

Lea & Cleverton Parish Council

Minutes of the Lea & Cleverton Parish Council meeting held on the **21st January** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Cull (Chair) , J Crockett, S Suter, P Fuller, A Barnes & T Sturgis

Also present: Claire Mann (Parish Clerk) & John Parmiter (RFO)

128/19 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs N & D Maidment, T Culling & B Gore

129/19 To receive declarations of interest

None

130/19 To receive any public questions

None

131/19 To receive and approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th November 2019

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

132/19 To receive a report from Wiltshire Councillor, Toby Sturgis

Cllr Sturgis had forwarded apologies.

133/19 To receive Chairman's comments

Cllr Cull congratulated John Parmiter (RFO) for receiving the BEM for his exceptional work and dedication to the Parish.

Members were notified that Jenny Pugh is the newly appointed Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Cllr Cull stated that an application had been submitted to the Area Board for funding towards the Cone Climber at the JPF, Cllr Cull will attend the meeting with Phil Yates & Cllr Fuller.

*It was **resolved** to move item 8 on the agenda forwards*

134/19 To receive an update on the SLA with Wiltshire Council regarding grass cutting in the village

It was resolved to maintain the contract with the current grass cutter for the next two years given that the saving by handing back to WC was less than anticipated.

135/19 To receive Financial Report from RFO

The RFO circulated the financial position of the Parish Council together with the proposed budget for 2020/21.

Members noted the reports and it was resolved to agree the proposed budget, payments were approved by all.

The Precept for the 2020/21 was presented and approved

136/19 To receive an update on defibrillator provision in the Parish

Cllr Cull had contacted SWAST to confirm protocol for collection of the defibrillator in an emergency. It was resolved that the matter will be raised at the Area Board to consider the best way forward for the safety of Parishioners.

137/19 To consider request for support to residents for mains sewerage in Garsdon

A resident of Garsdon had contacted the Parish Council to enquire as to whether Garsdon could be put onto mains sewerage and what the process would be. Cllr Cull had contacted Wessex Water to find out and was advised that it was a lengthy process which would require support from many other residents. An application would need to be submitted which would be followed by a viability study carried out by Wessex Water, if findings prove that it would be viable costings will then be investigated – this part of the process would take at least a year with the overall timescale approximated at five years.

It was resolved that Cllr Cull will notify the resident to progress.

138/19 To receive & approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 18th December & 10th January

Minutes of both meetings were approved and signed by Cllr Suter.

139/19 To discuss planning applications received & to note any applications determined

20/00187/TCA – Rushcroft House (Fell 1 Horsechestnut tree)

It was resolved that the Parish Council objected to the application. Reasons included the importance of such trees in the Parish and that evidence should be provided of the damage caused by the roots.

19/11766/FUL – Heath Farm (Extension & alterations to outbuildings)

It was resolved that the Parish Council has no objection to the application.

20/00006/FUL – Chosen Hill (Proposed conversion of bungalow into house with new garage on east side of property)

It was resolved that the Parish Council will submit comment noting the position and alignment of the eastern boundary of the property where there appears to be an anomaly between the Block Plan submitted under this Application, and the Block Plan submitted under previous Application 18/10120/FUL. This leads to concerns that clarification is sought to (a) confirm that this proposed design variation to the development lies fully within the curtilage of the property; and (b) that if necessary, suitable design features are included to avoid any potential blockage to existing surface water drainage lines.

140/19 To receive an update on any Highways issues that have been raised & to note & action any new issues

Cllr Fuller reported that the Parish Steward has been carrying out the work well that has been allocated.

Following discussion it was resolved that the Clerk will write to Brillscote Farm requesting that the ditch is cleared and that the Chestnut Tree with dangerous limbs is made safe given the adverse weather conditions experienced recently.

It was noted that the finger post in Cleverton has never been replaced and that there is currently no signage to the hamlet, Cllr Fuller will contact Highways.

Thanks were expressed to Jim Smilie for all of his voluntary work at the Jubilee Playing Field.

The Clerk had circulated an email about the Best Kept Village competition. Following discussion it was agreed that several areas required attention in the village. The Clerk will write to Church Hayes to repair the wall and properties where development has been undertaken and verges have been damaged by contractors.

141/19 To receive an update on any Public Rights of Way issues and to note & action any new issues

Cllr Crockett stated that no new issues have been raised.

142/19 To note progression of Village Hall Working Groups

Cllr Cull is meeting with the current Chair and will update members at the next meeting.

143/19 To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is moving forwards. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Suter for the phenomenal amount of work that he has put in to progress the Neighbourhood Plan.

144/19 Next meeting 17th March

Noted

Meeting closed at 8.30pm