

## **Minutes of the Little Compton Parish Council Public Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 19.30**

**1. Declarations of Interest.** There were none.

**2. Present :** Rachel Righton (Chair), Andrew Lukas, Chris Reeves, Sarah Elliott – PC Clerk and four members of the public. SD Cllr Sarah Whalley-Hoggins  
Apologies for absence: Cllrs Ian Robinson and Graeme Evans

**3. Minutes of meeting** held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were agreed to be a correct record by Chris Reeves, seconded by Rachel Righton and signed.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda :**

There were none.

**5. Reports from District and County Cllrs:**

No reports from either councillor. Cllr Barker unable to attend this evening.

**6. Playground Report.** Andrew Lukas has checked the playground facilities and found it all to be sound. Sarah Elliott will look into reason why there has been no annual inspection which was due in December.

**7. Village Maintenance.** Chris Reeves had several items to discuss:

- the verges are found to be in a poor state; a member of the public suggested posting a notice to ask people to be mindful of parking around the village to avoid heavy traffic having to run over the grass. People attending Reeds Business School are parking on the grass verges despite signage to the contrary. If photographic evidence is obtained then we can complain to Reeds about this matter.

- Cllr Reeves is still chasing Highways regarding the water leaks on Redlands Row but getting little response. It was suggested that we now take this complaint right to the Chairman of County Council, Isobel Seccombe and the Director of Highways Jag Preet-Liddar and copy Jo Barker in, so she can also chase on our behalf. Cllr Lukas has offered to make this complaint.

- There are two significant potholes : one on the road running alongside the Greedy Goose (now repaired) where Cllr Righton had a car tyre punctured and witnessed another car with similar flat tyre damage caused by the pothole; and a large pothole on the A45 SE direction between Kitebrook and Little Compton.

A member of public asked LCPC to photograph this and send the evidence in to Cllr Jo Barker to whom he has already made a complaint about the state of the road section.

Cllr Lukas will lodge this concern on behalf of LCPC to Jag Preet Liddar (Highways) with photographs.

- The icy roads between Long Compton and Little Compton could possibly be classed as school bus route and therefore be gritted by Highways in future. This will be included in the email to Jag Preet Liddar (Highways). Cllr Lukas will check with the appropriate bus companies that this is a school bus route.

- the fallen wall by the Orbit Housing has still not been repaired. Rachel has written to the CEO of Orbit – Cllr Lukas will take this up with Highways Dept as the wall has fallen onto a public right of way and remains a public hazard.

- At this point a member of the public raised the issue of lack of care by some dog owners to pick up dog poo. There are litter bins for dog waste around the village and by the cemetery. Cllr Whalley-Hoggins suggested reporting any offender to the SDC dog warden. A note may be posted into the Centre Point magazine to ask people to be mindful on this subject.

**9. Cemetery.** Cllr Lukas has two Hawthorne trees which he is happy to replace a couple in the cemetery that are broken. He has attempted to contact the family involved who are believed to be living abroad and so it was agreed to go ahead with the replacement.

**10. Footpaths and Bridleways.** On the top road to Barton, a footpath sign has come out and is sitting on the hedge. Cllr Reeves has asked the SDC department to assist in repair of this but they are short staffed; if they supply the post we could repair it ourselves.

### **11. Financial.**

- The tenders were discussed, in view of the fact that two tenders were incomplete. Ideas like finding a local person to undertake the job were considered. Reed Business were approached about undertaking the work but they said they have enough work to do on their own grounds.

We will make further enquiries into this matter before the season starts.

- The Budget was discussed and the precept amount to be requested was agreed at £7000.

## **12. Questions and Comments from the public.**

- Re the grass cutting, the member of public asked how much money we receive from SDC towards verge maintenance and suggested that we ask for an increase to cover the higher costs received in the tenders.
- Ann Hanks advised that the hall hire has increased to £12.00 per hour from January 2020.
- Ann also brought up the request by Mike Hartnell for the Parish Council to support his efforts towards flood defence work he is proposing to undertake. Cllr Sarah Whalley-Hoggins suggested we contact the Shipston on Stour Flood Defence Group and ask for funding towards this project.
- The second defibrillator for the Red Lion Pub – can we ask again if the owners are happy to house this item. In the meantime Cllr Lukas holds the second defibrillator.

## **13. Planning Applications :**

19/03431/TREE – Leylandii to be felled – approved (15/1/20)

19/03292/FUL – Peewit Cottage, Barton on the Heath: Demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement building (Pending Consideration until 31/1/20)

19/02768/FUL – Hawton Farm Little Compton: Erection of building for Forestry management and for training with solar panels and a wind turbine (Pending Consideration until 17/2/20).

## **14. Any Other Business.**

- Cllr Whalley-Hoggins said that our meetings clash with other parish meetings and asked if possible our meetings be moved to alternative months (other week days were also ruled out). It will be advantageous to have both councillors present at these meetings so it was agreed to have our next meeting in February, if other councillors can accommodate this.

Date of next meeting provisionally, will be **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020** With no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm