

LAWSHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY 2014
AT THE VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.45pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. J. Kydd, D.C. Griggs, T. Hodgson. Dcllr. J. Long, Cllr. R. Kemp, Pc J. Fudge, PCSO D. Rudd, Mrs. D. Griggs (Clerk).
12 Members of the public.

86 APOLOGIES Cllrs. R. Debenham, D. Lindsay, PCSO S. Hemmett.

87 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR.

Cllr. J. Kydd nominated and proposed Mr J. Sasikaran as Councillor, seconded by Cllr. D.C. Griggs, all in favour.

The Declaration of Office was signed by the Clerk and Cllr. J. Sasikaran.

The Register of Interests was completed by Cllr. J. Sasikaran. A copy will be sent to Babergh D.C.

Cllr. J. Sasikaran was invited to join the Councillors.

88 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA: None.

89 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2014

The Minutes were agreed and signed.

90 REPORTS:

Crime Report: from 9/01/2014 to 9/02/2014:

31/01/2014 Burglary with intent in Lawshall Row. Crime No. SU/14/218. Officer DC 1864 Newell.

1/02/2014 Assault occasioning ABH in Lambs Lane. Offender has been charged. Crime No. SU/14/221. Officer PC1889 Collomb.

Dcllr. J.Long: reported that the new Council Tax will be announced next month.

Regulations for using S106 recreational funds from Babergh D.C. will be updated to match Mid Suffolk D.C.

Cllr. R. Kemp: report has been circulated to Councillors.

91 MATTERS ARISING:

S.C.C. Highway matters: acknowledgement received.

Bus shelter at Churchill Close: re: hard standing: Cllr. Kemp has agreed with Mr Paul Gant (S.C.C.) that this can be enlarged and the work will be paid for from Cllr. Kemp's Small Highways Budget. Thanks were given to Cllr. Kemp for arranging to have this work carried out.

Fencing at Lawshall Row: The hedge along this area requires some trimming back before any fencing can take place.

Cllr. D.C. Griggs met Mr S. Bradnam (Bradnam's Tree Services) who inspected this area and Mr Bradnam will offer the P.C. his quotation.

Trees at Churchill Close bus shelter: Cllrs. R. Debenham and D.C. Griggs met with Mr Mike Arnold to inspect this area and to decide what action can be taken. Mr Arnold agreed that the branch on the Oak Tree (on his property) can be removed and for the ivy growing on the trunk to be cut down at the roots.

The three Sycamore trees on the verge behind the bus shelter can be cut down to 10ft.

Cllr. D.C. Griggs met with Mr S. Bradnam (Bradnam's Tree Services) to inspect this area and Mr Bradnam agreed to offer a quotation for this work. **Note: One Sycamore tree has electricity wires running through it, so this can only be trimmed .**

S.C.C. Request received by them for a disabled parking space at All Saints School: The Councillors discussed this and agreed to defer any decision until the car parking is sorted out at the school.

Grass cutting: To decide if to carry on with the current contractors. This was discussed and Cllr. J.Kydd proposed that the P.C. continues to use the current contractors, seconded by Cllr. T. Hodgson, all in favour.

Emergency generator supply : To enquire is there is a connection available in the village hall in case of emergency.

No connection is available at present.

Locality Budget: A proposal was put forward to Cllr. R.Kemp for some financial help towards the playground equipment repairs. This has been confirmed and the P.C. has received a cheque for £250.00. Thanks to Cllr. Kemp and S.C.C. for making this possible.

92 FINANCE:

Cllr. J. Kydd proposed that the invoice (received after the agenda had been prepared) from Playdale Playgrounds is included for payment, seconded by Cllr. D.C. Griggs, all in favour.

Invoices passed for payment:

Clerk's Salary & Expenses: £311.79

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Village Hall: £99.00 (discounted payment re: 50% rent for Youth Club Jan-Mar 2014)

Babergh D.C. £568.19 (dog/litter bin emptying 2013)

Playdale Playgrounds: £240.00 (delivery and installation of large upright on swings. (Upright was F.O.C. under guarantee))

Current balances reported:

Community account: £49.67

Business account: £5154.88

Cllr. J. Kydd proposed that £1218.00 is transferred from the Business account into the Community account, seconded by Cllr. T. Hodgson, all in favour.

93 PLANNING:

Application No.B/13/01414/FHA: Woodies, Bury Road: erection of single storey rear extension. Application supported, no objections.

Future planning applications: On occasion these are received in between meetings and it is not always possible for all Councillors to see the plans for them to be returned by the deadline date due to absence. Cllr. T. Hodgson proposed that a Planning Committee is formed, seconded by Cllr. D.C. Griggs, all in favour. The Committee will consist of Cllrs. T. Hodgson, J. Kydd and D.C. Griggs. In case of any plans where there the full Council is required to vote this will take place at the next available Parish Council meeting. In this instance the Clerk will contact Babergh D.C. to request an extension of the deadline return date if this is required.

94 CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you received from All Saints P.C.C.

Thank you received from the Youth Club for paying 50% rent for the Village Hall hire from January to March 2014.

95 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Parish Plan: Cllr. T. Hodgson attended a Neighbourhood Planning Meeting on the 3rd February 2014 at Lavenham Village Hall. Cllr. Hodgson suggested that Lawshall should make a Parish Plan. This could include any suggestions for future housing development in the village. A Steering Group will need to be formed. Cllr. Hodgson asked for volunteers. Cllr. J. Jydd, Mr Ian Carrington, Mr Tony Stratta and Mr G. Cooper offered their services. The Clerk will email them a copy of the information leaflet.

S106 survey results: This will be included on the agenda for March. Mr G. Cooper kindly offered to help the Chairman to collate the information.

Seat in playground: This needs some attention. Cllr.Kydd kindly offered to take on this task.

Potholes: The Clerk will inform S.C.C. that these need attention at Lawshall Green, Folly Lane and Bury Road on the L.H. corner just past New Hall Farm.

The Swan Pub: The Clerk has received information that this is due to open at the end of March 2014.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 7.45pm.

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Chairman

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Date