MINUTES OF LOCKERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 26th November 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs. Len Arthur, [LA] in the chair, Peter Batten [PB], Barbara Boby [BB], Roger Fawcett [RF], Tim Iles [TI] and clerk to the council, Sue Holder [SH]. Police Community Support Officer Jo Cole was present for agenda item 57 a) Eight members of the public were also present.

APOLOGIES: Paul Butler as he was attending the Village Hall AGM and Andy Harper.

The chairman extended our apologies to any parishioners inconvenienced on the 19th November due to the change in meeting date.

55) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

56) MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING: held on 17th September 2012 was unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman at the meeting.

57) OPEN FORUM:
   a) Police Report: PCSO Jo Cole reported the following crime since our September meeting:
      • Staddle Stones were stolen from Holbury Mill;
      • Wooden fencing posts have been stolen from a private property in the village;
      • On Top Green, 4 men with greyhound dogs have been reported suspected of poaching. It is possible they were ferreting with permission however;
      • Parrots have been stolen from a house in Mottisfont;
      • Heating oil was stolen from a house in Timsbury, the day after refuelling;
      • Chainsaws were stolen recently whilst being used at a property. PCSO Cole reminded those present to lock the doors to houses whilst in the garden, and not to leave garden equipment unattended even for a short time, as some crime is opportunist rather than planned;
      • A bicycle which was locked to the Cooks Lane sign every day whilst a boy was away at school has been stolen.

   PCSO Cole briefly discussed the Community Speed Watch initiative with the council, whereby members of the public are provided with a device to record the speed of traffic, and report registration numbers to the police of drivers exceeding the speed limit. The police then contact the drivers. The equipment would cost the council between £2500 and £3000, but could potentially be split between neighbouring villages.

   Drivers using mobile phones was also discussed, and it was suggested that if registration numbers of the cars could be taken and passed to PCSO Cole, she would contact the drivers.

   b) Hampshire County Councillor Report by Andrew Gibson: Not in attendance.

   c) County Councillor Report by Neville Whiteley: Not in attendance.

   d) Comments / Questions from the public:
      Pot Hole Repairs
      Pot holes on the Lockerly Road past the Gas Pumping Station, and near to Kents Oak and New Farm at Carters Clay were reported to the council. Clerk to advise Hampshire Highways.
Tree at Coombs Meadow
A tree on the north side of Coombs Meadow has died and needs replacing by the Housing Association. Clerk to report.

Parking associated with the Garage
It was reported that the garage have installed an electric barrier in front of the MOT area to prevent customers from parking here, which has further impacted on the problem of parking on the green. Due to the wet weather, Butts Green is in a very poor state of repair due to the cars parking here. The new pavement in front of the garage is also being used for parking.

The council have been asked to look into what business rates the garage pay, as they may be exempt from paying if they serve the local community through selling petrol. Cllr Whitely will be contacted regarding this.

58) FINANCE AND PERSONNEL:
   a) Current financial position: Treasurers account (as at 26.10.12) £2676.58
      Premier Interest Account £7806.15
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      Total Funds £10482.73

   b) The financial Statement for period up 26.10.12 – was approved

   c) Payments for Approval : ® = retrospective

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d)*One point increase of clerk salary due to CILCA qualification achieved.

e) Payments Received: TVBC Precept £6590.00

f) Council Tax Precept 2013/14

The clerk read out a letter received from TVBC concerning the setting of the council’s precept for the coming year. Changes being implemented by TVBC to Council Tax Benefit discounts and exemptions, will affect the tax base calculation, and until these changes are confirmed in January, parish councils will be unable to decide their precept.

f) Grants for consideration using LGA 1972s 137 powers on receipt of appropriate accounts, were approved, as follows:

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59) TRAINING: The clerk reported that she had attended a course organised by HALC on the General Power of Competence, found in the Localism Act 2011, sections 1 to 8. Details were provided to the councilors for discussion at a later date.

60) HIGHWAYS
a. **Pavement Project:** Permission is still needed from the new landowners of the field adjacent to the site of the proposed new pavement. Clerk to pass details to the Chairman.

b. **Lengths man Project:** The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting with other parish councils to discuss how effective the Lengths man Project had been this year. Feelings are generally mixed because the contractor is very willing but does not have all the tools available to fulfil some of the jobs. The Parish Council have been asked to provide a three year schedule of work for the Lengths man, which was felt to be an unrealistic task; however it was agreed to only request small jobs which were felt to be within his ability. The co-ordinators of the scheme are also considering having a pool of resource available with different skills but the parish council do not have anyone locally who they can recommend.

c. **Outstanding Highways Issues:** It was reported that the clerk had written to Ken Thornber of Hampshire County Council detailing the outstanding Highways issues in the village. As a result, a meeting was held with three members of the Highways Department and all the issues discussed. The clerk was able to report that the following had now been completed:

- The pavement outside of Cranbourne House has been repaired
- Pot holes in Cooks Lane have been repaired
- Pot holes in the Church layby have been repaired
- The East Dean ditch has been cleared.

New issues to report include pot holes on the Lockerly Road past the Gas Pumping Station, and near to Kents Oak and New Farm at Carters Clay.

The council have agreed to ask Hampshire County Council to write to Lockerley Manor House and Critchells regarding the ditches and hedgerows adjacent to their properties. The ditch along Cooks Lane is blocked and overflowing and the hedgerows are overgrown causing larger vehicles to use the pavement.

The council agreed that a black and white direction sign for the village hall would be acceptable, as stipulated by Hampshire County Council.

61) **GREENS AND OPEN SPACES:**

a) **Lockerley Green:**

i) **Climbing Frame Weekly Inspections:** The clerk reported that all weekly inspections had been satisfactory.

b) **Butts Green:** The chairman reported that he had spoken to the residents of Butts Green about placing dragons teeth on the Green from the road sign to the golf club matting, to prevent cars from parking here, and the residents were in favour of this. The owner of the garage was not in favour however.

c) **Jubilee Recreation Site:** The clerk reported that she has submitted a planning application to TVBC for change of use of the Jubilee Recreation Site. TVBC have been in contact to request more information, which the clerk was unable to provide so the council will meet to discuss.

d) **Oval Green:** The Lockerley Green Preservation Society, represented at the meeting by Gerry Hewett, have expressed their concerns to the parish council for the future status of the small green in Oval Road. The Government has just published the Growth and Infrastructure Bill, which if passed into law by Parliament, will severely restrict and in some cases extinguish the right to apply to register land as a village green. The potential for more housing at this locality with the Green being taken over to car parking, thus denying the adjacent residents the use of an open green recreational space was discussed. It was agreed that parish council would write to the 24 residents in the first instance to establish their support.
62) OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES:

- Shop notice board needs to be erected by the post box [TI]
- Lockerley Green Private Road Signs need to be erected [TI]
- Potholes near Greenview and Walnut Cottage need filling [TI]
- The chairman has contacted Highways and TVBC for their views on blocking access to Lockerley Green, but has received no response yet. [LA]
- The Jubilee Field Planning Application will require further details to be discussed by the council. [ALL]

63) PLANNING:

a) New applications (since last meeting)

12/02041/FULLS Thimble House, 5 Butlers Close

Retrospective application for side extension to provide store/wc/utility.
PC DECISION – NO COMMENT

12/02218/FULLS Land adjacent Beech Cottage, Lockerley Green

Demolish existing detached garage and erection of new two storey detached dwelling with associated parking (amended scheme)
PC DECISION – NO OBJECTION

12/02321/LBWS and 12/02320/FULLS Mount Pleasant Farm House

Alterations to single storey extension approved under applications 12/00747/LBWS and 12/00746/FULLS to lower ground floor slab and include replacement of single storey extension (south elevation) and internal alterations.
PC DECISION – NO OBJECTION

12/02052/FULLS Broxmore, Carters Clay

New front entrance porch
PC DECISION – NO OBJECTION

b) Decisions received from TVBC

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In 2008 the Parish Council entered into a Deed of Grant of Right of Way with the then owners Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Schonenberger who were the Executors of the late Mr Hillier, the previous owner of Beech Cottage. It has now come to light that the actual position of the driveway serving Beech Cottage is not in the position as shown on the plan. The correct position is a few meters further south as the access enters the centre of the plot. The council agreed to the change in the Deed however the document for signing showed the incorrect address for the council and could not therefore sign the document at the meeting.

**64) HIGH SPEED BROADBAND**
The council have been contacted by Mr Peckham regarding a community high speed (fibre) broadband network for the village. It is understood that BT have no current plans to upgrade the Lockerley telephone exchange, but it may be possible through a company called Gigaclear. After discussion, the council do not feel it is a current issue but Roger Fawcett will look into the matter further. [RF]

**65) CORRESPONDENCE:**
The following correspondence requires parish council attention/action;
- Thank you from The Lockerley Scout Group Treasurer - noted
- Thank you from The Royal British Legion - noted
- Gerry Hewett – Oval Green was dealt with under item 61(d)
- Romsey School carol service invitation - noted
- TVBC Precept 2013/14 – dealt with under item 58 (e)
- High Speed Broadband – dealt with under item 65
- Michael Eastwood – details of hedge cutting provided
- TVBC Community Litter Pick - noted

All other correspondence was available to councillors at meeting.

**66) MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**
- **Bonfire Event.** It was reported that £948.50 profit was made at the Bonfire event. The chairman proposed that the profit benefits the youth organisations of the village, and this will be considered further at our January meeting. Thank you letters will be sent to Classic Fireworks, the scouts and Mr McClintock for the use of his field.

**67) PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS :**
- It was reported that the grips along the East Deane Road by Spring Cottage need clearing.
- Gerry Hewett extended any help the parish council need with preserving Oval Green.
- Concerns about a caravan sited on Paynes Hill were discussed. The council understand that whilst the occupant has permission from the landowner TVBC planners should be contacted for advice.

**68) DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 7.30pm Mon 21st January 2013.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 09.10pm.