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# LURGASHALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall

## on Thursday 11 July 2013

Present Mr R E J Cooper (Chairman),Mr J W Harden, Mrs A Martin-Jenkins, Dr A H J Tate, Mrs R D Wood, and Mr M H Oakland (Clerk).

Also present Mrs J Duncton, Mr N Thomas, and one member of the public.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.45pm

56/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies had been received from Mr J S Bonnett, Mr G J Hayhurst and Mr N P Jowett.

57/13 CODE OF CONDUCT
The Chairman reminded members of their responsibilities under the Code of Conduct

58/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

59/13 MATTERS ARISING
"Mischief Festival". The Chairman referred to a meeting which had taken place earlier in the evening, attended by members of the public and the organisers of this event scheduled to take place in September on land in Ebernoe parish (School House Farm). He said that he felt that the terms of the licence being applied for should enable greater control to be exercised over the event. This would include the stipulation that after 11pm the level of noise reaching inside the property nearest to the event should be no higher than that "of a conversation". An emergency number for local residents to phone the Environmental Health department would be made available to residents.

60/13 OPEN FORUM
The member of the public present said that it was very disappointing that the contractors involved in the recent laying of new water mains pipes had not reinstated the surface of Dial Green.
The Chairman said that he had spoken to them and they had promised to return later in the year with both topsoil and seed. Pressure would be maintained on them to complete the restoration.

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61/13 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mrs Duncton mentioned the pressures on WSCC finances and the fact that further savings were being sought ( £180m over three years), adding that this had implications for the services provided.

Mr Thomas confirmed that the Parish Council's application for a grant of £500 (Salt bins) was being processed and mentioned that the "N.E. Forum" will accept grant applications. He referred to the huge increase in the size of the budget for the refurbishment of Capron House, Midhurst ( to be the SDNP H.Q.) and the change of plan over the provision of a Tourism office in Midhurst.

62/13 FINANCE

The Clerk distributed annex "A" which included;

a) a statement of the position of the Council's bank accounts, incorporating details of cheques which needed to be issued, and for which approval was sought.

b) figures setting out the Council's income and expenditure to date against the current budget.

The members duly approved the payment of all cheques listed.

63/13 PLANNING

In the absence of Dr Wilding, the Clerk commented upon the following planning applications;

APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED SINCE LAST MEETING

SDNP/13/01345/HOUS & SDNP/13/01346/LIS
Blackdown Park Farm

Single-storey orangery with roof lantern.

SDNP/13/02283/FUL
Al Waha Arab Stud, Fernden Lane

Alterations, overhang roof extension and change of use of existing staff accommodation for use as a dwelling for an equestrian worker.

SDNP/13/02074/FUL
Leigh Barton, Brook Hill

Construction of tennis court on land to north

DECISIONS RECEIVED

SDNP/13/01459/HOUS
Lower Hanger, Dial Green

Single-storey rear extension to create a sun room APPROVED

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SDNP/13/01345/HOUS & SDNP/13/01346/LIS
Blackdown Park Farm

Single-storey orangery with roof lantern REFUSED

SDNP/13/00581/LDE
The Barn, Lower Roundhurst Farm

Certificate of Lawfulness for the current operation of The Barn C1, particularly the associated ancillary activities. APPROVED

Other issues.

a) Noahs Ark container CDC Planning have informed Council that this container, on the land to the rear of the property, should be removed by the end of the current month.

b) Orchard Park Farm An Enforcement Officer had visited the site, inspected the building work being carried out, and found that it did not conform to the details contained in the planning application approved as LG/09/02504/DOM. The owner has been advised to submit an application for consideration.

c) Northhurst Farm It had been brought to the attention of a member of the Council that a hard "roadway" had been constructed alongside a new fence, both leading from an old gateway entrance on to Northhurst Lane. The Chairman and the Clerk had spoken to one of the owners who had informed them that the "roadway" was merely the upgrading of an old existing track. However, subsequent enquiries suggested that this may not be accurate.
The Clerk was instructed to speak to the owners and suggest that they bring the matter to the attention of CDC Planning to check whether this is in order.

64/13 HIGHWAYS

a) 3, Greengates As instructed, the Clerk had written to the resident asking that the vehicle parked outside this property be parked elsewhere. It has since been parked on the Village Hall car park.

b) School House The Clerk had written to the resident with a reminder of the earlier request for residents not to park their vehicles on The Green. Included in the reply the owner had said that the Noahs Ark "should provide at their cost additional parking rather than allowing their customers to clutter up the roads around our lovely Green"

c) Lickfold/Depth gauge The Clerk circulated photographs of a depth gauge recently installed by Highways at Kirdford, this being the standard gauge produced by Highways. Members agreed that it would be totally out of place at Lickfold. The Clerk will approach Highways to see if they are prepared to consider approving an individual design.

d) Crossways A member of the public had written to complain about the parking of a vehicle outside this property, pointing out that it is within 10 metres of a road junction, near the brow of a hill and on a bend. It also exacerbates the danger of restricted sightlines for traffic emerging from the Upperton/Tillington road. The Clerk will intially speak to the owner.

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e) Northhurst Lane Mr P Read had brought to the attention of the Council the fact that traffic, including very heavy vehicles, pulls off to the side of the road almost opposite the entrance to Northhurst Farm and in doing so creates the danger of damaging piping which supplies water to his property. The Chairman said that the Council would speak to Highways at the next opportunity to see if they could suggest a solution.

65/13 VILLAGE GREEN

a) Signpost The Chairman reported that the work had been completed in repairing and painting the signpost.

b) North-west corner As instructed, the Clerk had written to Leconfield Estates to seek approval for the proposed scheme of laying down railway sleepers to form a triangular "planting" area. A response was awaited.

c) Posts along the northern perimiter The Chairman said that the intended supplier of the posts had let them down and that an alternative source was being sought. It was agreed that these should painted white.

66/13 WINTER MANAGEMENT

In the absence of Mr Bonnett, the Chairman said that it remained the intention to purchase Salt Bins for the parish, but that presently the outcome of the grant application for £500 to CDC was awaited. When the outcome of that application is known then further efforts will be made to raise monies towards the purchase. It was agreed that a firm decision to purchase a number of bins must be made by the date of the September meeting in order to ensure that they are filled before the winter.

67/13 PLAYGROUND

Mrs Wood said that she felt the Playground was looking very nice, but the annual report from Rospa was still awaited and although the swings may need repainting it would be advisable to await the formal report in case other items required attention. The Chairman said that the new Picnic table had drawn several favourable comments.

In accordance with the 1998 Agreement with the Estate, Leconfield had written to seek an increase in the rental from £67.35 per annum to £75.89. This would date from 25 March 2013, but with the terms for rentals to be paid in arrears this would not be paid until 2014. The Clerk confirmed that the increase conformed to the agreed terms and members approved the increase. Clerk to write to Leconfield.

68/13 ALLOTMENTS

Mr Harden said that the weeds on the unused plots were becoming a problem and that cutting was required. This should be carried out twice a year and the Clerk will speak to "Garden Escapes" to see that this is done as per the schedule.

He also mentioned that the path between the two small plots and the main allotments is in need of cutting. Clerk to look into the matter.

69/13 RIGHTS OF WAY

There was nothing to report.

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70/13 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from CDC giving outline details of the next "All Parishes Meeting". This will be held in Chichester on Thursday 17 October 2013, commencing at 7 pm with refreshments available from 6pm. The evening will include a speaker, Mrs Katy Bourne, the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner.

Mr Harden expressed an interest in attending. Closing date for names to be submitted is 3 October and any other member who is interested should inform the Clerk before that date.

71/13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

72/13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 12 September at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.02pm

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