



## LAVENDON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Old School Building, High Street, on Monday, 10 October 2011 at 7.30 pm.

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Present: Mrs K Porter [Chair], Mrs B Shaw [Vice Chair], Mrs J Underwood Mr D Tomkins,  
Mr J Edwards  
Mrs E Gillies [Clerk], Miss M Franklin [RFO], , Cllr P Geary  
2 members of public, Cllr R Ward  
Apologies: Mrs D Tomkins, Cllr D Brock

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1. The Chair welcomed all those present and apologies for absence were noted.
2. The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 12 September 2011 were resolved.
3. **Declaration of Interests on Agenda items** - None
4. **Finance Report:**
  - a. Items submitted for payment in October were resolved.
  - b. Allotment bills – The RFO reported that after consultation with the Chair the allotment invoices were sent out at £4 per pole and no increases made. It was also resolved that the PSLA should be invoiced in advance for the coming term.
5. **Other Ongoing Issues:**
  - a. *Landscaping* – Quotes for ‘whole village grass cutting & The Parish Field – The quotations from Countrywide have been requested. The Clerk was asked to also get a quotation for Soames Green, off Joiners Way.  
It was reported that there is a dead tree at the entranceway to the Pavilion, which will be looked into. There was some discussion on how to deal with the over-hanging crab apple by the small children’s play area. Cllr Ward did point out that although the Parish Council are within their rights to cut the over-hanging branches, this would severely unbalance the tree. The Parish Council requested that Cllr Ward look into this matter on their behalf.  
The owner of the land adjacent the Parish Field on the Bedford Road, put a proposal to the Parish Council to possibly set up the Parish Field as allotments, along with running water and a drive on area, along with the possibility of moving the 30 mph sign as a possible planning gain. The Parish Council said that they would consider the offer, but until Planning Permission had been granted could not proceed with discussions or any decisions as to Planning Gain.
  - b. *Cemetery* – Procedures – The Procedures have now been read by the Councillors. The Clerk reported that she had requested two green bins for the cemetery. The Chair reported that Community Payback would be removing the hedge between the Cemetery and new cemetery extension.

- c. *Pavilion* – updates – The flood lights on the exterior of the building should be fitted during half term.
- d. *Allotments* – Procedures – The possibility of amicable swapping of plots was discussed and the council agreed this would be possible.
- e. *The Old School* – tarmac areas - Opening Event 2011 – The council agreed that a small ceremony would take place in the back school play area, with details to be agreed.
- f. *Diamond Jubilee* – updates - Cllr Geary agreed a donation sum of £400 towards the Beacon. The Chair will email details so far to the councillors, including a letter that will be sent to all residents regarding the coins to be given to all children in the village aged 16 years and under.
- g. *NAG* – The Chair reported that she had resigned from the NAG at which she was co-ordinating the community speed-watch. The councillors were asked to consider if one of them could undertake attending the NAG to continue this work. Mr Rob Ward informed the Parish Council that the Olney Road surface is being looked into. He was also requested to look at the Rectory Orchard road surface that is also in need of attention.
- h. *Planning* – It was noted that the Lavendon Parish Council letter of Objection against the Nunn Wood Wind Farm Appeal had been sent.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - None**

**7. Matters Arising:**

- a. *for information* – The Vice Chair, Mrs Shaw announced her resignation.
- b. *for future agendas*

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed .....Chairman

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