

Lea & Cleverton Parish Council

Minutes of the Lea & Cleverton Parish Council meeting held on the **22nd September 2020** via Zoom at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Cull (Chair) , J Crockett, S Suter, J Pugh, S Masson, N Maidment (part) & D Maidment (part)

Also present: Claire Mann (Parish Clerk) & Cllr E Threlfall (Brinkworth Parish Council)

Cllr Cull welcomed Cllr Threlfall who stated that she would be standing as the Conservative Candidate in the area for Wiltshire Council at the next election.

44/20 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Fuller & Sturgis

45/20 To receive declarations of interest

None

46/20 To receive any public questions

None

47/20 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th August

Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th August were approved as a correct record and will be signed when Covid-19 restrictions allow.

48/20 To receive an update from Cllr Toby Sturgis (Wiltshire Council)

Cllr Sturgis had forwarded apologies

49/20 To receive Chairman's comments

Cllr Cull stated that he had spoken to the leaders of the VH Committee and the Playing Field Committee and outlined the thinking behind the proposed initiative to create an single volunteer maintenance group for both of those facilities with fund raising being again for both units. However, to be successful volunteers are needed.

A meeting of the Playing Field Committee is taking place on the 1st October and has been asked to feed back to the Parish Council.

This is all part of the intention to establish a role within the PC dealing with the "Community". Means of communication within the parish needs to be more proactive and the establishment of a Parish Facebook page could be the starting point.

50/20 To note contribution to the Parish Magazine

Cllr Cull outlined that an article within the Parish newsletter explained in more detail the benefits of the proposed call for volunteers to make the plan for maintenance and fund raising work.

51/20 To receive a verbal report from the Parish Council Working Groups

Cllr Cull noted that Working Groups are progressing well but the issue of encouraging volunteers for all groups remains.

It was agreed that quote for work to Ash trees affected by Ash Die Back at the Playing Field would be completed shortly, quotes circulated by Cllr Cull.

52/20 To discuss RFO's retirement & way forward

It was noted that there has been a slight delay in the handover but neither the Chair or the Clerk have concerns that this will create a problem.

*It was **resolved** to move the Planning Applications to the end of the agenda*

53/20 To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan from Cllr Jenny Pugh (Chair of the Steering Group)

Cllr Pugh reported that the full grant has been awarded to the NPSG. It was also noted that despite changes currently being made to the Planning System, the group will continue as is.

Site selection is underway and a great deal of work has been carried out by Cllr Suter to identify potential sites but Cllr Suter stated that further investigation is necessary, reviewing the pro's & con's of each site to put forward to Wiltshire Council, providing a short list of 6.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council fully approves the draft aims & objectives of the NPSG.

54/20 To receive an update on Highways and to note and action any new issues

Cllr Fuller had reported that the Grit Bins are being monitored and will confirm to WC which require filling up.

55/20 To receive an update on Public Rights of Way and to note and action any new issues

Cllr Crockett is aware of the stile that requires repair and will action. Cllr Masson stated that there is a damaged dog waste bin and will forward photographs to the Clerk to report to WC.

56/20 To receive an update on Allotments and to note and action any new issues

The hedge will be taken down to 3ft by the adjoining land owner.

57/20 To discuss planning applications received to date & to note applications determined

20/06815/FUL – Heath Farm, Garsdon

Following discussion it was **resolved** that the Parish Council **has no objection** to this application

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

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Signed.....Date.....