

Leckhampstead Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 24th January 2023 6.30pm
In Leckhampstead Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. E. Knight (Chairman)
Cllr. A. Capron (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. C. Ball
Cllr. C. Martin
E Morrisen- Clerk
5 Parishioners (and WB Cllr Clive Hooker from
West Berkshire Council)

Apologies

Cllr. E. Vince

Absent:

Open Session	To Be Actioned By
Parishioner Angela asked if Goose Hill is to be topped over. Also mentioned she had spoken with Jo Naylor at WBC with ref to a parish plan. Jo had said that the plan last carried out is still relevant. For now, it was decided not to organise a new parish plan. A representative of the Handy Bus Scheme explained that the Handy Bus is for groups of Downland area to commission journeys for a community. While it does not yet serve Leckhampstead, they welcomed bids from groups for excursions. It was suggested a notice was placed in the newsletter. At the end of the meeting, WB Cllr Clive Hooker delivered a report on WBC's activities and initiatives.	
Matters Arising	
1. Declarations of Interest: None 2. Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were agreed as an accurate record & signed by Chairman 3. Village Newsletter: Request to fund 9 issues, possibly 10. Parish council agreed to pay for 9 copies during 2023 if the price stays at £95 per issue. 4. Access Way to Hill Green: Cllr Knight mentioned this is almost certainly owned by the Parish Council but also common land. The Parish Council would reply to inform the interested party that it is unlikely to sell part of the historic green but invited additional information. 5. Grounds Maintenance: Tree Works:- discussed the risks of the medium risk trees. Agreed to go ahead with the medium risk trees and to accept quotation provided by EJM. Half to be funded by the CIL funds. To accept quotation at a cost of £3850 + VAT. Mowing:- Continue with Steve Ackrill to carry out the mowing and accept his quotation for 2023. To accept quotation at a cost of £180 (no VAT) per cut. The Old Pond:- Appoint GMG Services to carry out tasks required at The Old Pond for 2023. To accept quotation at a cost of £150 (no VAT) per visit.	Resolved Resolved EM EM EM EM EM Resolved Resolved EM
6. Review of Current Year To Date Spend: Reviewed the budget costs for 2021/2022 7. To Approve the 2023/24 Budget: Budget for 2023/24 discussed and approved 8. To fix the precept for 2023/24: Agreed to request £9,000. Precept to be submitted to WBC by 31/01/23.	EM EM Resolved Resolved EM
9. Balance, invoices, and receipts since the October meeting Current Account Balance-	

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As of 29/12 Current Account Balance £3,061.41 and 02/01 Deposit Account £17,393.87 Transactions since the October Meeting@ 18/11 – CHQ 022524- Clerk Wages for Oct & Expenses @ £41.42 21/11- CHQ 022525- Imprint Colour October Issue @ £95.00 22/11- CHQ 022526- Clerk Wages for Oct & Nov @ £230.10 28/12- CHQ 022530- Clerk Wages for Dec @ £219.90 28/12- CHQ 022531- Clerk Expenses @ £15.19	Resolved
Cheques raised, signed, and posted but now showing on statement as yet- CHQ 022527- S & S Management @ £198 CHQ 022528- Imprint Colour- @ £95.00- Void as paid for by Village Hall CHQ 022529- Cantlay's @ £330 CHQ 022532- Leckhampstead Church Council @ £150 CHQ 022533- Autela @ £52.31 CHQ 022534- West Berkshire Countryside Society @ £75 CHQ 022535- Leckhampstead Village Hall @ £20.00 CHQ 022536- Clerk Wages for January @ £162.50 10. Cheques to sign: None 11. Planning Applications: To state for the record responses on: - 22/02897/HOUSE The Old Post Office, Shop Lane, RG20 8QQ- Two storey rear extension. PC had no objections. - 22/02838/HOUSE Sealand, Hill Green, RG20 8RB – The Reconstruction of a Fire Damaged Outbuilding. PC response had no objections. - 22/03122/HOUSE Hill View, Shop Lane, RG20 8QQ – New first floor en-suite extension. PC had no comments. Agreed no objections to the following: - 22/03124/HOUSE Leckhampstead House, The Green, RG20 8QH – Removal of existing conservatory and erection of replacement orangery extension; insertion of timber stud walls in rear range; alterations to existing and creation of new openings. Respond by 25th January. - 22/03125/LBC Leckhampstead House, The Green, RG20 8QH – Removal of existing conservatory and erection of replacement orangery extension; insertion of timber stud walls in rear range; alterations to existing and creation of new openings. Respond by 25th January. 12. Clerk to report on correspondence received / follow ups to note Clive to be added to distribution list for agenda. Clive also added that Tesco have a new grant system & WBC are promoting going green. Suggested a free bike stand. 13. Matters for Future Agendas: Nothing raised	Resolved
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The date for the next meeting is: 14th March 2023

Meeting notes taken by Clerk