

LONDON COLNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2019 CALEDON COMMUNITY CENTRE, CALEDON ROAD, LONDON COLNEY, 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors K Gardner (Chair), D Gordon, M MacMillan, M Mortuza, S Pearl, L Winstone

IN ATTENDANCE: E Payne, Clerk
PCSO Latoyah Jackson
Representatives from Colney Health Parish Council
Representatives from Barnet & District Angling Club
3 members of the public

37/19. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Lillico (family) and Cllr Pakenham (SADC meeting). Cllr Mahony was absent.

38/19. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations had been received that had not already been declared.

39/19. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2019 were received and approved as a true record of the meeting.

40/19. MATTERS ARISING NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

41/19 CHAIR'S REPORT AND URGENT ITEMS

41/19.1 The Chair welcomed members from the Barnet & District Angling Club who were attending the meeting to make a presentation to the Council.

41/19.2 She welcomed Cllrs Hathaway and Blunt from Colney Health Parish Council who were observing the meeting.

42/19. BARNET & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB

Mr Paul Hutton and Mr Ray Mouratsing were invited to make a presentation to the meeting about a proposal to work together to make a funding application to undertake improvement works at Lowbell Lane Lake.

Cllr Gardner thanked them for their presentation and opened the floor to members to ask relevant questions. There were questions raised about the current length of the lease. The parish council do not own the land but lease it from a third party who owns the industrial estate. The Angling Club then leases the fishing rights from the parish council. The Club are looking for a minimum lease of 7 years for security of tenure.

Standing Orders were suspended for Members of the Public to ask questions regarding the proposal

Concerns were raised about possible water extraction upstream which had occurred in the past and this would be reported to the Environment Agency for investigation.

Standing orders were reinstated.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) ***London Colney Parish Council and Barnet & District Angling Club will make a joint application for funding to make improvements to the facilities at Lowbell Lane Lake.***
- b) ***The Clerk will investigate the current situation with the lease with the angling club with regards to a longer term of lease and report to a future meeting.***
- c) ***The Clerk will investigate the current lease situation with the landowner and report to a future meeting.***

43/19. COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

PCSO Latoyah Jackson attended the meeting and answered questions about community safety matters. Residents are warned about of scam calls purporting to be from HMRC; reports of anti social behaviour received with drug taking at Napsbury, White Horse Lane and Cotlandswick and a garage break-in.

Members raised with PCSO Jackson a missing bollard at the A1081 roundabout which was installed to allow the emergency services to access the roundabout from Alexander Road. The missing bollard means that traffic can enter the roundabout unsafely as it is not part of the traffic light controlled streams.

Residents raised parking issues at Richardson Close and Members advised them to ring the parking hotline which operates up to 10pm 01727 845283.

There will be a crime prevention event held at the Caledon Community Centre on Friday 16th August 2019, 7-8.30pm.

44/19. QUESTION TIME

44/19.1 A member of the public asked if improved signage could be installed at Richardson Close which is a cul de sac, split into two. There is currently inadequate signage indicating which house numbers are located on each side of the road. This is a District Council matter.

A further conversation was held regarding the parking issues faced in the close. District Councillors reported that previous consultations had been held with residents about installing a controlled parking zone which had not progressed because there hadn't been sufficient support for the scheme. Cllr Gordon will ask the District Council to investigate this further.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with Parking Enforcement to ask for operatives to add this to the scheme of sites to be patrolled by the additional enforcement officers paid for by the Parish Council.

44/19.2 A member of the public asked when the dome over Watford Football Club would be removed. It was explained that as there is an appeal pending this means the dome would not be removed until the appeal had been decided.

45/19. MINUTES

45/19.1 Events & Community Committee – 9 July 2019

Members received the minutes of this committee and there were no recommendations to Council. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Adopt the minutes of the Events & Community Committee held on 9 July 2019 as a true record of the meeting.

45/19.2 Planning Committee – 9 July 2019

Members received the minutes of this committee and there were no recommendations to Council. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Adopt the minutes of the Events Committee held on 9 July 2019 as a true record of the meeting.

46/19 FINANCE

46/19.1 Income & Expenditure for period ending 31 May 2019

Members received the income and expenditure reports and there were no questions. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Approve the Income and Expenditure Reports for the period ending 31 May 2019.

46/19.2 Payments Authorised for period 1 April – 31 May 2019

Members received the payments to be authorised report and it was **RESOLVED** to:

Approve the Payment Schedule for period 1 April 2019 – 31 May 2019

46/19.3 Receipts Received 1 April – 31 May 2019

Members received the receipts received report and there were no questions.

47/19. OFFICER'S REPORTS

47/19.1 Grounds Maintenance Manager's Report

Members received the Grounds Maintenance Manager's report. It was confirmed that the wildflower seeds would be sown in September 2019. Members expressed disappointment that the project had not been progressed despite it having been suggested some time previously. Members should be advised when projects can't be progressed with an email explaining what the delay is in the implementation.

47/19.2 Community & Events Officer's Report

Members received a report from the Community & Events Officer on future events. Members asked about ticket sales for Picnic in the Park which will be provided by email to all members.

47/19.3 Hot Water Heater at Napsbury

Members received a report on the costs relating to the hot water system at Napsbury. Members considered replacement versus repair and it was **RESOLVED** to:

Apply for funding from the District Council's Cotlandswick reserves to replace the hot water system at Napsbury pavilion.

47/19.4 PARISH COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-23 FIRST DRAFT

Members received the first draft of this plan. They considered that it should be referred back to the individual committees for further consideration.

48/19. CORRESPONDENCE

48/19.1 SADC Planning Enforcement Task & Finish Group – 21 August 2019

Cllr Gardner, as Chair of the task and finish group introduced the letter to attend the planning enforcement task and finish group meeting. Cllr Mortuza was appointed to attend the meeting to represent the parish council. Any member with evidence of planning enforcement issues should report to Cllr Mortuza.

48/19.2 GRAND PLANNING – STOPPING UP ORDER FOR HIGHWAY AT THE GOLDEN LION PUBLIC HOUSE

Members received further clarification on the proposed changes to the highway at The Golden Lion public house and rationale behind the changes. Members considered the further information supplied about the proposals and considered that it would improve the area. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Withdraw the objections to the scheme.

48/19.3 REQUEST FOR A SKATE PARK

Members received an email from a local resident requesting that the parish council consider the installation of a skate park at proposed locations in the village. Members would welcome the improvement of facilities for young people and if the resident was able to suggest any land that was within the control of the parish council then the proposal could be considered further.

48/19.4 VILLAGE CONCERN – CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ACTION TAKEN

Members received the correspondence but were unclear as the nature of the request. There were a lot of issues listed within the correspondence but none of them were within the remit of the parish council. The correspondence was noted.

48/19.5 SADC PARISH CONFERENCE – FRIDAY 19 JULY 2019

Members were advised of this conference to be held at Redbourn. Cllrs Pakenham and Winstone had indicated that they were interested in attending.

48/19.6 SADC – WRITTEN EVIDENCE FOR THE PLANNING, RESOURCES, HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2019

Members received correspondence relating to providing evidence to the committee on how parish councils and the public were able to access information and guidance when an incursion takes place and to review the Council's procedure for dealing with incursions on private and public land. The Clerk will compile a response on behalf of the parish council following on from the latest incident and she would liaise with the Chair when it had been completed.

49/19. MEMBER'S POINTS OF INTEREST RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

Litter at The Bell Roundabout (Cllr Gordon).

Cllr Gordon reported on how she had previously tried, without response, to contact Hertsmere BC regarding the issue of litter at this site. She advised Members that HCC officers were now in contact with Hertsmere about the issue. The Clerk has contact details for the officers at SADC who are responsible for this matter.

50/19. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OTHER AUTHORITIES

Cllr Gordon reported on her attendance at the health and wellbeing meeting at the District Council where the matter of hospital provision and refurbishment had been discussed. The health authority has decided to improve the existing facilities at Hemel Hempstead General Hospital and St Albans City Hospital.

In her capacity as County Councillor, Cllr Gordon reported on a motion regarding Herts Fire and Rescue Service downgrading their tenders to smaller vehicles with smaller crews to allow a more rapid response. Smaller vehicles mean that the same level of equipment can't be carried. A trial of smaller vehicles will be held.

Cllr Gardner reported that along with Cllr Gordon and Pakenham, she had attended the Police Priority Setting Forum meeting where the priorities for the quarter had been discussed. These included anti-social motorbike use, theft from motor vehicles including number plate theft. There had been a discussion about the anti-social behaviour at the Morris Way Recreation Ground car park in addition to speeding and mobile phone use whilst driving.

51/19. REPORTS OF EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

There were no external meetings attended.

52/19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

To resolve to exclude the Press and the public from the following items in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.