

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.30pm
In the War Memorial Hall Lamberhurst

Members present:

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
Cllr Linda Hall	TWBC	LH
1 Member of the public		

Welcome

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

1. Questions from the Public

There were None.

2. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Graham White (Chairman)

3. Declaration of Interest:

There were None.

4. Approval of the minutes held 10th January 2023:

Were Approved unanimously.

5. Updates from those minutes:

The Gateways at either end of the Village need attention.

Cllr Knight reported the TWBC forecast deficit for 22/23 was approximately set to be £900,000.00 but is now expected to be a surplus of approximately £300,000.00 on 31st March 2023

This has come about due to the "saving" on payroll costs for the 34 staff vacancies, the increase on parking revenue and the additional interest received due to the interest rate change.

Cllr Knight also reported the A21 is the responsibility of Tunbridge Wells BC, and a litter campaign is due to take place in the near future.

Cllr Uren thanked Cllr Knight for his contribution to the Spray Hill Application at the TWBC Planning meeting on the 2nd of March 2023.

Cllr Nicholas reported that there had been various issues with bin collections in the Parish, Cllr Knight will contact the Head of Housing, Health, and Environment about the problem.

19.54 Cllr Knight and 1 member of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Hall reported that the Vineyard Application will not be on the 22nd of March 2023 Agenda but recommended that the Parish Council write a letter to each of the planning officers on the panel once the details were published.

Cllr Hall also reported that she will not be standing for election.

Cllr Uren thanked Cllr Hall for her continued support over the years she has served as our Borough Councillor.

6. Vineyard Application:

Planning Application 22/03024/FULL is not on the TWBC Planning Agenda for 22nd March 2023.

The next TWBC planning meeting will be 12th April 2023.

It is thought the planning officer recommendation is that the application is likely to be approved.

Cllr White to enquire if Cllr Hamilton would speak at the meeting.

20.14 Cllr Hall left the meeting.

7. Accounts:

Were noted and approved.

Payments over £500.00 since last meeting.

£500.00 – Public Toilets (Jan 23)

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The RFO reported that a grant had been secured to replace the public toilet doors and the noticeboards on the Down and at Hook Green.

8. Planning:

Were noted and approved.

Cllr Uren reported that the LDNP policy D4 – Dark Skies only applies to External light sources and not residential windows as stated by TWBC planning application number 22/01044/FULL.

9. Subgroups and Representatives:

Common Land/Allotments

Cllr Uren reported the Tree Survey of our common land started on 14th March 2023. The posts around the War memorial needed attention as it is 100th anniversary of the Lamberhurst and Bayham British Legion.

The Clerk reported that there are some availabilities for plots on Brewers Street Top Allotments.

Events

Cllr Uren reported that plans for the Coronation Weekend were being discussed this would include.

Saturday 6th May - a public showing of the Coronation in the Hall, 70 years of the History of Lamberhurst,

Sunday 7th May - Church Service in the Memorial Hall followed by a picnic on the field with entertainment.

Monday 8th May – the big help out around the village.

A Coronation book is also being discussed.

Cllr Uren also reported that the History Society was due to be formed again in September 2023.

Cllr Beeby reported that the annual Duck Race would take part on 8th July 2023.

Parish Website and communication

Nothing to report.

HIP

Cllr Nicholas reported that the Highways surveys and data had not been completed and a residents survey needs to be carried out.

Signage at Clay hill Road and Free heath to be considered.

HIP sub-committee to arrange a meeting to discuss and report back to Full Council.

Agreed unanimously.

10. Circus Event:

Cllr Uren reported that Lamberhurst PTA had arranged for a Circus on the Chequers Field on 13th September 2024

Approved unanimously.

11. Annual Parish Meeting:

To take place 18th April 2023, this is a public meeting, and all are welcome to attend.

Agenda Items will include:

Parish Council Chairman's Report for the past year.

Update on 20mph restrictions in Lamberhurst.

King's Coronation Village Events

Improvements and developments at the Memorial Hall.

12. Any other Business:

The Clerk to contact Head of planning at TWBC inviting him to attend our next Parish meeting.

Meeting closed 21.03.

The APM meeting will be held on 18th April 2023 @7.30pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 9th May 2023 @ 7.30pm

