



## **Limsfield Parish Council – Neighbourhood Plan Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 23 October 2025 at 4:00pm**

**Venue:** St Peter's Parish Office

### **Present:**

Cllrs Ann Osborn (Chair), John Thompson, Mark Wilson

**Co-optee:** Ted Beresford-Knox

**Clerk:** Sophie Martin

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Sarah Butler Merritt – will be joining the Committee for future meetings.

### **2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**

None.

### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes were **signed as circulated**.

### **Matters Arising:**

- AO noted the previous discussion regarding a resident survey/questionnaire.
- This will be revisited once a response is received from TDC regarding the overview of implementation projects arising from the LNP Review.

### **4. Confirmation of Committee Membership**

- **Sarah Butler Merritt** will join the Committee (currently on holiday). Her availability for future meetings to be confirmed.
- **Maggie Morgan** will continue as a consultant co-optee but will not attend meetings.

### **5. Neighbourhood Plan Review – Update**

Awaiting feedback from TDC.

### **6. Review of 2025/26 Activities**

#### **6.1. Current Activity Updates:**

- **Assets of Community Value (ACVs):** Clerk (SM) to check expiry dates and follow up on re-registration of Limsfield RBL Clubhouse and St Peter's Church Hall.
- **Railings at Limsfield Traffic Lights (CAAMP):** Refurbishment almost complete – includes connection from Wolf's Row to High Street

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- **Planters at Traffic Lights (CAAMP):** Potential funding from Cameron McIntosh's YFS allocation. Awaiting Highways authorisation (sightline concerns). Alternative site may be needed (e.g. bottom of "Twitton" footpath). No additional activity to date in 2025.
- **Limpstield Way (LW) History Boards:** Refurbishment and enhancement in progress (funded via CIL).
- **Benches & Bins:** New bins recently installed at Tally Road Bus Shelter and Limpstield School by TDC – thanks recorded to Jim Lewthwaite. Glebe Meadow bin has been removed and in storage awaiting repurpose.

## 6.2. Speeding on the High Street

- MW stressed the need to progress a plan.
- Committee discussed establishing a **Speedwatch Group** (similar to Bluehouse and Detillens Lane).
- Agreed to publicise for volunteers via social media, Parish News, newsletter, and leaflet to residents.
- The same leaflet could include calls for other community/volunteer roles (see Item 6.4).
- **Speed Reduction Measures – SM to investigate costs etc for the following:**
  - Temporary speed signs.
  - "20MPH" bin stickers.
  - Pavement posters.
  - Lamppost signage.
  - Feasibility of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) in the village. (To consult with CMcl)

## 6.3. Assets of Community Value (ACVs)

As noted above – Clerk to follow up. No additional assets identified.

## 6.4. Conservation Area Enhancement (CIL Activity)

- **Weeding & Pavements:** Regular maintenance needed; likely requires professional support.
  - As Limpstield in Bloom is no longer continuing to enter the RHS competition formally there will be a need to keep Limpstield looking good. This is likely to need some professional gardening help.
  - There is a L in B meeting on 17 November and AO will bring a proposal to the December meeting for consideration for funding in 26/27.
  - Call for volunteers (including litter picking) to be issued – can be combined with Speedwatch leaflet.
- **Planters/Trough Maintenance:** To continue as part of ongoing work (volunteer led).

## 6.5. Biodiversity

- Continue **water monitoring** and associated publicity.
- Promote **small biodiversity grants** (budget still available 2025/26).

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- **Wildlife Corridors / B-Lines:** Review current initiatives and potential new activities; explore collaboration with local organisations.

## 6.6. Sustainable Tourism

- **Limsfield Way / Cycle Route:** Successful to date. Explore potential **cycle loop to Carpenters Arms and back** – possible support from Jon Rayner. Investigate low-cost implementation (signage/maps/publicity).
- **Local Walks:**
  - Consider consolidating and publicising existing walk information from Friends of Limsfield Common, Carpenters Arms and Limsfield Surrey websites.
  - Create a **dedicated walks page** on the LPC website.
  - Promote community activities such as **The Bull and Carpenters' Dog Walks**.

## 6.7. EV Charging Points

- This remains **SCC/TDC-led**.
- Explore options for **private land installations**.
- **Ellice Road Car Park** noted as a potential site. MW to investigate Chartham Park's revenue model for EV charging.

## 6.8. Broadband and Mobile Coverage

- Dedicated **webpage and resident survey** completed.
- Working with **Cameron McIntosh** and network providers to identify improvements (led by Michael Tinker).

## 6.9 Veteran Trees:

- JW queried possible actions.
- AO suggested liaising with organisations such as the National Trust.
- LPC could publicise and invite residents to report **Veteran Trees on private land** via website/newsletter/social media.

## 6.10 CCTV:

- Discussed – believed this is unlikely to be cost-effective at this point. There needs to be more justification for spending. Alternatives could be investigated for Glebe Meadow.

## 7. Project Suggestions for 2026/27 Budget

1. **Village and High Street Maintenance / Enhancement** – pavements, troughs, and wildflower area (potential CIL activity).
2. **Cycle Route & Walks Promotion** – under Sustainable Tourism (CIL activity).
3. **Playground Provision** – explore feasibility in village area, e.g. Glebe Meadow (Diocese-owned – unlikely to approve). AO to discuss alternative sites with **Nila Spiller** (e.g. St Peter's Church Hall land or Stanhopes Green).



4. **Broadband & Mobile Improvements** – continue provider engagement. Consider partial **CIL funding** for broadband extension (via AirFast – MT).

## 8. Any Other Business

- Maintain oversight of land adjacent to the **TDC building / Oxted Health Centre**.
- Begin dialogue with relevant stakeholders and arrange meeting with the **Strategy & Resources Committee** when feasible.

**Meeting Closed:** 17:36