

MINUTES OF LOLWORTH PARISH MEETING

**held in Robinson Hall, Lolworth
on Thursday 25th April 2019 at 8.00 pm.**

Chairman: J. Short

Clerk: J.E.F. Houlton

Also present: District Councillor Sue Ellington, County Councillor Lynda Harford, Team Vicar Geoff Dodgson
28 Residents.

1. Apologies Alex & Veronica Sutherland, Sue Smith, Gina Williams, Sigi Disley, Paul and Diana Jones, Liesa Clarke, Jude Cressey

2. Welcome to Newcomers None

3. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman; John Short
Vice-Chairman; Steph Chamberlain

Proposed by John Houlton
Seconded by Sue Houlton
Unanimously elected

4. Appointment of Clerk

The Clerk reported he had held this office for 25 years and was hopeful someone would replace him in the next couple of years. Expressions of interest are welcomed.

5. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 15th November 2018

The Chairman apologised for a minor error in the financial report which was corrected. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2018 was proposed by Carol Churcher, seconded by Malcolm Cunnington and unanimously agreed. Accordingly, they were signed as a true record.

6. Matters arising

a) Damage to the verge on the small green: New kerbing has been fabricated and the surface of the road repaired. County Councillor Harford was thanked for her efforts in getting this work done.

- b) Vegetation encroaching on Robins Lane. The Clerk reported a positive response to the letter he sent to involved residents.
- c) Drains in Robins Lane. County Councillor Harford reported an order for Investigative works to commence has been placed.

7. A14 update including Robins Lane bridge– Bob Pettipher and John Akester

Bob Pettipher advised he was leaving the project and introduced his successor John Akester. The latter outlined planned traffic management plans:

- i Following the opening of the new bridge at Bar Hill during the first week of June, the old bridge will be demolished 2 weeks later necessitating a full closure of the A14 on the weekend of 21st June
- ii entry to the westbound A14 will change overnight at the Swavesey roundabout with closure of the existing slip road the and use of a new slip road from the second roundabout
- iii exit from the village will be via a new carriageway to the Swavesey roundabout
- iv access to the village will be via a new carriageway south of the existing A14
- v Robins Lane bridge will not open until the spring of 2020
- vi the decision on upgrading the new road to motorway status is anticipated later this year

Concern regarding the gradient of the approach to Robins Lane bridge has been expressed and is being investigated. Further concerns were expressed about noise, the use of low noise as opposed to ultra-low noise road surface and the type of landscaping.

8. A14 Parish Legacy Fund

A £1M fund is available for 28 villages affected by the A14 Improvement scheme. Bids are invited by the end of May for up to three projects. Possibilities discussed were improvement of the surface of the Millennium footpath, various speed calming measures including speed bumps, chicanes, speed indicator devices, replacement of the windows in Robinson Hall, additional car parking and a designated passing place in Robins Lane.

Malcolm Cunnington proposed and Gill Coe seconded improvement of the surface of the Millennium footpath as first priority and replacement of the windows in Robinson Hall as second choice. Motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed to revisit traffic calming measures when the bridge is open and the new road layout is operational.

9. Tree Officer's report

Carol Churcher reported five of the fruit trees in the communal orchard had died during last year's drought. A blossom tree on the small village green has been planted.

10. Planning Applications

S/0606/18/FL Proposed erection of 3 bedroom dwelling with detached double garage including demolition and removal of agricultural shed – appeal dismissed. (S/1990/17/PA was approved previously and is still valid)

11. Town Acre Charity

David Cressey reported the trustees are about to collect this year's rent totalling £36. Current assets are £394.40 and a meeting of allotment holders will be arranged. Terry Smith was thanked for organising the communal compost bins. How best to cut the grass in the communal orchard remains an issue and John Short will speak to Lyn Rhodes.

John Short will contact A J King regarding the cutting of brambles and the removal of their roots.

Responsible use of the communal compost bins and bonfire was requested.

12. Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented by the Chairman – see appendix 1.

The meeting resolved that:

- i as Lolworth Parish Meeting meets the criteria for exemption from the requirements of the limited assurance review for the year ended 31 March 2019, the Parish Meeting wishes to be an exempt body
- ii the annual governance statement 2018/19 as produced to the meeting is approved
- iii the accounting statements for 2018/19 as produced to the meeting are approved

Proposed by David Cressey

Seconded by Julian Turner

Passed unanimously

13. District Councillor's report

District Councillor Sue Ellington's report is attached – see appendix 2

14. County Councillor's report

County Councillor Lynda Harford pre-circulated her report. Shire Hall and 6 acres of associated land is for sale to a public body with a 999-year lease. Plans for a new Council building at Alconbury Weald have been submitted with an anticipated build completion date at the end of 2020.

The Council aims to be greener and more commercial but acknowledges it has made errors. Accordingly, the decision to charge for using computers in libraries and for

parking at Park & Ride sites has been reversed and most of the ticket machines will be removed.

15. Future Events

May 18 th	Race Night
June 16 th	Big Breakfast.
	The Bishop of Ely will preach at All Saints.
July 21 st	Games Day and Barbeque

16. Any other Business

The practice of placing dog faeces in plastic bags and then leaving them on verges and vegetation was universally deplored but is sadly all too common. The possibility of a second bin will be investigated (District Councillor Sue Ellington will speak to Heidi Duffett at SCDC).

17. Date of the next meeting

Thursday November 14th 2019 at 8.00 pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Signed

Date