

Lubbesthorpe Parish Council

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Parish Council Meeting

Venue: The Hub, Tay Road. Lubbesthorpe
Meeting Time: 6.30pm Monday 13th March 2023.

Present: Cllr Richard Ashmore (chairman), Cllr Doreen Harvey, Cllr Steve Hextall and Cllr Roy Saunders

Also Present: 2 members of the public, Sue Steer – Lubbesthorpe Alive, Emma Ahmed – Go Travel and Lisa Sly - Clerk

Minutes

Council agree that Cllr Richard Ashmore will be the Chairman for this meeting.

2022/155 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Powell and Tomeo.

2022/156 Declarations of Interest.

None.

2022/157 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th February 2023.

Decision: The Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 13th February 2023.

2022/158 Clerk's Report.

The clerk presented the to do list and the council updated the priorities.

2022/159 Parishioners Participation.

Nafeesa Kurmoo and Fran North gave a presentation regarding setting up a "Residents' Steering Group – The Land Trust". The next step is for them to get in contact with Michaela at The Land Trust on mail@thelandtrust.org.uk as there are already motions in place to create a residents' group. They are also going to contact Martin Lewis Site liaison Manager.

Emma Ahmed informed the council that she will be collecting her e-bike this week.

A resident questioned why there was a 14% increase in the Parish Council part of the council tax.

The following explanation was given.

The council tax (Parish) for a band D property in 22/23 was	£48.16
The council tax (Parish) for a band D property in 23/24 will be	£55.31
This is an Increase of	£7.15 per year (60p per month) 14.8%

Approx. 3% of this increase is due to BDC overestimating the number of properties last year

Lubbesthorpe Parish Council budget

22/23 £38,299

23/24 £42,500

Increase £4,000

11%

Increases in budget are due to increases in:

Salary

Internal and external audit

Telephone

Stationary

Bin emptying

LRALC membership

Insurance (doubled)

Funding for LA

The Parish Council recognised the increase in the budget and reduced the proposed spend on the following items:

Events

Grants

Newsletter

Projects.

The amount of council tax resident of Lubbesthorpe pay for the Parish Council is relatively low compared to neighbouring Parish Councils. For example for 22/23

Enderby £124

Narborough £124

Huncote £110

Thurlaston £97

The only Parish in Blaby District with a lower Council tax is Elmsthorpe at £37 (22/23)

The Parishioner also asked why the previous year it had dropped by 18%. The Clerk did not know the answer to this but will ask BDC to explain.

2022/160 To accept the accounts for February 2023 including Payments for Authorisation and the Clerk's overtime.

Cashbook

Decision: The Council approved the cashbook.

Budget

Decision: The Council noted the Budget spreadsheet.

Statements

Decision: The Council note the statements.

Payments for Authorisation including the clerk's overtime.

Decision: The Council agree the Payments including Clerks OT of 32 hours. Do not pay the grant to Go Travel until a person has been selected for scheme

Payments for approval at March 2023 Council Meeting						
			Payments			
Date	Name	Description	Inc. vat	ex vat	VAT	Pay by
09/03/2023	talk mobile	mobile phone	£4.95	£4.95	£0.00	
09/03/2023	Multipay card	various +£3 charge	£165.49	£165.49	£0.00	
31/2/23	Lisa Sly	expenses feb 23	£20.25	£20.25	£0.00	
23/01/2023	LRALC	internal audit	£220.00	£220.00	£0.00	
14/02/2023	Go Travel Solutions	Grant Electric Bike Hire	£216.00	£216.00	£0.00	
		Total	£626.69	£626.69	£0.00	

2022/161 To agree the financial agreement with Lubbesthorpe Alive.

Sue steer drafted an agreement between LA and LPC regarding the £5000 funding LPC are giving to LA. The Clerk has sent this to LRALC for comments. LRALC have requested more time to look at the agreement and should reply this week.

Decision: The Council decided to wait until they have received the advice from LRALC and therefore decide to defer this item to the next meeting

2022/162 Following the site visit with The Land Trust and The Drummond Estate, discuss and agree an area of remembrance and an area to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

A meeting took place between Michaela Hulley – The Land Trust, Simon Lawton – Landscape design on behalf of the Drummond Estate, Cllr Doreen Harvey and Lisa Sly - the Parish Clerk to discuss possible locations for Parish Council proposed projects.

It was obvious for early on that there were a lot of underground utilities that affect where the various projects can take place that the Parish Council did not know about. Simon will send through drawings so that the Parish Council will have a better understanding for these and future projects.

Project 1 - Coronation

The Parish Council is considering planting an avenue of trees at the following locations: the pathway from Lubbesthorpe to LFE (near to the hub), the pathway leading from opposite the school to the bridleways. Both of these locations were unsuitable. Other possibilities suggested were a group of trees in the field where the MUGA is, a group of trees in the field where the community orchard is, some trees along the hedge line in the field at the back of Earn Drive. Also the idea of having a shrub border of bee friendly shrubs in the corner of the field with the MUGA near to the playground. This is a possibility, but The Drummond Estate will need more details on proposed planting to ensure it is in keeping with the landscaping of the development.

Project 2 - remembrance / relaxation area

The area around pond 3 (corner of The Bridle Way and the tarmac footpath near Teviot Drive) was discussed. The possibility of putting some benches there and maybe some fixed structure to remember people by. The bench could be carved from an old tree. The design of the bench will need to be agreed with the Drummond estate as above.

During the Council Meeting the councillors made the following points.

Project 1

There is still a lot to consider about locations. These trees will not be planted until autumn, carry this over to the next meeting.

Project 2

Pond 3 is not an ideal position for the remembrance area as this is hopefully where the remembrance service will take place and there is not enough space here but this position would be ideal as a reflection area. It was suggested to have 2 areas 1 for remembrance and 1 for reflection. An area for remembrance could possibly be around pond 1 or on the footpath opposite the school near to the benches. And an area for reflection at pond 3 with a bench or 2 for people to be able to sit quietly and reflect.

Action: Clerk to work on all 3 projects looking at the reflection area first.

2022/163 Update on the elections.

The Clerk reminded the Councillors of the dates for nomination submission are between 22nd March – 4th April. The Clerk can hand deliver to forms to BDC on behalf of the councillors. Note after meeting – appointment booked for Thursday 30th March.

2022/164 Update on New Lubbesthorpe in Bloom competition.

The Clerk updated the council on progress to date and the intention creating an application form and of supplying seeds to the children after easter. Sue Steer suggested that the Parish Council should consider providing pots and compost to those who require it. The Council agreed with this and it was suggested that this could take place at the village market on Saturday 8th April.

Action: Clerk to create an entry form. Purchase sunflower seed, envelopes for the seeds, labels for seeds, pots and compost. Deliver packaged seed to the school w/c 27th March, enough for every child to the school but ensure it is clear that only residents of Lubbethorpe can enter the competition. Invite people to come to the market to plant the seeds supplied by the Parish Council.

2022/165 Update on New Lubbethorpe Market.

There are now 20 confirmed stall holders. A final e-mail has been sent to all stall holders with details for the day. The clerk is creating a poster detailing the stalls. All councillors are asked to be marshals. The stalls will start arriving at 7.30 so councillors by 7.15 please. There are approx. 15 more stalls are interested and on the reserves list. Banners and No Parking signs still need to be ordered. The Land Trust are doing bunny hunt and LA are doing a community café and easter activities.

2022/166 To discuss the Christmas event.

The clerk has sent e-mail to LA, School Go travel and the Drummond Estate asking for their thoughts on holding the even on the Saturday afternoon. So far we have not had any replies. As this item requires a lot of discussion it was agreed to hold a Events Working Group meeting to discuss, Cllr Hextall was arrange the meeting for April.

Note after meeting : The school PTA has replied to the e-mail.

2022/167 To decide upon responses to planning applications received from Blaby District Council.

The following Planning application s have been received from Blaby District Council.

19/0164/OUT Land To The West Of St Johns (B4114) Enderby Leicestershire LE19 2AB.

Observation were requested from LPC as this is not within the Parish boundary.

Decision: No Observations.

Street Trading Application - Howe and Co Fish and Chips

Thursday evening 5.30 – 8.30 in the layby in front of the school.

Decision: The Parish Council support this application and have no comments.

2022/168 To note any correspondence and information from the Clerk.

We have received the following correspondence:

Request regarding litter picking – reply sent saying that they are welcome to use our equipment but will not be covered by PC insurance as it is not a PC organised event.

Request for update on various S106 items. – The council was not aware of these. The clerk has written to BDC requesting a meeting to go through the S106 agreement.

Request for information regarding the increase of the Parish Council part of the council tax – covered above in parishioner participation.

2022/169 Information exchange.

Thank you Cllr Steve Hextall for organising the chip van. It is planned to visit Lubbesthorpe weekly on Thursdays between 5.30 and 8.30. Name of chip van is Howe and Co.

Meeting closed 20.53