



## LAVENDON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Quarterly Finance & Budget Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Building, High Street, on Monday, 12 December 2011 at 7.30 pm.

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Present: Mr D Tomkins, Mrs S Boon, Mr J Edwards, Mr A Tourle  
Mrs E Gillies [Clerk], Miss M Franklin [RFO]  
Cllr P Geary + 3 member of the public

Apologies: Mrs K Porter [Chair], Mrs J Underwood, Cllr D Brock

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1. Mr Tomkins, as acting Chair in the absence of Mrs Porter, welcomed all those present to the last meeting of 2011. Apologies for absence were noted.
2. **To Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 14 November 2011 were resolved.**
3. **Declaration of Interests on Agenda items - None**
4. **Finance Report:**
  - a. Items submitted for payment in December were resolved.
  - b. E'on – do council wish to use online service? – The council do not wish to use this service.
6. **Other Ongoing Issues:**
  - a. *Landscaping* – Quotes for 'whole village grass cutting quotes / cost for bench base to be resolved. The council requested that a further quotation be sought for the grass cutting. The cost for the bench base and dog bin base from Mr Collins were resolved. The Clerk is to order the dog bin 'Metal Fido 50' from Glasdons, as resolved.  
Cllr Geary is to address the issue of the wrong bus time tables on the Lavendon bus stops, and check if the bus stop by the Old School is still in use.
  - b. *Cemetery/extension* – updates – It was noted that the asbestos sheets and skip have now been removed. The Clerk had also informed the council that the mound of earth will be removed by the funeral directors, as had previously been agreed. A meeting to discuss the way forward with the cemetery extension has still to be arranged for the new year.
  - c. *Pavilion* – updates – The Clerk is to inform the electrician that the light in the hallway needs fixing. The specification for the refurbishment has been done and needs to be checked against the plans.
  - d. *Allotments* – updates – An A2 sized, weatherproof notice-board is to be priced for fixing to the gate.  
The council were informed that three allotment tenants had not paid their rent. These are to be given until the end of December to pay or lose their allotments.

e. *The Old School* – The council resolved the quotation received from BBS Building Services and the Clerk will inform the contractor the work needs to be done quickly as it is a Health and Safety issue.

f. *Diamond Jubilee* – updates – Beacon, who will be responsible? – The council resolved that the Jubilee Committee would be responsible for the Beacon Bonfire. The Clerk is to forward the information to Mrs Porter. The Parish Council will need to know if the Jubilee Committee will be proceeding with the Beacon, and if so, who will be the responsible person overseeing it and where the committee plan to site it. The Beacon will need to be near a water source in order that after the event it can be suitably doused to ensure it is not left burning.

g. *NAG* - Mr Tomkins informed the council that Speedwatch was very much on the NAG agenda, and that there was no team for Lavendon at present. Three to four volunteers would be required. This will be discussed in February.

A new initiative for farmers to liaise with the police with thefts on farms is now in force. The new 101 emergency response telephone number, is reported as working very well.

h. *Planning* – None for discussion

**6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

**7. Matters Arising:**

a. *for information*

b. *for future agendas* – February - Speedwatch

The last meeting of 2011 was closed at 8.30 pm

Signed .....Chairman

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