



## Laughton en le Morthen Parish Council

The Village Hall, Firbeck Avenue, Laughton en le Morthen, S25 1YD

(Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024)

Present: Councillors: Mrs T Hutson (Vice Chairman) Acting Chairman, Mrs J Cutting, Mr K Downing, Mr T Stanway, Mrs J Valenzuela, Mr J Hall and the Clerk, Caroline Havenhand. In attendance Parishioners: Fourteen parishioners were in attendance.

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
24/79	<b>To receive and approve reasons for absence.</b>	
	Councillor: Mr S Johnson (Chairman) gave reasons for absence which were approved at the meeting.	
24/80	<b>To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.</b>	
	No interests were declared.	
24/81	<b>To authorise the chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024, as a true and correct record.</b>	
	The minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record and the Chairman accordingly signed the file copy.	
24/82	<b>To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.</b>	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that no items require the exclusion of press and public.	
	<b>Open Forum for Parishioners in Attendance – Public Participation Session</b>	
	Parishioners attended to discuss: <b>RB2024/0944</b> - Change of use from dwelling (Use Class C3) to House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) for more than 6 people (Use Class Sui Generis) with relocation of windows to side elevation, 130 St Johns Road, Laughton en le Morthen. Various objections were raised by all who attended. Parishioners were exceedingly concerned. Allotments issues – Access by third parties, plot maintenance.	<b>Clerk</b>
24/83	<b>To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.</b>	
24/83.1	To receive a report from Ward Councillors	
	No Ward Councillor attended the meeting. The clerk had chased up the Speed Activated Road Sign again and was told that it had arrived and should be fitted within the next 4 weeks. This appears to be due to a backlog of installation with RMBC.	
24/83.2	To review the most recent play inspection report and agree any action.	

	Council engage RMBC monthly to check the equipment and point out any areas that may need repair or monitoring. The clerk circulated the July play report dated 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024 which was designated “low risk”. Parts for Zip-wire are still awaited. Other issues are being monitored.	Clerk
24/83.3	To discuss any village hall matters, including raising funds for charity and quotation for air conditioning.	
	Trustees of the CIO had met and following advice from the Charity Commission had agreed that using a charity asset to further the aims of another charity is not encouraged and as such the books will not be displayed going forward. The CIO did not wish to pursue the issue of Air Conditioning at this time. Information noted by Council.	
24/83.4	To receive correspondence from RMBC prohibiting plaques on lamp posts.	
	RMBC have contacted the clerk to advise that a decision had been taken not to allow plaques on lamp post. The clerk showed Council the license request that had been previously granted. It was therefore <b>resolved</b> not to remove the plaques. This does raise an issue for next year though and it was <b>resolved</b> that the clerk write to RMBC, Ward Councillors and our local MP, to ask that this matter be reconsidered as this has really helped LeIMPC to fund this amenity, which might otherwise be unaffordable.	Clerk
<b>24/84</b>	<b>Matters requested by Councillors/Clerk.</b>	
24/84.1	To discuss any requests for financial assistance.	
	There were no requests for financial assistance.	
24/84.2	To discuss any Allotment issues, review the pest control work and receive an update from St John’s Road allotment committee.	
	The rabbit control had minimal success and will need to be reviewed again at some point. The committee are monitoring access as there is some access by third parties that are not allotment holders. It was <b>resolved</b> to place on the agenda for September whether Council could assist in the purchase of another CCTV camera for the site.	Clerk
24/84.3	To discuss the issue with a tree raised at the last Parish Council meeting.	
	The clerk reported that she had looked at the tree. It was however inaccessible to cut from the Parishioners side as the area surrounding the garage is very overgrown. Additionally, from the recreational ground side it appeared that the tree was on the boundary that the Parishioner had planted. It was <b>resolved</b> that no further action could be taken until the Parishioner cleared the area in front of the tree.	
24/84.4	To discuss the addition of a further Camera and Pole to the CCTV system.	
	Since the last meeting a small fire had been set and the camera’s available had recorded the incident. At the moment this matter has been passed to the police and it was <b>resolved</b> that the issue of further camera’s was deferred until October meeting.	Clerk
24/84.5	To discuss the recent request to place a skip on the Village Hall car park by a parishioner and agree future policy.	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that no parishioner skips be allowed on the car park due to the high risk of fly tipping.	
24/84.6	To receive correspondence from the insurance company relating to a pending claim.	

	The clerk advised that she had received correspondence to indicate that parties had now reached agreement so this matter can now be settled. Information noted by Council.	
<b>24/85</b>	To consider relevant planning applications as published on RMBC's weekly Lists 24 to 27 (2024). In particular, to discuss: -  <b><u>RB2024/0944</u></b> - Change of use from dwelling (Use Class C3) to House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) for more than 6 people (Use Class Sui Generis) with relocation of windows to side elevation, 130 St Johns Road, Laughton en le Morthen. <a href="http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2024/0944">http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2024/0944</a>  To discuss the letter received regarding proposed communications installation for CELLNEX at MALTBY CARR LANE, CARR LANE, BEACON HILL, HOOTON LEVITT, MALTBY, SOUTH YORKSHIRE, S66 8PW. NGR: E: 451453, N: 390073.	
	Council <b>resolved</b> that an objection be raised to planning application <b><u>RB2024/0944</u></b> . The Village is not a suitable location for an HMO nor do the plans fit with requirements for an HMO. Parking issues, remote management, noise, rubbish and lack of facilities needed for occupants of the property, are also reasons that this application should be refused.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>24/86</b>	<b>To receive information on any previous planning applications/issues and discuss further action.</b>  None	
	Council <b>resolved</b> that no further action is required at this time.	
<b>24/87</b>	<b>Financial Matters</b>	
24/87.1	To receive the RFO's report.	
	a) After 3 months of the financial year 50% of annual anticipated income has been received, as expected. 16% of planned expenditure has been spent. b) The account balance on 30 <sup>th</sup> June is £88,479.40 c) The first stage of the 2024/2025 Precept (£22,625) has been received from RMBC. d) £217.66 VAT refund received for 2023/2024. Information noted by Council	
24/87.2	To receive bank reconciliation to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2024.	
	The bank reconciliation was verified and signed by two Councillors.	
24/87.3	To approve accounts for payment and note contractual payments made under clerk delegation. Please see Appendix 1.	
	Council <b>resolved</b> to note the contractual payments made and that the accounts due are agreed and can be paid. See Appendix 1 in the minutes.	
24/87.4	To agree any transfers to or from reserves.	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that the following transfers be made: • No transfers are required at this time.	
24/87.5	To receive information on the Councillors quarterly review of receipts and payments.	
	Councillor K Downing confirmed that he had carried out a review of receipts and payments for Q1. He reported that no issues were found. Council thanked him for carrying out the check.	

24/87.6	To receive correspondence relating to the external assurance review.	
	The clerk has received one query from the Assurance Review regarding the change in response on box 9 and 11, for which the clerk has provided a written explanation that has been accepted. It is likely the conclusion of audit will be received in August. It was <b>resolved</b> that the clerk is authorised to settle the fee and place the relevant documents on the website, along with the central village noticeboard for 10 days.	<b>Clerk</b>
24/88	To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.	
	None	
24/89	To fix the date and time of the next Ordinary Council Meeting (suggested 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024).	
	It was <b>resolved</b> that the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.15pm.	
	The meeting closed at 9.30pm.	

**Chairman**

**Date 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Appendix 1 – Accounts paid or for payment

PAYMENT LIST - JULY 2024						
Date	Supplier	Item	Cheque No	Cost	VAT	Total
10th July 2024	Salaries	Payroll Employees	IB	£ 834.91		£ 834.91
				£ 26.00		£ 26.00
				£ 860.91		£ 860.91
17th July 2024	Re-imburse Clerk	Expenses - Mileage and reimbursements stationery etc.	IB			
		Box of Paper	IB	£ 20.16	£ 4.03	£ 24.19
		Mileage	IB	£ 19.80		£ 19.80
		Total		£ 39.96	£ 4.03	£ 43.99
17th July 2024	LVH CIO	Village Hall Hire for meeting June	IB	£ 36.00		£ 36.00
17th July 2024	LVH CIO	Village Hall Hire D- Day planning meeting	IB	£ 12.00		£ 12.00
17th July 2024	Anston Pest Control	Pest Control Allotments	IB	£ 250.00	£ 50.00	£ 300.00
17th July 2024	Shaw & Sons Limited	Binding Parish Records	IB	£ 558.00	£ 111.60	£ 669.60
30th July 2024	Leaf & Grass	Laughton Grounds Maintenance	IB	£ 113.00		£ 113.00
30th July 2024	Leaf & Grass	Hamlets Grounds Maintenance	IB	£ 161.00		£ 161.00
30th July 2024	NEST	Pension payment	DDR	£ 34.41		£ 34.41
JULY 2024				£ 2,065.28	£ 165.63	£ 2,230.91
C/F 2024	CARRIED FORWARD			£ 8,471.13	£ 380.08	£ 8,851.21
YEAR TOTAL 2024/2025				£ 10,536.41	£ 545.71	£ 11,082.12