

Lawford Parish Council



Minutes of the Public Realm Committee to be held in the Small Hall, Ogilvie Hall, Wignall Street, Lawford, CO11 2JG on Monday 2 August 2021 at 6.30pm.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs Peachey

MINUTES

1. Present:

Councillors Pretty (acting Chair) Thurlow, Newman Wright, C & V Guglielmi

Clerk: Mrs Peachey

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Barrett and Woods

Members of the public:

None

2. Minutes:

Minutes of the **Public Realm** meeting held **Tuesday 6 April 2021**.were approved

Proposed: Cllr C Guglielmi **Seconded:** Cllr Pretty **Agreed**

3. Action Points from the meetings held on 6 April 2021:

Clerk to arrange Annual Council Meeting	Completed
Take returning Tennis Courts to grass to Full Council to discuss	Completed
Write to thank young resident for Skate Park suggestion	Completed
Obtain a quote from Landscape Services to strim the Suds twice a year whilst cutting the grass.	Completed
Ref SUDS - concrete had broken off and was in the ditch – Cllr C Guglielmi will check and advise council.	Unknown See * below
Clerk to advise DA Cant of agreement for then to install 'y' shaped path. Cllr Thurlow will liaise	Completed
Cllr Thurlow to email the Clerk with a list of Highways works needing attention for reporting if possible, or inclusion on Full Council Agenda	Completed and reported

*Cllr Guglielmi had not been able to check the SUDS due to the season's growth of wildflowers and grasses. They will be cut back in Autumn.

4. Declarations of interest:

None

5. Frankenberg Partnership Association:

The prospective visit has been postponed until June 2022

6. General items:

- a) **Staghorn Sumac** – resident at 119 Long Road has notified council the plant is coming up in his drive, the plant is growing in front of his property on the verge that council cuts. John Glover has been asked to provide advice after inspection.

Note: Clerk has been asked to enquire of ECC as to the possibility of an increase to the Grant they provide Annually to cut grass. **Action - Clerk**

- b) **VAS** – following discussion it was decided council could not site the VAS in a position that enabled maintenance and battery changing to be carried out safely. It was suggested it be advertised to see if there was any interest in the VAS. It was noted it hadn't been used for a couple of years and could not be tested to see if still working therefore under the circumstances it was felt a charge could not be made. **Action – Clerk to approach EALC**

- c) Celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022 – following a discussion it was felt if an event were to be organised it would be better if all three councils were involved. Manningtree and Mistley should be approached to see if they intended to organise an event.

Action - Clerk

7. School Lane:

- a) **Review Football Club rent** – regularity of a review over the 50year period of the new lease, required by FJG to incorporate in the lease. It was agreed the rent would be reviewed Annually at the Budget Setting meeting. **Action - Clerk to advise FJG Solicitors**

- b) Other Items Committee may wish to raise, discuss, or take forward

- i) Approval of expenditure to re-site bricks. Quote still awaited from Wood for Stone. If not received Cllr Thurlow will speak to Bob Horlock. Cllr Thurlow advised the Football Club will give a donation towards re-siting the bricks **Action – to Full Council**

8. Summers Park:

- a) Footpaths – as previously advised LPC were not successful with its bid for Grant funding.

- i) Cllr Thurlow therefore proposed the 'Y' shaped path and one passing the playground (D A Cant £6k) together with the hardstanding behind the school (Shaun Garrod £8.5k - *at time of meeting the written quote was awaited*) be undertaken before winter sets in. It was suggested council budgets annually to complete the further projects until all are completed.

Action - To full Council for approval

- b) See above for an update ref quote/work for hardstanding behind the school – to be completed while the school is closed for the summer holiday.

- c) Other Items Committee raised

- i. Litter Bins – Cllr Thurlow has spoken to John Cameron at TDC, and an agreement was made that Veolia will empty litter bins allocated to LPC by Rose Builders but not the ones in the play area at Summers Park. It was suggested they be moved when the path is done and reinstated outside the play area. **Action – Clerk to speak to Rose about removing the bins**

- d) It was highlighted the snapped trees at Summers Park are 'sprouting' at the bottom. Clerk was asked to speak to John Glover regarding their management and any appropriate action that may need to be taken. Also, to ask that the dead trees be removed, and the others be inspected.

9. Riverview:

- a) No items were raised.

b) Lawford Green:

- a) Use of car park – for information

- i) Little Pumpkins are locking/unlocking car park whilst school is on summer holidays.

- ii) Rose borrowed keys from Council's handyman, without notice to Council, to use for a site related event. Rose have been advised prior notice is required.

- b) Cllr C Guglielmi advised funding had been provided for a gate on Little Pumpkins perimeter fence. There will be some parking at the school and in LPC's car park.

- c) For information - the back gate to the car park remains damaged and secured by a chain and coded padlock.

- d) Cllr C Guglielmi will circulate an article relating to the Milestone's

The meeting ended at 7.27pm

The next **Public Realm Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday 4 October 2021**

Signature: (Chairman)Date: