

LAMBERHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held on Tuesday 18th April 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 Steve Cannella	SC
Cllr Tim Cornick	TC
Cllr David Hurst Brown	DHB
Cllr Dawn Beeby	DB
Cllr Clive Stott	CS

In attendance:

Tracie Dodd	Clerk/RFO	
Cllr David Knight	TWBC	DK
Cllr Linda Hall	TWBC	LH

Apologies for absence

Cllr Sarah Hamilton KCC	SH
Cllr Samantha Nichols	SN

Welcome

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

The Chairman thanked all those who attended the Planning meeting at TWBC regarding the Vineyard Application. The main outcome of the decision was having the LNDP which weighed strongly in our favour, as it did with the Spray Hill planning application in March 2023.

The Chairman reported that Lamberhurst has 33 Acres of Common Land.

Road Safety:

Adoption of 20mph speed limited in certain areas of the Village.

All roads belong to KCC Highways.

Speed Surveys show variation on School Hill and the Slade.

Traffic Calming, viability of speed cameras together with addition signage.

A resident's survey will be carried out before any decision is made.

The Parish is responsible for any cost regarding Speed restrictions in the village.

Public Toilets:

A UKPC grant has been secured to cover most of the cost of refurbishment of the outside of the toilets.

The Chairman thanked all the councillors and clerk for there continued hard work and support. He encouraged anyone interested in becoming a future councillor to attend one of our meetings or to have a chat regarding the work involved.

Kings Coronation:

Andrew Dean Chairman of the Kings Coronation weekend sub-committee talked us through the weekend's events. He thanked the Hall managers and the Cinema Club for agreeing to host the showing of the Coronation in the Village Hall. Other activities will include the Lamberhurst History Society displaying a selection of photos of the village over 70 years, a church service on the Sunday to be held in the Village Hall, followed by "The Big Lunch" which will be held on the Chequers Field with entertainment. And finally, the "Big Clear Up" on Monday 8th May 2023 which will include cleaning of the War memorial and Victoria Walk, Litter picks and tidying of the Churchyard.

The War Memorial Hall:

Christine Hamilton and Nick Hepher welcomed the councillors and those in attendance at the meeting.

The Hall is made up of various members of the village who are volunteers.

Edward Hussey donated the land for the Hall in 1920 to create a centre of Village Life.

The hall has recently had new windows and blinds fitted, LED stripe lighting and a new heating system. This has been funded largely from Grants obtained. Nick Hepher thanked Cllr Sarah Hamilton for her help in securing the KCC Grants.

But there are still things that need to be done and fund raising and Community fund raising will hopefully achieve this.

Phase one:

Decorate the main hall.

Replace doors and serving hatches.

Re-purpose the storage cupboard for chair storage.

Phase Two:

New Kitchen units

Range of commercial standard appliances

Replace work/bar surfaces from the Kitchen to the Hall

Replace crockery.

Phase Three:

Refresh the Toilets in the Hall

Re-configure the back room creating flexible spaces for small meeting rooms.

The total cost would be £20,000.00 and with grants very few and far, the ways the hall managers would like to raise the funds are:

Fund raising in the community.

Community Fundraising events

Sponsorship Donations

The On-line fundraising platform will be launched in the next few weeks and asking people to fill out the online survey at

[Lamberhurst War Memorial Hall - Improvements Survey 2023 \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

Suggested Fund raising events were.

Childrens film night

To create space for remote work from home

Silent Auction

But any suggestions are welcomed.

Cllr Uren reported that the playing fields needed to be cleared of dog mess before a local football team could start there training. He also reported that a professional Dog walking company were using the field frequently and allowing 6 dogs to roam without leads. Signage to be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting, led by LPFA and the professional dog walkers to be contacted to ask that dogs remain on leads at all times.

Concerns regarding the regular Car's speeding along the bypass was raised, although numerous residents had contacted the Police with footage of the dangerous nature of this the speeding seems to be continuing and more frequently. A letter to the Police Commissioner was suggested.

Cllr Knight reminder everyone who is eligible to Vote in the May Elections would need photographic ID.

The School Clock is currently at the wrong time. Clerk to contact the owner.