Leckhampstead Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting Held Tuesday 23rd January 2025 6.30pm
In Leckhampstead Village Hall

Present:	**Absent:**
Cllr E Knight	Cllr A Capron
Cllr E Vince	Cllr C Martin
Cllr D Williams	
Cllr C Ball	
5 parishioners	

Parishioner questions/Comments Cllr C Hooker- raised issue of flooding in local areas, households not having running water. Sewerage water rising in households. People without toilets, showers, overflowing sewers. Thames Water being slow to assist everyone. TW not proving portable toilets. WBC provided 2 toilets for 23 households. EA have been pumping water.	
1. There were no declarations of interest. 2. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10th October 2023 were approved. 3. Update from Guy Stevens- Village Newsletter. Offering digital and thinking about bi-monthly issues. 11 issues were issued last year. Seems to be of interest to people locally. Request for funding of 9 copies @ £95. 4. Fatal incident during November 2023. Cllr C Hoover advised that the road was safe. A comment was made to keep grass cut down at junctions. Investigation is ongoing, no arrests have been made. Discussion with regards to location of defibrillator. At the time of the accident the police did ask for it, however access was difficult. Suggestion to place a notice at the village hall to advise the defibrillator is located inside Leckhampstead Church. 5. Complaint raised by resident Mr Shuttleworth with regards to damage to grass area. Details and images sent to WBC. 6. Quotations received by local contractors in relation to the zip wire in the playground. Resolved not to proceed with the full quotations to dismantle the zip wire. 7. Update on response from WBC ref scramblers was that they suggested some signage to deter people. However, it was decided that as the issue has not been persistently ongoing, not to purchase signs at this time. 8. It was decided to continue with GMG Services & Steve Ackril for grounds maintenance during 2024, both of which are happy to carry on providing grounds maintenance services. Clerk to follow up with council with regards to credit for dog bins not being emptied regularly during 2023. 9. Current year to date spends was discussed and reviewed. 10. Budget for 2024/25 was discussed and agreed. 11. It was agreed to request a precept of £9,400 for 2024/25 from WBC. 12. Invoices, receipts were discussed and balanced since October meeting. 13/10 Clerk wages @160.70, 19/10 WBC @ £202.92, 23/10 IMPRINT @ £285, 24/10 S&S MANAGEMENT @ £540, 15/11 AUTELA @ £45.48, 05/12 CLERK WAGES @ £321.20, 11/12 S&S MANAGEMENT @ £180, 19/12 GMG SERVICES @ £150. 13. Cheques were signed for EJM @£510.00, WBCS @ £75.00, WBC @ £251.00 & XMAS TREE @ £190.	GS EM EM EM EM EK & EM EK & EM EK & EM EM EK & EM ALL

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14. The following applications were discussed- 24/00079/HOUSE- The Old Post Office, Shop Lane, RG20 8QQ (no objections), 23/02913/FULMAJ- development of agricultural barns (points/queries to raise to WBC), 23/02334/LBC- Catslide Cottage, Hill Green, Leckhampstead (no objections). 15. Nothing to note. 16. Discussed obtaining a new auditor. Meeting dates for 2024- March 12th, May 14th, July 9th, October 8th.	

Signed 31st January 2024- E Morrisen