

Minutes of ...

LITTLE COMPTON ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of Little Compton Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present : Councillors Graeme Evans, Andrew Lukas, Sarka Wilde, Clerk Sarah Elliott and District Cllr Sarah Whalley-Hoggins.

1. Apologies accepted from Chairman Ian Robinson, Cllr Rachel Righton and County Cllr Jo Barker. Meeting Chaired by Vice Chairman, Sarka Wilde.
2. Minutes of the meeting on 15 November were proposed to be a true and accurate record by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Lukas and signed by the Vice Chairman.
3. Report by District Councillor, Sarah Whalley-Hoggins : (i) The debate around merging of Stratford district with Warwick and Leamington Spa goes on and has not yet reached a conclusion. (ii) Covid seems to be under control and business at a local level is getting back to normal. (iii) The Green Bin Collection service has been hugely successful and as a result the cost is going to be increased to £42.00 per year (iv) Cllr Sarah talked about the South Warwickshire Housing Project, but there are no current plans to build in Little Compton. (v) There is however, an application into WOxon DC for a travellers' site at Gt Wolford which may affect Little Compton so councillors were advised to take a look at the planning application on WODC website. (vi) lastly, SDC Sarah brought up again the poor state of the nearby roads of Oxfordshire and stated that if your car runs over a pothole causing a puncture it is possible to claim the cost back from West Oxford County Council. She encouraged anyone having driving problems caused by the excess mud on the road from lorries leaving the site, to be reported to Oxfordshire County Council, along with photographic evidence if possible.
4. Clerk's Report : (i) Budget has been drafted for consideration by the councillors and Responsible Finance Officer. (ii) A response has been received from Trevor Gill (lives in Avon Dassett) who has agreed to become our new internal auditor for the usual fee as

suggested by WALC with no additional costs incurred. (iii) An email has been sent to Clare Hall to book the Village Hall for the coming year for council meetings. (iv) Verbal note to start considering the Annual Parish Meeting and get village residents involved and check if we will be quorate as two councillors are away on 21st March. (v) Had a conversation with a member of the public about an upcoming burial into the plot previously reserved for Mr Fred Newman. Clerk will correspond with the funeral directors this week. (vi) Clerk put forward suggestion that as we have had such good reports about Lawns to Mow, can we continue their contract for a further year, subject to review. All three councillors were in agreement to this and so Clerk will ask Lawns to Mow to for a review of their pricing for the coming year.

5. Correspondence Received from the public : (i) Clerk received a telephone call from a local resident regarding his concern over the latest planning application by the Greedy Goose in developing their site for accommodation. He pointed out that the Application Notice was not advertised as it should have been and was removed after only 48 hours. He is concerned about the AONB status and the 3 very bright floodlights used already with ill regard for the dark skies policy and the flat created at Jack's Barn which is being rented out to a non-family member, in disregard to the planning rules set for its use. Now the owners want to develop a flat roof garage between two other buildings into a pitched roof studio space, which he thinks will be used in future as a further rental accommodation without permission or planning status. He asked if the council would put forward an objection.
6. Members of the public : (i) Ann Hanks suggested we advertise the Annual Parish Meeting in the Centre Point magazine. She also asked about details of the Cemetery rules and regulations and a plan of the plots laid out which she believed we should have amongst our paperwork.
7. Financial Report : The draft budget has been seen by our Responsible Finance Officer and other councillors. The precept was agreed (on the basis of the budget figures) to be set at £7,500 to cover additional costs such as Mowing Contract for the coming year and Internal Audit Cost. Precept was proposed by RFO Graeme and agreed by Cllrs Andrew and Sarka.
8. The Cemetery : we have received two payments: one for a memorial and another for an internment of ashes. We are expecting a burial in the next few weeks.
9. Planning Applications : Cllr Graeme Evans talked us through the current planning applications in the parish, including the developments at Greedy Goose (see notes above) and at Browns Barn (which the council has no objection to).

Date of next meeting will be March 21 2022.

Proposed date of Annual Parish Meeting to be Monday 25th April 2022

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