knox for all his work and to MW.
- 8.5. The Bull ACV application has been submitted by the Clerk.
- 8.6. Dorothy's Cottage – has been sold to neighbour, which we hope is good news... We will await developments. MW will seek conversation / meeting with the buyer to ascertain likely plans for the site.

9. CAAMP

- 9.1. Approval of Consultation Version (V14) document as circulated (Cllr Mark Wilson)
MW proposes that we accept Version 14 to go to public consultation. AO seconds. All agreed.

Update: The public meeting will be on the back of the Annual Parish Meeting on April 7th. Leaflet goes to all Parish; individual letters to go to those homes that are affected either being added or removed from the Conservation Area or partially so.

Public Consultation will finish 23 March before purdah period for May elections.

This will go to TDC's planning policy committee in June in 2022.

- 9.2. Re-surfacing of lane by The Bull / Local Residents - Initial conversation. LT has a conflict of interest, but not present at this meeting. The Bull and residents would like to tarmac this road. Chris Reynolds does not have an issue with this in principle if it is done sympathetically.
AO suggests that anyone wanting to apply needs to send in a grant application if they want funding.
BH mentions that similar applications have been made by other parties / residents in the past, but turned down.
AO also notes that the Countryside/Footpaths officer said that anyone looking to resurface it would have to get SCC permission.
There is a discussion about The Bull in general and how it is operating and what its future plans are. Concerns that there is not enough community involvement and BdH mentions it could still go to developers.
AO suggests that The Bull Board is invited to present an overview of what they're going. All agreed. JT/ JW / BdH to request a meeting with The Bull.

10. LNP – Cllr Ann Osborn

- 10.1. Your Fund Surrey – next steps / management overview.

AO confirms that the management plan sent to Your Fund Surrey, including the maps of the Limpsfield Way and Community Cycle Route have also been circulated to all councillors. The costs of the project, as agreed by Your Fund Surrey for the award were also circulated, JT asks if everyone has seen these document. All present confirm. There will be a meeting soon with the Cycle group to go through the details of the route and what is required. JT said that he is keen that the walk and the cycle route are taken forward together. AO hopes that members of the cycle group will be able to meet to assist with this.

AO reports that on Friday 10.30 New Road Carpark there will be a photo opportunity for cheque presentation by SCC's Mark Nuti to LPC. All councillors are welcome to attend.

JT asks for a discussion at the Finance Meeting to include the required additional funding (around £4300) in order to secure the second tranche of money.

10.2. YFS National Trust licence

AO reports that we are in the process of getting the licence organised with the National Trust for the Rest and Play area and all signage/noticeboards. This licence fee / legal fees will be paid from the YFS money (SCC will advance us the money for this).

10.3. Proposal to pay Clerk for additional project management hours.

AO proposes a maximum 14 hours per month for the Clerk for YFS. MW seconds. All present agreed.

10.4. Jubilee activity update. Event will be Sunday June 5 12-4pm.

The Clerk has submitted the event application and road closure application to TDC.

Road closure from Detillens Lane to A25 will be in place from 10-5pm. Notifications will be going out shortly. JW asks if there is provision for residents who do not support the monarchy as she has had comments from some residents. AO responds that no, there will not be, although the road closure will be advertised well in advance and residents may all leave their cars down the road for the day (10-5pm). Access will be only for emergency vehicles.

The Chart may also be running a jubilee event to be organised by the Chart Fair Committee, but we await more news of this. BH will attend any CF committee meetings.

Note: Following the recent NP Committee Meeting, JT asks if Robert O'Donovan's biodiversity paper can be circulated to all and followed up at the next council meeting.

11. HIGHWAYS – Cllr Bob Harvey – BH no updates. Just that BH would like to note his serious concerns on the layout change on Pebble Hill.

12. CHART PLAYGROUND - condition report – Cllr Bob Harvey.

All in good order. Repairs of the equipment have been made. Gate still does not closed. BH has asked them to let us know if it needs a new mechanism. To follow up. Bench has loose plank which has been reported to TDC. To follow up.

13. AOB

13.1. Annual Parish Meeting – April 7th 2022, 7.30PM. SM will circulate to-do list. SM to circulate overview/ plan.

13.2. CCTV update - awaiting meeting to be set by Oxted PC.

13.3. Bus Shelter opposite the school. SM to get a quote to get the bus shelter.

13.4. Jubilee Bench at Station Road East – MW says this is in hand.

9.30 pm. Meeting ended.

NEXT meeting 14 March 2022 at the Limpsfield Infants School and for all monthly meetings thereafter.

To note, MW believes there should be a council meeting on April 11 after the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk will be on holiday.



John Thompson, Chair