

**LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm**  
**In the War Memorial Hall Lamberhurst**

**Members present:**

Cllr Graham White (Chairman)	GW
Cllr John Uren (Vice Chairman)	JU
Cllr Steve Cannella	SC
Cllr Tim Cornick	TC
Cllr Sam Nicholas	SN
Cllr Clive Stott	CS
Cllr Dawn Beeby	DB

**In attendance:**

Tracie Dodd	Clerk/RFO	
Cllr Sarah Hamilton	KCC	SH
1 member of the public		

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcome the Attendees and Councillors.

Cllr White welcomed Andrew Dean who will join the LPC as a Non-voting member and will sit on the Events sub-committee.

**1. Questions from the Public:**

There were none.

**2. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr David Hurst Brown		DHB
Cllr Rolf Smith		RS
Cllr David Knight	TWBC	DK (written reports received)
Cllr Alison Webster	TWBC	AW (written reports received)

**3. Declaration of interest:**

There were none.

**4. Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>TH</sup> May 2023**

Were Approved

**5. Update from those minutes:**

Item 15 Time Capsule

Cllr Nicholas has volunteered to progress the time capsule and has made some inroads to potentially getting it completed.

19.39 Cllr Beeby joined the meeting.

The issue of dog fouling was largely discussed together with Commercial Dog walkers using the Playing fields on a regular basis.  
It was decided that a meeting for all residents in September would take place to discuss these issues.

Signage would be put up before the September meeting to remind Dog walkers to clean up after their dogs and to keep dogs under control at all times.

19.46 Cllr Hamilton joined the meeting.

Cllr Webster reported that TWBC have been working on the closure of the A264 from Pembury to Tunbridge Wells which is due to last the whole of the School Summer Holidays. Traffic will be diverted through the Industrial Estate.

Cllr Webster had training for Full Council and Licensing Board which Cllr Webster is Deputy Chair.

Cllr Webster will also sit on the Communities and Economic Development Cabinet Advisory Board.

Cllr Webster reported that there are QR codes up for the Tunbridge Wells residents Surveys and is open for anyone to complete.

Cllr Knight reported that Cabinet will decide at their next meeting whether to start parking charges at Dunloran Park. TWA have always had the policy of “First Hour Free” which we hope they will continue to do.

Cllr Knight requested that LPC write to TWBC confirming they are happy with the new proposed Ward name of “Rural Tunbridge Wells”.

Cllr Hamilton reported that she has been appointed as Chair of Joint Transportation Board.

Cllr Hamilton also reported that she had spoken to the Hall Managers regarding funding for further improvements.

## **6. Accounts:**

Were noted and approved.

Payments over £500.00 since last meeting.

£500.00 – Public Toilets (May 2023)

£1280.00 – Rendering of the Public Toilets

£565.00 – Grass Cutting

£690.71 – Water re Allotments

£1880.00 – Annual Tree Survey

£500.00 – Toilets (June 2023)

£1334,00 – Grass Cutting

£1162.50 – Tree Works (1 Month priority)

## **7. Planning:**

Were noted and approved.

Cllr White reported that a prior planning application should have included reference to the LDNP. Further comments were made to this planning application within the time frame given.

## **8. Subgroups and representatives**

### **Common Land/Allotments**

Cllr Uren reported that the Down was due to be mowed.

The Clerk reported that she had been notified of signage on the Down. Signage on any Common Land is prohibited without prior consent from the Parish Council. Signage without prior consent will be removed.

Cllr Uren and the Clerk meet with Capel Groundwork regarding the Childrens playground. Quotes have been received regarding the Playground/Youth Shelter surfacing repairs and was presented to Full Council. Approved unanimously.

The Clerk has applied for a grant for this but the outcome has not been decided.

### **HIP:**

Cllr Nicholas reported that Highways surveys are being carried out through the Village, including The Slade and Sand Road towards Scotney Castle.

The result of these surveys should be available for the LPC September meeting.

### **Parish Website and communication:**

Discussions for a LPC Facebook page was discussed. Cllr Beeby to research.

It was agreed that a sub-group "Welcome Committee" would be formed to welcome all new residents to the Village. This would be an Annual Event.

## **9. Matters of Urgency at the Chairmans Discretion**

There were none.

Cllr Beeby reported that £540.00 was raised at the Annual Duck Race which will be donated to Lamberhurst War Memorial Hall for the renovation projects.

Meeting closed 20.31.