## Minutes of the Meeting of Little Compton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 19:30

- 1. Declarations of Interest. Cllr Evans declared an interest in a planning conditions application for his own property.
- 2. Apologies for absence. Cllr. Righton
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019, were agreed to be a correct record proposed by Cllr. Evans seconded by Cllr. Reeves and signed accordingly.
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes not included elsewhere on the Agenda; There were none.
- 5. Co-option of a new councilor. The Chairman proposed that Andrew Lukas be appointed to the vacant position on the council, Cllr Evans seconded. A vote was taken, and he was appointed unanimously.
- 6. Parish Clerk vacancy. The chairman said that an application had been made by a person who lived in Coventry, it was decided that it would be impractical to employ a clerk from so far away.

An informal approach had been received from Mr. M. Hartnell, who has a planning application under consideration by Stratford District Council - until this had been decided this will not be pursued further.

It was suggested LCPC ask the local democracy team for details of adjacent parish councils' clerks and ask if they might be interested.

- 7. Responsible Financial officer. The Chairman explained that a resolution to appoint Cllr Evans would require a vote. Cllr. Robinson proposed, seconded by Cllr. Reeves, therefore Cllr Evans was appointed Responsible financial officer until a new clerk can be found.
- 8. Reports from District Cllr. Whalley-Hoggins and County Cllr. Baker. District Cllr. Whalley-Hoggins introduced herself having been elected in May, telling us the numerous positions on committees to which she had been appointed noting her role as; Portfolio Holder for Community, which includes the role of Parish Champion. County Councilor Baker told us of her two roles one as County Councilor and the other as a District Councilor.
- 9. Questions and Comments from the public.
- Mr. Ashcroft expressed his concerns about the excessive vegetation in the culvert outside Red Lodge and asked if the Parish Council could arrange for it to be cleared out so as not to be a problem during a flash flood event. Also, could the landowners of the ditch running through the village be approached to ensure their sections are cleared before the Autumn. Mr. Ashcroft had been in contact with the now disbanded First Responders for our area and had obtained the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defibrillator that he had mentioned in a previous meeting. He suggested it needed new batteries and replacement pads.

Dog mess on private property was again discussed, Mr. Hartnell asked if the public could be asked to be more responsible and if we could help by providing more signs and a bin close to the footpath over his land, It was agreed to be a good idea and LCPC would approach the Stratford District Council dog warden to source some.

Cllr. Whalley-Hoggins asked if our village had been adversely affected by noise from the

recent event at the Rollright stones, most people present said it had not been a problem.

- 10. Playground Report. Cllr. Robinson said he has recently inspected the equipment, and everything was satisfactory, and that a few items required some maintenance and that he would like to delegate responsibility for the regular inspections to one of the other Councilors.
- 11. Village Maintenance Report.
- Cllr. Reeves discussed the fallen wall at Pool close with concerned residents who wanted Orbit their landlords to get on with theses essential repairs.
- Cllr. Righton has been corresponding with Orbit and could be asked to continue to pursue the matter, failing this we may have to contact Warwickshire county council with whom Orbit have a contract, to start enforcement action.
- 12. Cemetery Report Cllr. Lukas offered to be responsible for the cemetery. He said he would sort out the problem of the main gate not closing properly. The councilors present agreed to organize a general tidy up session, time to be arranged.
- 13. Footpaths and Bridleways Report. Cllr. Reeve said that most of the footpaths were in reasonable condition, if a little overgrown, as could be expected at this time of year. He commented that in places there were overhanging branches and that he would approach the various landowners to request a minimum clearance of 2.5 meters. Rot was noticed by Cllr. Reeves on the wooden footbridge over the stream near the Cemetery. The owner was said to be Reed accountancy College. Cllr. Reeve said he would bring the matter to their attention.
- 14. Village defibrillator update. It was noted that the Defibrillator still indicates a fault and needs to be serviced. It was agreed to get the  $2^{nd}$  unit up and working as a spare.
- 15. Financial. Cheque for Thomas Fox was presented and signed. Cllr. Evans reported the current account balance of £10,925 and petty cash of £45.17
- 17. Planning Applications. Cllr. Robinson reported on the following:

19/01761/AGNOT Hawton Farm Notice of Prior Approval Construction of a building for storage of forestry equipment.

LCPC suggested that full planning might be required due to the proposed toilet and Kitchen facilities.

DISCN/00210/19 Hornbeam Cottage Discharge of conditions

A sample of wall has been built and can be viewed on appointment/sight.

18. A.O.B. Date of next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

With no other business the meeting closed at 8:35pm