

CLAWSON, HOSE & HARBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2023 AT LONG CLAWSON VILLAGE HALL
LOUNGE AT 7PM

At 7pm the Vice Chairman, Cllr Simpkin, welcomed County Cllr Lovegrove, Borough Cllr Evans and 3 visitors to the meeting and invited comments from the floor

Two visitors spoke about planning application 21/01134/FUL ‘Overbrook’ 2 Mill Lane, Long Clawson. They advised that the report responded to the PC objections, and it stated the development would not add to existing flooding problems. The development would not restrict the open view along Mill Lane. The Chairman thanked them for their comments.

CCllr Lovegrove gave an update on various matters including the Melton bypass which is being funded by LCC and will bring regeneration to Melton as well as traffic relief.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their comments and opened the meeting at 7.05pm

22/91 COUNCILLORS PRESENT & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Simpkin (Vice-Chair, Acting Chair), Dames, Dunn, Heald, McCulloch
LC Cllr Lovegrove and Borough Cllr Evans
Apologies received from Cllrs Cheetham and Oldershaw

22/92 NOTIFICATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Dunn declared a personal interest in items 4ci (21/01134/FUL) and 4civ (22/01351/FULHH) planning applications as a neighbour
Cllr Dames declared a personal interest in R Scarborough as an employee

22/93 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING dated 12th December 2022 were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

22/94 PLANNING MATTERS

22/94a Planning Decisions - Permission granted. Nil reported
Permission refused. Nil reported

22/94b Appeals lodged / Inspector’s decisions/Withdrawn applications. Nil reported

22/94c Planning Applications

- i 21/01134/FUL ‘Overbrook’ 2 Mill Lane, Long Clawson**
Demolition of existing bungalow and storage buildings, erection of 3 no. new single storey dwellings, construction of new driveway, replacement of existing vehicle bridge over brook + new flood compensation area. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
The information provided by the visitors prior to the meeting and the additional information was discussed. It was noted that:
- the report was overly technical making it difficult for a layman to assess whether the flooding issue would be exacerbated by additional development;
 - the blocked culvert under the Sands was an ongoing issue which impacted this application
- The Parish Council agreed that the objections to the application were still valid and asked the Clerk to draft the PC observations for approval by Cllr Simpkin
- ii 22/01342/FULHH 50 Stathern Lane, Harby**
Extension to rear of existing garage to form new home office
The Parish Council had no objections to this application

(2 visitors left the meeting at 7.15pm)

22/95g Street Lighting

Cllr McCulloch provided an analysis of street light repairs and repeat failures. **AGREED** it would be a future meeting agenda item when a permanent clerk was in post

22/95h Street Furniture (including bus shelters)

The Royal British Legion benches were reported as fitted. Clerk to send letter of thanks. Cllr Dames advised the bus shelter at Boyers Orchard needed revarnishing. Cllr McCulloch to obtain a quote.

22/95i Playgrounds

- i The Pingle: damage to fence adjacent to the road. Cllr Cheetham to follow up with the person who damaged the fence to claim from insurance.
- ii Playground Supplies Ltd 23.11.22 Quarterly playground inspections. Clerk had asked Playground Supplies Ltd what remedial action is needed for items classified as in 'poor' condition. They had replied that these items were old, worn out and not worth repairing. It was **AGREED**:
 - they should be monitored for safety and replaced if the item became a danger to use.
 - to ask the handyman to repair the minor items listed under 'Defects/Tasks' which he could undertake safely and let the clerk know which items required specialist repair;
 - clerk to check if the PC still had any Wet Pour Repair Kit or replacement safety playground tiles and get quotes if necessary

22/95j Traffic (including TTROs)

- i LCC 13.12.22: Advance notice of a TTRO: Boyers Orchard, Harby noted
- ii LCC 5.1.23: Advance notice of a TTRO: Waltham Lane, Long Clawson noted

22/95k Training:

22/95l Incident Register: It was **AGREED** the damage to the Pingle fence should not be included

22/95m Reports / Comments from Cllrs

- i **To consider actions and progress so far from Community Actions Working Groups**
(All Cllrs to update on progress & next steps)
Environmental – Cllrs Cheetham, Oldershaw & Simpkin
Transport – Cllrs Dunn, Heald & McCulloch.
Cllr Dunn reported that, although dangerous parking had improved temporarily after a letter to the school, it was building up again. Clerk to write again to the school
Community Facilities – Cllrs Cheetham & Dames
- ii Comments / concerns from Cllrs

22/95n 19/50 Reports from PC Village Hall Representatives

Cllr Heald reported he had attended a meeting between a member of the Harby Village Hall Committee and the owner of a right of way behind the Leys. After discussion of alternative sites for a new village hall it had been agreed that the Harby Village Hall Committee would investigate other sites which did not impact upon the right of way

22/95o Report from Clerk. Nil

22/96 FINANCE

22/96a Financial Correspondence (including Remittance Advice)

- i Request from Harby Village Hall Committee for funds from the Roland Gale legacy, which is administered by the PC, for provision and maintenance of defibrillators in Harby. It was noted that £8505.97 remained of the original £11,106.61 between Harby and Long Clawson. It was **AGREED** that:
 - Cllr Simpkin would check if the defibrillator in the old phone box at the corner of Dickmans Lane was still working;
 - Clerk should ask the HVHC if the Methodist Chapel was the best place for one as it was too near the Village Hall?
- ii **AGREED** that, as the Royal British Legion benches had now been installed (see item 22/96b vii below) the clerk should write to accept its offer of a contribution towards the cost of installation

22/96b Accounts for Payment

Budget review to end of December bank statements & invoices were available for inspection. Invoices were checked/initialed by Cllr Simpkin before the meeting.

i	TSB Bank plc	(DD)	£8.20	Bank charges
ii	NEST	(DD)	£59.46	Pension contribution
iii	HMRC	(Bacs)	£247.78	Tax & NI
iv	Mr A Najdowski	(Bacs)	£290.66	Wages & expenses
v	Mrs E Crowther	(Bacs)	£598.50	Consultant interim clerk
vi	Hose Baptist Church	(Bacs)	£30.00	Room donation 12.12.22
vii	Richard Scarborough	(Bacs)	£960.00	Groundwork
viii	Npower Business Solutions	(Bacs)	£664.76	Electricity Dec 22
ix	Waterplus	(Bacs)	£6.75	Water LC cemetery
x	National World Publishing Ltd	(Bacs)	£478.80	Internet job listing
xi	National World Publishing Ltd	(Bacs)	£315.12	Melton Times job listing
xii	Richard Scarborough	(Bacs)	£1000.00	Groundwork
xiii	St Mary's Church Harby	(Bacs)	£1000.00	Grant grounds maintenance
xiv	St Michael & All Angels Church Hose	(Bacs)	£146.00	Grant green waste bins
xv	Handicentre (Bingham) Ltd	(Bacs)	£45.80	Materials for repairs

22/97 CORRESPONDENCE

22/97a Correspondence for Information none

22/97b Correspondence for Discussion (detailed below & available to Cllrs) none

22/97c Urgent correspondence received after the clerk's report and requiring discussion

- i LCC 12.1.23: Community Speedwatch 2023 information noted but no further action as short deadline
- ii Alicia Kearns MP Jan 2023: Defibrillator information re 'The Circuit' a national database for ambulance services to identify the nearest device noted
- iii SLCC Clerk magazine Jan 23 noted
- iv 'Clerks & Councils Direct' Jan 23 noted

22/98 NEW CLERK RECRUITMENT

No applications received to date. Cllr Simpkin advised that Cllr Cheetham would raise the vacancy profile on Facebook

22/99 2023/23 DRAFT BUDGET

It was noted that a PC contingency/reserves amount is recommended between 3 months and 6 months expenditure budget. After considering Cllr Dames concerns that not enough information had been provided in the clerk's report for this meeting, the Vice Chairman asked the Parish Council to vote and it was **AGREED** by 4 votes and one abstention a total budget of £133,907, an expenditure budget of £100,721 and precept request of £72000 for the financial year 2023/24. Cllr Dames abstained and asked the clerk to give her a hard copy of the budget information

22/100 REVIEW OF CEMETERY CHARGES

Agreed to consider at a future meeting. Clerk to circulate comparable Diocesan charges

22/101 INCREASE IN QUARTERLY PLAYGROUND INSPECTION CHARGE FROM £225 to £275
AGREED unanimously.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs for attending and the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed.....

20th February 2023