

## **Lea & Cleverton Parish Council**

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Minutes of the Lea & Cleverton Parish Council meeting held on the **17<sup>th</sup> September 2019** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs J Cull (Chair), T Culling (Vice Chair), J Crockett, S Suter, P Fuller, A Barnes, D Maidment & B Gore

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

**89/19 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs. N Maidment & T Sturgis

**90/19 To receive declarations of interest**

None

**91/19 To receive any public questions**

None

**92/19 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed

**93/19 To receive a report from Wiltshire Councillor, Toby Sturgis.**

Cllr Sturgis was unable to attend as the meeting took place at the same time as the Area Board meeting

**94/19 To receive Chairman's comments**

Cllr Cull informed members that the PC's contribution to the Parish Newsletter had included a request that residents and visitors to the Parish avoid parking on verges and paths as this creates an obstruction to those with mobility issues and pushchairs and to encourage Parishioners to keep the Parish looking neat and tidy. It was identified that a couple of properties have vegetation encroaching the paths and road. There was also a request for a volunteer to take the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator – a post that has been vacant for some time.

**95/19 To receive Financial Report from RFO**

The RFO had circulated the Financial Report to all. Members noted and approved the payments to be made.

**96/19 To consider Ground Maintenance for 2020 and beyond and determine course of action given that the current Service Level Agreement finishes at the end of this season and so far there is no information from WC advising of its continuation**

The situation was noted by members and it was agreed that there are options moving forwards that need to be addressed as cost are likely to increase;

- Pressure on Wiltshire Council to continue with the SLA including the annual payment
- Some of the grass cutting could be taken on by residents
- Hand the contract back to Wiltshire Council
- Reduce the number of cuts per year

Contact will be made with Wiltshire Council in an attempt to resolve the issue.

**97/19 To determine which Councillors will carry out Playing Field inspection from Nov 2019 until the end of March 2020**

It was agreed that the following Councillors would inspect the play area throughout the months of;

November	Cllr Fuller
December	Cllr Culling
January	Cllr Suter
February	Cllr Cull
March	Cllr D Maidment

**98/19 To receive an update on the allotments and to note and action issues raised**

Cllr Fuller reported that an email had been sent by John Parmiter requesting that paths are kept clear and allotments tidy.

**99/19 To receive and approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> August, to discuss applications received and to note any applications determined**

19/07955/FUL – The Nursey Garsdon

It was resolved that the Parish Council has **no objection** to this application but would submit comments noting that the architecture/look of the extension is not in harmony with the existing (attractive) older building.

19/08071/FUL – Coombe Green Cottage

It was resolved that the Parish Council would submit comments which detail concerns about future risk of surface water flooding.

**102/19 To note progression of Village Hall working groups**

This is a work in progress and updates will be received at a future meeting.

**103/19 To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Cllrs Suter and Fuller had attended a meeting with Tamsyn Luggar & Nigel Higginbottom to move forward with the making of the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors were informed that regretfully Tamsyn Luggar at the meeting resigned as Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The members of the PC expressed their thanks for her hard work and detailed research that had been

carried out. A meeting will be arranged with the remaining members of the Steering Group to progress the Neighbourhood Plan.

**104/19 Next meeting**

19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Meeting closed at 9.05pm