

**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (AGPM)(AGM)**  
**Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 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 Tim Cornick	TC
Cllr Steve Cannella	SC

**In attendance:**

Tracie Dodd	Clerk/RFO	
Cllr David Knight	TWBC	DK
Cllr Tom Mobbs	TWBC	TM
Cllr Lynne Darrah	TWBC	LD
1 Member of the Public		

**Welcome**

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

**1. Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Cllr Rolf Smith nominated Cllr John Uren as Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Samantha Nicholas and all voted unanimously in favour of the appointment.

Cllr John Uren nominated Cllr Tom Cornick as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Steve Cannella and all voted unanimously in favour of the appointment.

**2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office:**

Were Signed.

**3. Sub Committees:**

The Sub Committees were agreed.

**4. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr Clive Stott	CS
Cllr Dawn Beeby	DB

**5. Declaration of Interest:**

There were none.

**6. Questions from the Public:**

A member of the public enquired about the development on Town Hill. The Clerk reported that an email had been received by Town and Country which reported.

I'm afraid to report that we have had major problems with the poor performance of the contractor on our garage redevelopment contract, of which Rosebank is one of 8 sites included within the contract.

We have had numerous meetings with senior members from the contractor's team in trying to progress all of the sites to a satisfactory conclusion, which has unfortunately so far failed. We are in negotiations at the moment in trying to get the projects back on track and finished, however, until the negotiations have been agreed by both parties the contractor has closed down 3 of the sites including the development at Rosebank.

We are hoping to meet the contractor's chief executive at the end of the month to bring our negotiations to conclusion, when I will be able to give you a much better steer on how and when the development will be finished.

Clerk to contact Town and Country Housing

The newly elected Borough Councillors were asked to introduce themselves.

Cllr Thomas Mobbs – Conservative  
Cllr Lynne Darrah – Conservative  
Cllr David Knight – Tunbridge Wells Alliance

Cllr Knight Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Elections results were.  
22 Seats – Liberal Democrats  
7 Seats – Conservatives.  
4 Seats – Tunbridge Wells Alliance  
5 Seats – Labour  
1 Seats – Independent.

**7. Approval of the minutes held 12th March 2024:**

Were Approved unanimously.

**8. Updates from those minutes:**

The Meeting date for the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 was postponed to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

**9. Accounts:**

Were noted and approved.

Payments over £500.00 since the last meeting.

£500.00 – Public Toilets (March 24)  
£1050.00 – Noticeboards (Funded by UKSP Grant)  
£500.00 – Public Toilets (April 24)  
£2746.00 – Tree Maintenance Free Heath  
£622.68 – KALC Annual Subscription.  
£426.24 – Streetlight Maintenance First Half.  
£425.00 – Allotmentgate/Posts on the Down.

**Notice of Conclusion of Audit:**

Notice of Conclusion of Audit was approved and signed and will be submitted. Thanks was given to John Francis for his continued support as external Audit to Lamberhurst Parish Council.

**10. Planning:**

Were noted and approved.

**11. Update from the APM:**

The bench on Town Hill needs repair. Cllr Smith to arrange.

**12. Bonfire:**

Cllr Uren reported that the Bonfire Society had funds to go ahead with the event this year on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

However, funds would need to be raised to continue with the tradition in future years.

Elephants Head to liaise with The Chequers regarding refreshments.

The Parish Council agreed to cover the cost of the Portaloo's if a grant couldn't be sourced.

Cllr Uren also presented Tree and Hedge works to be carried out at Brewer Street allotments/Hop Garden Close. It was agreed the maintenance of the Hybrid Black Poplar and Lambard Poplar would be carried out and the Hedge works will be carried over to 2025.

**13. Chequers Car Park:**

Cllr Uren reported that he had spoken to the Chequers Public House and concerns had been raised regarding the use of it. This is mainly due to ramblers using the car park. It was suggested that the Chequers Field could be used for additional parking when large events were taking place subject to weather conditions. Not all were in favour of this proposal. It was also reported that as a gesture of good will the Parish Council will repair the 2 large potholes on the approach to the carpark. Cllr Smith to action.

**14. Two Councillor vacancies for co-option:**

Moved to exempt.

**15. Additional Zoom Council Catchups:**

It was agreed that in addition to the six Parish Council meetings per year, on alternative months there would be a Zoom catchup for Councillors.

**16. Bewl Representative:**

Cllr Cornick was nominated representative for Bewl Water.

Cllr Nicholas was nominated representative for the Nature Reserve by the Hoppers Huts.

**17. Matters of Urgency at Chairmans Discretion:**

There were None.

**The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held, if found necessary on 9th July 2022 at 7.30pm**

Meeting closed 20.53.