

Lea & Cleverton Parish Council

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on the **6th October 2022** in the Church Room at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S Masson, S Suter, N Maidment, D Maidment, S Carroll & S Forrest

Also present: Claire Mann (Parish Clerk), Charlotte Taylor & two members of the public

- 90/22

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr C Pope
- 91/22

To receive declarations of interest

None received
- 92/22

To receive public questions

None received
- 93/22

To approve minutes of meetings held on the 28th June, 2nd August & 30th August

The Minutes of all meetings were approved and signed as a correct record
- 94/22

To consider co-option to fill one of the vacancies on the Parish Council

It was resolved that Charlotte Taylor be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council
- 95/22

To note Finance Report

The report was noted and earmarked reserves will be reviewed at the next meeting
- 96/22

To receive an update on Highways issues

It was noted that members are waiting to hear from Andrew Dixon with reference to the parking arrangements at the School. The Clerk is to contact Rebecca Chivers at Wiltshire Council to request that the ‘Lea’ sign is reinstated at the entrance to the Village, coming off the B4042
- 97/22

To receive an update on Footpaths Working Group

Cllr Carroll reported that he had attended a meeting with the Landowner where LECL1 is situated. Stephen Leonard of Wiltshire Council stated that the suggested route was acceptable. A resubmission of the BESS application is anticipated, residents object to the proposed footpath as it is too close to the proposed road and wish to retain the designated footpath.

The proposed Cycleway to Malmesbury is an ongoing issue.

98/22 To receive an update on Jubilee Playing Field working group

Cllr Forrest reported that the tree works had been completed. A meeting will take place with Cllr Forrest, Phil Yates and Playdale to consider replacement/additional equipment. The quote for repairs to damaged/rotten equipment is being pursued and James Crockett will undertake minor repairs.

The Volunteer group meeting went very well, six new members have been recruited and Sarah Wood has been nominated as Team Leader.

Thanks are to be extended to the neighbours who cleared vegetation in the area between the Playing Field and their property. The working group will suggest updated wording to existing signs as current is obsolete.

99/22 To determine way forwards with Telephone Box Repairs

Cllr Masson had met with the Chair of Charlton PC, it is anticipated that repairs will be in the region of £300 plus glass replacement and repainting.

100/22 To consider expenditure of £1350 towards road safety improvements at Lea Top (PC contribution via LHFIG)

It was resolved to allocate £1350 towards the road safety improvements at Lea Top through the LHFIG

101/22 To discuss new gate at Playing Field

It has been agreed that the gate would be removed, fence rails replaced by Cllr Suter and the gate would be utilised elsewhere in the Parish

102/22 To receive an update on new Parish Clerk

The Clerk reported that the advert had finally been published on the WALC website

103/22 To consider website review

It was resolved that Cllrs Taylor & Carroll together with Tom Sweetnam would form a working group to look at the website and bring proposed improvements to the Parish Council.

104/22 To consider planning applications received

PL/2022/07000 – Park Farm

Following discussion, it was resolved that members have **no objection** to this application, and in principle **supports** the conversion into dwellings of suitable agricultural buildings in the parish. However, the PC questions the structural integrity of the existing structure to withstand loadings following conversion given that the structural report submitted with the application indicates that all internal timber framing from the existing structure will be removed. If that is so we query whether the new internal walls will become load bearing, and if so that they will require foundations, and if so whether such works will conform with the required conditions under Class Q

PL/2022/07354 – Coombe Green Cottage

Following discussion, it was resolved that members **have no objection** to the application.

PL/2022/07003 - Mandalea

Following discussion it was resolved that members have **no objection** but requests that, in order to maintain the local character of Lea village, the street facing west elevation of the proposed extension should be a stone rather than a rendered wall finish.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm