CHURCH LAWFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHURCH LAWFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON 12th December 2018

**Present:** Cllr Jeremy James, Vice-chair (JJ)

Cllr James Hosegood (JH)

Cllr Derek Holland (DH)

BCllr Sally Bragg (SB)

Cllr Julie Melck (JM)

Mr Matthew Nahit, Clerk/RFO (MN)

**536 To Receive Apologies for Absence** BCllr Andrew Bearne and CCllr Heather Timms sent their apologies

**537** **To Receive Verbal Requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests where that interest is not registered** – none disclosed

**538**  **Public Participation** – no members of the public were present

**539 Borough Councillors’ Reports**

SB briefed the meeting on the preparations that need to be made for next parish council elections, which are always coincidental with either the borough or county elections. Clarifications have been issued about the likely costs in contested and uncontested scenarios, and money should be allocated for this in the annual budget (next in 2020).

The road surface of the A428 at the junction with Limestone Hall Road has not yet been repaired.

**540 Minutes** –the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 14th November 2018 were approved

**541 Progress Reports for information** – Councillors will shortly begin preparation of the base for the new bin on the Village Green and start erecting the new noticeboard.

**542 Correspondence for Information -** the attached appendix of items which have been circulated or were available at the meeting were noted

**543 To Approve the Following Accounts for Payment**

**a) Outgoing payments:**

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| **Description** | **Amount** | **In Annual Budget** |
| Clerk's wages | confidential | Yes |
| Village Hall reading room rental | £88.00 | Yes |
| Website hosting annual subscription | £58.00 | Yes |
| Eon maintenance | £99.07 | Yes |
| Jeremy James’s expenses re telephone kiosk | £152.02 | Covered by grant |
| Derek Holland’s expenses re telephone kiosk | £33.46 | Covered by grant |

All of the above payments were approved

**544 Planning** –there was no response to planning application R18/2018 (bridge on Coronation Road), an application for an extension to R16/890805 by Veolia covering operations at Ling Hall landfill, and the revised Warwickshire Minerals Plan

**545 New councillors –** JM completed the necessary paperwork & was co-opted onto the Parish Councillor. A prospective candidate identified by JJ will hopefully attend the next meeting

**546 Bank signatories –** the Council agreed that Jeremy James and Julie Melck should be added as signatories for CLPC’s Santander Bank account, and the paperwork will now be completed and submitted

**547 Grant applications** – the application form for a Community Fund Grant from WALC to help fund the purchase and installation of new inclusive play equipment in the Recreation Ground has been completed and circulated, and will now be submitted. The BBC Children in Need grant detailed in this month’s RSN Funding Digest also seems promising and work will start on applying for this too. Other possible sources of funding e.g. Veolia and the Cemex Benevolent Fund are also to be investigated further.

**548 Rugby Borough Council consultations** – there is no response to the consultations on introducing PSPOs on anti-social behaviour at Newbold Quarry Nature Reserve and cycling in pedestrianised areas of the town centre. The consultation on dog fouling in public spaces that was discussed at the last meeting was revisited. The bye-laws stipulating that dogs are to be excluded from our recreation ground are not enforceable, unlike PSPOs, and do not seem to be acting as a sufficient deterrent. However, Information on Rugby Borough Council’s website seems to indicate that all enclosed children’s play areas are covered by such a dog control PSPO, and this perhaps needs to drawn to the attention of the public by appropriate signs at the Recreation Ground. This consultation will now be contributed to and our options explored further.

**549 Community items/Village Maintenance**

Tree surgeons have been booked to carry out the necessary work to the recreation ground trees on January 28th.

The faulty street lighting on Kings Newnham Road was reported to Eon and has now been restored to working order.

The size of the annual contribution to the village newsletter was discussed. It was decided to donate £200 as we did last year:

Proposed: JJ

Seconded: DH, JM

Our local neighbourhood watch co-ordinator contacted CLPC to alert us to an electronic updating service provided by the local police. They suggested that we may wish to subscribe to this, which we shall now do.

The Salvation Army have been in touch to enquire as to whether we would be willing to host a textile bank in the village, for which we could receive £100 a month. The question of a suitable location and the merits of having one on a trial basis were discussed. It was decided to canvas the views of parishioners by placing a request for feedback from them in the local newsletter.

**550 Councillors' reports and Items for Future Agendas** – the re-instatement of monthly inspections of the Council’s properties will be discussed at next month’s meeting

**551 Date of Next Meeting** - the date of the next meeting was confirmed as 9th January 2019

Signed: ….............................................. Name (print): …...................................................................

Date: …........................................