

LOCKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Confirmed Minutes of the Parish Council VIRTUAL Meeting held on Monday 15th March 2021

21/086 Apologies: – No apologies, all Parish Councillors were present.

Lockington Parish Councillors present were: Kevin Marshall, (Chair), John Rowson, Mary Munro-Hill, Graham Chapman, Andrew How, Andrew Proctor, Adrian Crookes, James Warburton and Jeremy Mason.

Visitors:

There were twelve Parishioners on line.

The Clerk to the Parish Council (PC), Mr Gareth Rees was also present.

21/087 The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th February had been previously circulated to all Parish Councillors for review and subsequent approval. Parish Councillors present at the meeting agreed it was a true and correct record of the meeting and duly approved the minutes with no amendments.

Proposal: Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on the 15th February be accepted.

Proposer: Parish Councillor John Rowson.

Seconder: Parish Councillor Mary Munro-Hill

A vote was taken and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Resolved: Meeting minutes approved.

The Chairman then signed the minutes as a true and proper record on behalf of the Parish Council.

Name..... Signature.....Date.....

21/088 Declarations of Interest:

Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests - Members to declare any interests in items on the agenda and the nature of such interests.

Parish Councillor Graham Chapman declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in the agenda items relating to Lockington Village Community Green.

21/089 To review and resolve any East Riding of Yorkshire (ERYC) Council Business:

- (i) Ward Councillor's Pauline Greenwood sent her apologies.
- (ii) Parish Councillor James Warburton and Jeremy Mason were complimentary of recent Drainage Work carried out on Front Street. They suggested we send a letter of thanks to both ERYC and the company involved PBS Construction for the professional work carried out by the company.

Clerk actioned to write to ERYC and PBS.

Action date; end of March 2021(AN21/089 (ii) Action complete.

21/090 Parish Council ongoing Business Matters:

- (i) Parish Councillor James Warburton was warmly welcomed to the Parish Council.
- (ii) Following a proposal from Parish Councillor Rowson and seconded by Parish Councillor James Warburton, Mr Jeremy Mason was unanimously co-opted to the Parish Council. The Chairman, Parish Councillor Kevin Marshall warmly welcomed Parish Councillor Jeremy Mason to the Parish Council.
- (iii) Lockington Village Community Green Update – The Chairman, Parish Councillor Kevin Marshall told the meeting that ERYC had approved the planning application for Lockington Village Community Green. This was a major milestone in securing the exchange land for the project. The application and formal planning process resulted in only 4 representations from residents, 3 were neutral with only 1 objection.

The next step was to instruct solicitors to handle the Land Exchange on behalf of Lockington Parish Council as agreed in the February Meeting (21/081(b)).

Parish Councillor Kevin Marshall volunteered to develop a draft document for circulation to the PC and subsequent instruction of the solicitor.

When the action above complete, the Clerk would instruct the Solicitors on behalf of the Parish Council to carry out the legal work necessary to progress the Land Exchange with Dalton Estate through to completion.

Action Date; 20th March2021 (AN 21/091(iii)) Action complete.

Parish Councillor Graham Chapman reiterated his concerns regarding progressing the land exchange prior to a public meeting and also sought clarification that the proposed Open Public Meeting for the Parishioners would discuss all aspects of Lockington Village Community Green project. The Chairman gave a reassurance that residents would be able to ask questions on any aspect of the land exchange/village green project, but the Parish Council were not minded to re-open, reverse or delay its earlier decision(s) to proceed with the land exchange.

Discussion took place with regard to the above Meeting and it was agreed to hold a Public Meeting post Step 4 of the Governments Covid Road Map Lockdown Restrictions (Late June/Early July 2021, Government restrictions allowing). This would give residents the opportunity to discuss all aspects of the scheme and enable the Parish Council to expand upon the consultation already undertaken; further explain its actions and rationale for decisions to date and open the discussions about a future scheme for the community green.

No further action at this time.

(iv) Bryan Mills Beck Update from the EA

Parish Councillor Andrew How gave detail of the on-site meeting between the PC and the EA.

The EA agreed a cleaning regime that would mean a Beck walk to remove all the weed in the channel and up the side of the banks to ensure good flow of the Beck. The weed would be removed from site and taken away for disposal. The full maintenance programme for the Beck can be seen on the Parish Council website under Parish News.

Discussion then moved to the weir in the Beck adjacent to Lockington House and if this was contributing to village flooding. The EA will be investigating the modification/removal of the weir. They will consult with Fisheries, Biodiversity and Geomorphology team's and the Environmental Management team as to the impact further upstream on water levels.

Clerk actioned to write to the riparian land owners either side of the Beck to explain the position of the EA.

Action Date; 9th April 2021 (AN 21/090(iv)). Action complete.

(v) ERYC Rural Plan – The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Mr Stephen Hunt (Head of Planning ERYC). Mr Hunt and his team confirmed that the PC should have been informed of the Plan in 2020. The next public consultation phase is in late summer 2021 and the PC will be informed of the dates.

No action at this time.

(vi) Station Road Field – temporary letting – the current situation was outlined and it was agreed that the existing Licence be formally terminated and that Alastair Grant be approached to discuss arrangements and fees for taking hay crops until the land was required for the land exchange mentioned above.

Chair actioned to negotiate and report back to next meeting

Action Date; 19th April 2021 (AN 21/090(vi)).

21/091 Parish Council Correspondence:

- (i) The correspondence spreadsheet (March 21 Meeting Correspondence) was debated and 'noted'.

No action at this time.

- (ii) Parishioner Correspondence;

- (a) Correspondence from a resident regarding the condition of the Public Footpath and Station Road, post field culvert drainage works. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the individual responsible for the culvert adjacent to the Public Footpath and subsequently, some debris had been removed. When the path dries out, the people responsible will level off the path (to try and do it now, would make even more mess).

Action: Condition of Station Road – review post construction of ERYC TROD work.

- (b) Correspondence dated 3rd March from a resident concerned about the wording of the draft February Minutes (21/081 (a) – Community Green) – specifically, recognition of their broad support for the project and suggested delay of the legal process to enable and enhance further consultation via a public meeting. The PC took these latest comments into account when considering the Minutes at item 21/087

No further action.

- (c) Correspondence from two residents dated 8th March regarding the proposed land exchange – specifically, questioning the support for a land swap based on an informal 'petition' and requesting the PC to halt proceedings until a public meeting could be held. The PC expressed strong concerns regarding the objectivity and details of the 'poll'. After considerable discussion, the Parish Council were not minded to halt proceedings, preferring to be guided by its more robust and properly conducted Consultation process and evidenced majority support from respondents for the land exchange.

No further action.

- (d) Correspondence dated 15th March from a resident concerned that the PC had not properly considered the potential development value of its Station Road Field (a recent sale and comparable scenario from North Dalton was referred to in support). A call for the land exchange to be halted or delayed as this represented a material change in circumstances was not supported by the facts or a majority view of the PC, particularly when this matter had been addressed in the independent professional valuation of the field.

Parish Councillor Chapman said that this resident's letter contained new information. He proposed that the Clerk should be asked to contact ERYC Planning to verify the accuracy of the information in the letter. This was seconded by Councillor Proctor. The proposal was not supported.

The residents at (b) – (d) above were present during the zoom meeting and expressed their views.

The Chair was actioned to write to the said residents setting out the PC's formal response in more detail.

Action Date; 20th March 2021 -Action complete.

21/092 Planning:

- (i) 21/00294/TCA – Plum Tree Cottage, 7 Chapel Street Lockington
Fell one Damson Tree and three Apple trees – ERYC Raise No Objections Noted.
- (ii) 21/00525/PLF – Applegarth, 51 Church Lane Lockington
Erection of Detached Outbuilding – the PC had no observations.

Clerk actioned to update the ERYC Planning Portal – no observations
Action Date; 20th March 2021 (AN 21/092(ii)). Action complete.

21/093 Finances

- (i) The Financial Regulations & FR Risk Register were distributed to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting – discussion took place with regard to both procedures and the PC decided to accept the review of both procedures.

Proposal: Accept both the FR Regulations and FR Risk review.

Proposer: Parish Councillor John Rowson

Seconder: Parish Councillor Mary Munro-Hill

A vote was taken and the resolution was carried unanimously.

21/094 AOB

Dates for the next Virtual Ordinary Parish Council

19th April 2021 @ 1900 hrs (Virtual).

The Meeting closed at 2045 hrs.

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