



MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF LIMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2025, 7PM AT OXTED LIBRARY

Attending parish councillors: Thomas Briggs (Chair), Mark Wilson, John Thompson, Tony Taylor, Jenny Williams, Bob Harvey, Bernie de Haldevang, Ann Osborn and Michael Tinker.

District Cllrs: Ian Booth, Claire Blackwell; Clerk: Sophie Martin

1. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Following due process for Casual Vacancy, motion to co-opt Michael Tinker as councillor following resignation of Sophie Kemp in February.

Michael Tinker gives brief introduction to himself (He has already met 4 of the councillors in person).

Proposed by: Thomas Briggs Seconded by: John Thompson. All present (6) in favour. (AO and BdH not present at this point)

Michael Tinker is duly co-opted as parish councillor, effective immediately.

Acceptance of office signed before the proper officer.

DPI form filled in and signed. To be sent with acceptance forms to elections officer at TDC.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cameron McIntosh

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE INTEREST

[Ann Osborn Limpsfield in Bloom grant]

4. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

All agreed as circulated. MW to sign as TB was absent for February meeting.

5. PUBLIC SESSION - Any member of the public wishing to discuss an item in the public session, should email the Clerk. clerk@limpsfield.org

None.

6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (Surrey CC & Tandridge DC)

Claire Blackwell

- Devolution: Initial plan from Surrey County Council and the District and Borough councils is due for submission on 21st March and final plan 9th May. Nothing more to report now.
- JT asks about housing supply figures, which are very high. CB says TDC will have to try to get this reduced, but it will be difficult.
- "Grey Belt" will be a big issue for villages in the green belt. Green Belt assessments will be undertaken across the district.
- AT asks about number of planning application decisions made by officers, vs those that go to the TDC Planning Committee. CB says very few applications are called in to Committee – the vast majority are determined by the delegated officer powers. There will shortly be another white paper that will outline powers of Planning Committees (District).

7. CHAIRMAN'S NOTE(s)

7.1. Newsletter – last call for entries. TB to provide introduction to include reference to devolution.

7.2. TB raises CIL money and it's worth thinking about any projects. Applications from 1 May.

7.3. AOB – reminder – Clerk review

8. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE - Cllr Antony Taylor/Clerk

8.1. Note of end of February 2025 balances – Current balances £84,291

8.2. March expenditure items for approval/to note

8.3. Budget proposals and grant requests:

8.3.1. CAB – general grant. CAB has requested a sum of £1000. This is felt to be too high for LPC to contribute. MW proposes £500. JW seconds. 4 for, 4 Against, 1 abstention Chair has casting vote (against) TB proposes £350 AT seconds. 5 for, 4 against.

8.3.2. Air Ambulance – KSSAS (Kent, Surrey, Sussex). Request for £500. We have donated in the past (around £300). MW proposes, TB seconds. All in favour.

- 8.3.3. First Responders – defibrillator maintenance - £140 AT proposes, MW seconds. All in favour.
- 8.3.4. Chart Fair support - £375 to cover administration and support – AO proposes TB seconds. All in favour.
- 8.3.5. Limpsfield in Bloom grant – AO gives overview of final does not vote due to disclosable interest. TB / BdH. JW abstains due to issue with mowing of the Glebe Field (see below*). Everyone else in favour (7). AO says that this will be the last year that LIB will enter, after 20 years of taking part in the RHS Villages in Bloom, but the group will continue in the village in a less formal capacity.
- 8.3.6. LW / Brook Field footpath maintenance / aggregate AO - £395.01 – AO proposes, MW seconds. All approved.

***The Glebe Field, Detillens Lane.** JW raises the issue of the mechanical mowing of the Glebe Field which she believes conflicts with our efforts of biodiversity. Roger Oldfield (resident of Detillens Lane) is gathering agreement and contributions for this from residents of The Glebe Field. Ann does not agree it is in conflict. Claire Blackwell notes that wildflower meadows should be mown once a year in the autumn.

Roger Oldfield is apparently instigating the first mow on Wednesday 12th March. It is not clear on whose authority the residents are mowing the field. It is a designated local green space (designated by the Parish Council for the LNP). It is owned by the Diocese and no longer tenanted by Amanda Skinner for her cattle. Some of the residents believe that mowing the field makes it less open to development, MW and JW believe this is quite the opposite and very inappropriate. They believe the residents should have approached the Parish Council due to its LGS designation and do not have the authority to act on behalf of the parish in this matter.

9. PLANNING - Cllr Jenny Williams

- 9.1. Any urgent planning applications - None
- 9.2. Enforcement updates – Chic Grooming has appealed against the enforcement notice.
- 9.3. Recent determinations of note – Manor House Villa wall application (see January Minutes) was approved by TDC.
- 9.4. Outstanding applications of note - None

9.5.AOB –

- 9.5.1. BH enquires about planning for shed in Jumping Jacks car park. Plastic shed on concrete base. JW will look.
- 9.5.2. Grasshopper application has gone to appeal. To await decision. CB notes that while this is frustrating there is nothing more that can be done at this stage in the process.
- 9.5.3. Whinchat Cottage – Hookwood – MW has reported the rubbish dump to TDC to Environmental Health / Enforcement. It is believed that rubbish is being dumped there by the owner, that is not from the property. CB to follow up.

10.NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE Cllr Ann Osborn

- 10.1. Any updates regarding current projects – Brook Field
- 10.2. AO is now Chair of Friends of Limpsfield Common.
- 10.3. LNP Review update MW – last meeting went through 4 of the policies and will work through the rest with a view to refocusing on policies.

11.BIODIVERSITY - Cllr Ann Osborn

- 11.1. Working Group Update – round table meeting on 4th February was very well attended with lots of positive updates and suggestions. AO has circulated a revised draft plan – awaiting comments and suggestions – to bring to the next meeting.
- 11.2. TB raises issue of deer culling and deer over-population on the common/Chart, with view to road safety and disease also problem with land/vegetation. MT says it is an issue on his land. Clerk notes that the local farmers have also raised the issue in the past (particularly since covid – with halt in culling and fragmentation of the Common /Chart areas).
AO to ask NT their views on this.

12.HIGHWAYS - Cllr Bob Harvey

- 12.1. Any highways issues of note.
Kent Hatch Road completed.
Pebble Hill potholes. Please report.
Detillens Lane and High Street – to be done but no date yet.

13.PARISH ASSETS – Cllr Bob Harvey

13.1. Horse Trough update - MW proposes that we contribute to the trough through insurance claim to a level that is appropriate – around £6K and crowd fund for the rest to obtain a like for like replica of the historic trough.

To be inserted into upcoming newsletter. TB/BH/BdH to organise crowd funding with the Clerk

13.2. Planters at Hookwood Bungalows. MW to bring proposal for replacement of rotting planters to next meeting.

14. CHART PLAYGROUND – Cllr Bob Harvey

14.1. Condition report and note regarding installation of spring rocker.

The spring rocker has now been replaced, and the condition of the playground is good and all in working order. Clerk proposes we offer the replacement spring rocker (purchased but cannot be used due to fixings) to Limpsfield Infants School. All in favour.

15. AOB

15.1. The Bull Inn. Following the meeting with The Bull, there will be suggestion for noticeboard.

15.2. Clerk Annual Review – discussion without the Clerk present.

Meeting ends 9.14 PM.



Signed Cllr Thomas Briggs, Chair

14/4/25