



Latimer & Ley Hill Parish Council Meeting | MINUTES

27 June 2024 | 7.30pm | Ley Hill Memorial Hall, Ley Hill

ATTENDEES

Cllr Anne Birkett (AB), Cllr John Drewery (JD), Cllr Chris Gregory (CG), Cllr Rae Bramwell (RB), Cllr Emily King (EK), Cllr Steve Thorp, Cllr Chris Harris and Claire Leek (Parish Clerk)

AGENDA TOPICS

| Agenda topic 1 | Apologies for Absence

None

| Agenda topic 2 | Register of Interests

None

| Agenda topic 3 | Public Quarter Hour

No members of the public present

| Agenda topic 4 | Approval of May 16th Meeting Minutes

Formally approved by all. Signed by Chairman and Clerk to upload to website.

| Agenda topic 5 | Actions from Previous Minutes

CG is still to circulate the planning consultants comments and gauge enthusiasm and support for private environmental surveys.

| Agenda topic 6 | Finance

- a. **Approval of May finance report.** The finance report was approved and will be uploaded to the website.
- b. **Annual Governance Statement.** The Clerk prepared and presented the annual governance statement (2023 – 2024). This was signed by the Chair of the council and will be submitted to the external auditors.
- c. **Approval of Annual Accounting Statement.** The Clerk prepared and presented the annual accounting statement (2023 – 2024). This was signed by the Chair of the council and will be submitted to the external auditors.

| Agenda topic 7 | Burial Ground

- a. **Sub-committee walk around.** The sub-committee met and carried out a full walkaround of the burial ground. Refer to the notes for full details. Briefly, it was agreed to have a tidy up of the overgrown, self-seeded bushes and plants, remove any non-permitted keepsakes and memorials, staining of gate posts and replacement of the 1937 coronation bench which is beyond restoration.
- b. **Enquiries.** There will be an ashes interment on 2nd July, and the family have requested information about an additional plot purchase.

| Agenda topic 8 | Planning

a. Applications for consideration.

- i. **PL/24/1836/FA – Jasons Cottage, Jasons Hill, Ley Hill**
Part retrospective planning permission. No comment.

- ii. **Solar & Battery Storage – Land at Pudds Cross**

Consultation has been delayed until September, planning application is not yet submitted although this is outside of the parish boundary. The PC will discuss further however, noted that this is directly adjacent to an area of outstanding beauty and it will create an eyesore as you leave the village.

b. Enforcement and Planning Breaches.

- i. **Jason's Cottage .** A parishioner has voiced concern about the work taking place at Jason's Cottage, believing that some of the work breaches planning permission. This was prior to the part retrospective planning application recently submitted. The PC agreed to leave any planning application breaches to the planning officer assigned to the application. There was also concerns raised suggesting the rear boundary fence is positioned 40cm further out onto the footpath. This needs to be raised with the rights of way officer. In addition, there are concerns that the front boundary wall has been moved forward approx. 50cm. This needs to be raised with the Buckinghamshire Council estates team.

Action: Clerk to report the potential breach to RoW team and Estates team respectively.

| Agenda topic 9 | Council Business

- a. **Parish Walks.** The PC have been looking at ways to produce a set of local walks and make them available to residents and visitors to the villages. The clerk has created a page on the website and created a table to list and detail the 12 walks chosen. There has been a set-back to uploading the .gpx files for walking apps, onto the website but discussions are ongoing with the volunteer and the Clerk will look at other options.

Action: Clerk to look at options to link to .gpx files of walks.

- b. **D-Day.** The PC D-Day event was well attended and a wonderful event enjoyed by the community. Special thanks to Councillor Anne Birkett, Councillor Steve Thorp and all involved in the organisation of the commemorations.
- c. **Parish Survey.** The parish survey has received a number of responses to the parish survey to date. The survey remains open and will be detailed in the next issue of The News and Views, and circulated again via the parish newsletter. The Clerk will collate the responses over the next couple of months.

Action: AB to add details of the parish survey in the News and Views.

- d. **Silver Sunday.** This year the PC will hold an event on Wednesday 9th October to mark Age UKs Silver Sunday. This will be an adapted beetle drive, with tea, sandwiches and a raffle, organised by Councillor Rae Bramwell. More details to follow.
- e. **Meadham's Farm.** The road has been cleared of the mud previously reported. The route and the number of lorries is still a concern. In order to report an issue regarding the number of vehicle movements, a survey would be required, monitoring the number of lorries entering the site between the operating hours (7am and 5pm).
- f. **Springwell Quarry.** This unlicensed site is being filled, and material being tipped. Lorries going to this site are contributing to the number of lorries passing through Latimer and Ley Hill. This has been reported to Dacorum Council who have inspected the site and note no evidence of tipping. Nothing that the PC can do to push this.
- g. **Ley Hill Music Festival.** The Crown will host the Ley Hill Music festival on the August bank holiday weekend. The PC previously paid for a company to provide a diversion map required for the application of a road closure. Originally this was to be shared with the landlord of The Crown for the road closure for the music festival.

Action: Clerk to get in touch with the new landlady to offer the diversion map in case they want to apply for a road closure for the event.

A.O.B

- a. **Buckinghamshire Council – Estates Team.** There are a number of outstanding issues that need to be addressed by the estates team at Buckinghamshire Council.

Action: Clerk to contact David Stowe to chase and escalate these issues.

- b. **Jason's Hill Parking.** The parking at the top of Jason's Hill (adjacent to the Triangle) is becoming increasingly dangerous. This has been reported by a number of parishioners and needs to be addressed.

Action: RB to provide photo's to evidence the parking and Clerk to report.

Meeting Closed at | 9.15pm |

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Councillor Anne Birkett (Chairman)

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Next Meeting | TBC | St Mary Magdalene Church | 7.15pm