

**DRAFT Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of Little Compton Parish Council
held via Zoom online on Monday 18th May 2020 at 1900hrs
(this is due to the outbreak of Covid 19 or Corona Virus in early 2020 and the government
guidelines of staying safe by restriction of non-essential public interaction or gatherings).**

Present : Cllr Ian Robinson (IR -Chair), Cllr Rachel Righton (RR), Cllr Graeme Evans (GE), Cllr Andrew Lukas (AL), Sarah Elliott (SE) – Clerk and Cllr Whalley-Hoggins - SDC, Sarka Wilde of LC Village

1. Re-Election of Chairman : Cllr Robinson was re-elected Chairman, proposed by Cllr Righton, seconded by Cllr Evans and agreed.
2. Reports from District/County Councillors : by Cllr Whalley-Hoggins
 - a) discussed the re-opening of the recycling centres across Warwickshire, with appointments now being booked for a visit from residents. She suggested other nearby villages are adopting a policy of providing a skip (courtesy of the council) for people to dump their waste to save trips to the local recycling (it may be appointments are months in advance to get booked in), a donation could be suggested for using this service. Ian Robinson thought cost would be around £200; councillors seemed to support this suggestion; maybe put a note in the Centrepont magazine to let people know. There was short discussion around pros and cons and on balance it was thought the council might try it once and see the outcome.
 - b) advised about the money coming into SDC and the loss of income due to the Corona Lockdown situation, especially with Stratford being a tourist/hospitality town it suffers loss of income eg from carparking, business in the town, and the full impact would not yet be seen. She reiterated that any councils holding finances that could be used to alleviate the problems brought about from Corona should be urged to use that money to look after their own parishes and people within. She expressed a need for councils to keep abreast of the needs of their local residents ie, for getting medicines/food/friendship for those who are living alone/etc. Elizabeth House in Stratford is currently closed. RR asked if we could know of any particularly vulnerable people, and SW-H said some people use a system of Red or Green cards in a window to indicate their need for help. GE said he felt the council had assistance in place for the village.
 - c) Village Hall: have they claimed their £10,000 business rates tax grant relief?. ***IR will contact the VH committee to ask.*** He said he knew of the grant relief for the graveyard.
 - d) Domestic Abuse is becoming an issue during the lockdown situation, so if the Parish Magazine could be distributed with details of helplines, or advice of what to do in this situation, it may help someone. ***IR will make contact with Brailes PC who have created an editorial to action this.***

3. Declarations of Interest : There were none.
4. Apologies for absence: Jo Barker- C Cllr
5. Minutes of Meeting held on 16th March 2020 : On a proposal by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Lukas, agreed to be an accurate record and signed accordingly.
6. Co-option of New Parish Councillor : Sarka Wilde was invited by Graeme Evans to be co-opted, this was proposed by Ian Robinson and seconded by Graeme Evans. She will be given paperwork : Acceptance of Office to sign and ***SE will advise Democratic Services to register her as a new councillor.***
7. Questions and comments from the public : There were none.
8. Financial :
 - a) Appointment of Internal Auditor: Anthony Mulliner has agreed again to be appointed for this task (4th year) Proposed by Ian Robinson, Seconded by Graeme Evans and agreed. He will be given the accounts and supporting documents this weekend.
 - b) Presentation of Annual Accounts : all councillors have received a copy of the accounts, these were proposed to be a correct record by Graeme Evans RFO and seconded by Ian Robinson. GE stated there was a surplus of £1700 for the year.
 - c) Adoption of AGAR Forms : Proposed by Ian Robinson and seconded by Graeme Evans to be adopted as a true and accurate public record to state our financial affairs. These will be posted by GE onto our website for public inspection for a period of at least 30 days at the beginning of July 2020.
 - d) Approve Payments : Ian Robinson proposed that from here on the clerk can be authorized to make payments which have already been agreed to be paid for in the annual budget, seconded by Graeme Evans so long as details and amounts were shown on the agenda for information.
9. Planning Applications :

20/00560/FUL : Pending Consideration 22/5/20 : Browns Barn, Oakham Road, Removal of 2 existing caravans & construction of one new rural workers dwelling. IR has submitted a comment on the SDC e-planning that the council is in favour of this application to allow a worker to live in a house rather than a caravan. (*post meeting note: this has since been refused permission*).
10. Any Other Business :

Cllr W-H will write to Orbit with a comprehensive list of problems occurring within the properties in the village, such as damp, falling walls, etc. RR will put a summary together of the properties and the problems for Cllr W-H. Sarka asked the background to these problems; IR gave explanation that Orbit were given

housing stock to manage from SDC and have since not refurbished or maintained, but instead have sold them off over time to private individuals, including Jordans Orchard, Willow Close and Pool Close.

Peartree Gardening have said that a few places in the village were looking in need of mowing but were not on their map, outside Washbrook House, in front of the Gables (for Sale) the little green opp Old Post Office row. They had asked for a further £60 to include these spaces. We will offer £30 as an increase or £40 if required (**SE to action**). RR stated that the tender map was not precise and needed to be reviewed. Suggested a walk-around and Cllr Lukas offered to create an electronic mapping for the purpose of future tendering.

Andrew Lukas wanted to say that a great deal of work has been done in the Cemetery by the Councillors' Working Party.

Andrew also proposed that the Playground repairs for seats /chains would be £458 plus delivery, so he wanted the go ahead to fix the swing himself and to purchase the timbers for the climbing frame at £50.00 GE seconded this proposal and all agreed. **AL to action**

Date of next meeting : Monday 20th July (may also consider an interim meeting in June on Wed 17th – to be confirmed)

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.33pm