

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm
In the War Memorial Hall Lamberhurst

Members present:

Cllr Graham White (Chairman)	GW
Cllr John Uren (Vice Chairman)	JU
Cllr Rolf Smith	RS
Cllr Sam Nicholas	SN
Cllr Clive Stott	CS
Cllr David Hurst Brown	DHB
Cllr Steve Cannella	SC
Cllr Tim Cornick	TC
Cllr Dawn Beeby	DB

In attendance:

Tracie Dodd		Clerk/RFO
Cllr David Knight	TWBC	DK
1 Member of the public		

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the councillors and those in attendance at the meeting.

1. Questions from the Public

There were None.

2. Apologies for Absence:

There were None.

3. Declaration of Interest:

There were None.

4. Approval of the minutes held 27th September 2022:

Were Approved unanimously.

5. Updates from those minutes:

Annual Parish Council Meeting should read Parish Council Meeting.

Item 5 should read Borough not Brough.

Cllr White reported that a meeting had taken place on 16th November 2022 regarding the recent flooding.

Mr Cruise has drafted a letter that will be distributed to all properties that could be affected by flooding. It gives details of the Environment Agency's telephone warning system and other useful information needed in such event. It was also discussed if there were any possible areas in the village that a small number of sandbags could be kept nearer to the village. These locations are The George and Dragon and Lamberhurst Village Hall.

Boundary Commission:

Cllr Knight reported following a request from the Council, the Commission agreed to pause the electoral review of Tunbridge Wells while the Council concluded its consideration of the electoral cycle.

TWBC voted 26 in favour of the all-out cycle 19 voted against, the motion wasn't carried.

Final recommendations will now be published on 16th May 2023

The next Elections will be held on 4th May 2023 which will be Borough Elections.

Photo ID will be required for all further Elections, postal votes do not require ID.

6. Accounts:

Were noted and approved

Payments over £500.00 since the last meeting.

£500.00 - Public Toilets (Nov 2022)

£1,365.62 – Grass Cutting

£559.00 – Grass Cutting

£2,220.00 – Tree Clearance Hook Green

£1,896.75 – Annual Insurance

£500.00 - Public Toilets (Dec 2022)

The RFO delivered the precept for 2023/2024 which will be increased by 4.4%, this is less than our increase in previous years.

Agreed unanimously.

7. Planning:

Were noted and approved.

Cllr Uren reported that TWBC were not consistent with our Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Cllr White to contact Head of Planning at TWBC.

Planning Application 22/01737/FULL Land West of Brewers Street has been called in by our Borough Councillors, the suggested date it will go before the Planning Committee is the 8th of February 2023.

Representation will be made by both the Parish and Borough Council this will comprise of

4 Lamberhurst Residents.

1 Parish Councillor.

1 Borough Councillor.

The Parish Council can employ a consultant to speak on the Parish Councils behalf this is currently being investigated.

Cllr Beeby will represent the Parish Council with Cllr Nicholas as Deputy if any circumstances arise.

If the Planning meeting is scheduled for February, the Clerk will ask for the meeting date to take place in March so that our Representatives have time to prepare.

As yet there are no further developments on the Spray Hill Application or the Vineyard Application.

Subgroups and Representatives:

Common Land Subgroup

Cllr Uren reported various repairs that need to be addressed on our Common Land this included:

The post by the Doctors Surgery need replacing.

The chain on the Down needed attention

The Plaques for the new Benches on the Down need mounting.

A tree survey needs to be carried out on all Common Land.

The posts on Church Road need replacing.

Events

Nothing to report.

Parish Website and communication

Nothing to report.

HIP

Cllr Nicholas reported that Kent Highways had responded regarding the re-submission of our HIP on 16th November 2022. Investigation into a Highways Survey and a Residents Survey to be carried out. HIP sub-committee to arrange a meeting to discuss and report back to Full Council.

Agreed unanimously.

Any other Business

Cllr Beeby to resurrect the time capsule

Meeting closed 21.03

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 14th March 2023 @ 7.30pm

