

Church Lawford Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting held on **11 October 2023**

Present:

Cllr Jeremy James (Chair), Cllr Helen Smith, Cllr Sara Reilly, Cllr Victor Griffin, Cllr Sarah Evans; Boro Cllr Tim Willis; Clerk: Moira Pendlebury

- 426. Apologies and acceptance of reasons for absence** – Apologies from, Boro Cllr Simon Ward, Boro Cllr Derek Poole, Cty Cllr Mrs Timms were noted.
- 427. Declarations of Interest (existence and nature) on items on the agenda** – none declared
- 428. Public Participation** – none
- 429. Borough and County Councillors' Reports:** Help for Households available https://www.rugby.gov.uk/homepage/75/help_for_households
4 way traffic lights on Rugby Rd continuing to cause problems, Boro Cllrs in touch with Bloor Homes ongoing, and may possibly be a road closure. Will be going on for some time, please raise specific issues with Boro Cllrs. HS queried plans for expansion at Cement Works, TW confirmed nothing formal yet. Concerns raised about emissions of dust and grit; worse in Long Lawford where car washing in funded.
Action: TW to enquire if this could include Church Lawford.
- 430. Minutes of the Parish Council** held on 20 Sept 23 were approved and signed
- 431. Policy Document Review (Emergency planning)** – ongoing. JJ has cleaned and refurbished the emergency bag, now stored in shed.
Action: SR to make up first aid kit to be included
- 432. Planning -**
Proposal at: Low Meadow, Kings Newnham View for carport with PV panels for electric vehicle charging. JJ has made enquiries of neighbours, no specific concerns registered. JJ feels that the plan does not adequately represent the plot: agreed this should be raised with Planning, but not as an objection.
Action :JJ to email Planning
- 433. Banking** – still awaiting online access for MP (RFO) and HS. JJ continuing making online payments until MP has access.
Action: JJ to chase up, yet again
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434. Finance review – the following expenditure was approved

Date	Description	Amount	Notes
	Clerk's salary – Oct	confidential	
21/9/23	SWALEC	26.40	
	*Playground repairs	*1,916.40	Will be invoiced when work done
	Paint for playground fence	18.00	J&S
	Fence post (second)	40.00	JJ

*JJ has ascertained there is £1,389 available in S105 funds. Agreed that the balance would be paid from CLPC funds

To note receipts

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Notes
11/9/23	23/24 allotment rents	22.00	
22/9/23	23/24 allotment rent (part year)	18.34	terminating

Bank Balance: Current Account **£3,491.06** (25 Sept 23);
Deposit Account **£8,398.32**

435. Health and safety / safeguarding incidents

HS has cleared the path on Church Rd

SR has contacted WCC re: weed spraying, but still appears not to have been done. Agreed village working party could clear soil from the gutters to help prevent growth, after leaf fall.

Action : JJ to put a November date in Parish Magazine

The Old Smithy hedge is still obstructing the view onto School St from Green Lane, causing a hazard particularly for cyclists; needs cutting back significantly

Action: SE to speak to Landlord / Owner, offer our assistance if necessary.

436. Play Equipment

Material for replacement of surface on order; waiting for date for work to be done. Awaiting further quotes for Inspections. Long Lawford PC have a handyman who can assist with future repairs if necessary. The next annual Safety and Compliance (S&C) Inspection is now due. Agreed that when all repairs have been completed (from S&C and recent Operational Inspections), to instruct ROSPA to complete S&C Inspection, and then consider options for ongoing Operational Inspections.

437. Community and Village maintenance items

a) **Village Green** – JJ has cleared spaces for matting and stones. JJ and SE to visit site together and progress purchase. Stones will be installed so that the whole surface area is within The Green and not encroaching on the road.

Action: JJ to place matting; SE to purchase stones

b) **Defibrillator** – all in order.

c) **New grit bin & dog poo bag dispenser**

Action: JJ to ask TW to chase up grit bin

- d) **Back of Notice Board** – MP has contacted Lesley French, potter in Pailton and will meet to discuss when Lesley returns from holiday
438. **Xmas tree and decorations:** Agreed to buy two trees this year: a rooted smaller one to be planted and when big enough to be used ongoing for future years. In the meantime, also order a larger unrooted one for this year.
Decorations: agreed large baubles would look good
Action: **JJ** to order unrooted tree; **HS** to purchase baubles (15 – 20);
HS & SE to investigate rooted tree options
439. **Gift of Land for village** – JJ has attended a site visit by trustees. Appears that their thinking on piece of land for village is similar to CLPC view. Issues re: access discussed and lines of communication established for future involvement of CLPC. Agreed that it would be a good idea to hold an informal meeting for neighbours / interested parties who may be affected by future development of the land, with individual invitation letters to be posted to the relevant householders. Meeting planned for 19 Oct.
Action: **JJ** to establish ownership of adjacent land from Land Registry
Action: **JJ** to convene the informal meeting and distribute invitation letters
440. **Warm Hub:** Agreed may be best to introduce a weekly session in January, combining it with other activities if possible. To be discussed again at December Council meeting.
441. **Batteries for Village Hall:** information has been passed on to the Village Hall Committee, which will deal with this
442. **Other Items not on Agenda:** Smithy Lane Footpath – no further response
Action: **JJ** to follow up with WCC
443. **Future Agenda Items:** none raised
444. **Date of Next Meeting**
To confirm **Wednesday 8 November 2023** for the next regular meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall at 7:30pm

If an interim meeting is required, an agenda will be sent to Councillors and may be put on the website and on the Parish Council noticeboard three clear days before the meeting is held.

The meeting closed at 21:20

Signed:

Date:
