

ROUS LENCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th March 2023

at 7:30pm at Rous Lench Village Hall.

Present	Cllrs L Newton (Chair), D Browne, G Hughes, H Bramer, S Davis and S Harrison. In attendance: Clerk. Meeting opened at 7:30pm
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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (PQT) – see notes appended.

16/23	Apologies: County Cllr Gretton, District Cllrs Wilkinson and Steele.
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17/23	Declarations of Interest: none received.
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18/23	Dispensations: no requests received.
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19/23	To approve minutes of previous meeting. The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on January 30 th 2023, were agreed as a true record and approved.
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20/23	<p>Planning Applications and Appeals:</p> <p>The following applications were noted and/or discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) ENF/20/0370 - The Caravan, Radford Rd – update to be provided. Discussed b) App: W/22/01639/FUL Horseman’s Barns, Radford Road – RLPC commented. WDC approved. Noted c) W/22/02027/OUT, Land at (OS 0277 5140) Low Road, Church Lench – Outline application for the erection of up to 19 dwellings (including affordable homes) – RLPC commented. Currently pending decision. Noted d) SWDP Review consultation – response provided by RLPC. Any updates to be provided. No updates. e) W/22/02191/HP, The Green, The Green, Rous Lench, WR11 4UN – proposed two storey extension. RLPC commented. Currently pending decision. Discussed. <p>Action: Clerk to contact planning officer - work commenced before decision and material mismatch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) W/23/00141/FUL, St Peters Church, Rous Lench - alterations to church to include air source heat pump, stone meter pier, external terrace, maintenance outbuilding, solar PV panels and cycle racks. Comment provided by RLPC, currently pending decision. Noted. g) W/23/00142/LB Associated Ref: W/23/00141/FUL, St Peters Church, Rous Lench - alterations to church to include air source heat pump, stone meter pier, external terrace, maintenance outbuilding, solar PV panels and cycle racks. Comment provided by RLPC, currently pending decision. Noted. h) W/23/00321/FUL, The Caravan At, Radford Road, Rous Lench, Evesham, WR11 4UL - additional two static caravans, one touring caravan and two-day rooms to form three gypsy pitches on approved gypsy site (W/15/01159) for members of the same family already living on the site. Discussed. <p>Action: Response to application to be submitted, including no statutory planning notices in the vicinity. Response to be copied to District and County Councillors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Appeal: W21/00712/FUL, The Caravan At, Radford Road, Rous Lench, Evesham, WR11 4UL - Replacement of existing dwelling and ancillary buildings with construction of new two-bedroom bungalow together with relocation of vehicular access track (part retrospective). Discussed.
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21/23	<p>Progress Reports - Clerk reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Update on Actions since Previous Meeting – external audit is necessary, new VAS battery on order, litter pick completed, flooding issues reported to WDC – fall under WCC so still in progress and bank mandate changes are still ongoing. (ii) Proposed Payments for March 2023 – (see appendix) signed & approved. (iii) Overtime & annual leave - RLPC approved overtime. (iv) Clerk’s six-month probationary period – RLPC approved end of probationary period.
22/23	<p>To receive reports from District, County Council and Police: Wychavon Dist. Council (WDC): report provided by Cllr Wilkinson Police: PCSO V. Elliot responded with nothing to report. Worcs County Council (WCC): none.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact Police and query nothing to report – resident has reported an incident for which they have a crime number.</p>
23/23	<p>Finance: the proposed payments in Minute 21/23 (ii) were agreed. To note that allotment invoices are currently being paid by RLPC using the Community Legacy Grant. Budget summary and bank reconciliation approved. Recent bank statements circulated.</p>
24/23	<p>Community Orchard/garden & allotments – Cllr Newton provided an update. Prices/quotes for works have been received, have a detailed specification. Timings for work will be later in the year.</p>
25/23	<p>Rous Lench & Radford parish matters for discussion or decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Asset maintenance checks (standing item) – All assets checked, nothing to report. b) Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) – extension poles have been installed. Complaint received from Rous Lench resident about location of extension pole. <p>Action: Cllr Harrison to contact WCC representative about complaint to aid RLPC response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Litter Pick – 18 residents attended and over 15 bags of rubbish were collected. <p>Action: Clerk post a message of thanks on social media.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact Openreach about damaged box in Radford.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Facebook (standing item) – posts on litter pick, notice of elections and videos for Q&A on ‘Becoming a Councillor’ events (CALC). e) Councillor vacancy and May elections – reminder to Councillors who wish to stand for elections to fill in and return nomination form by 04/04/2023. f) King’s Coronation events – ideas from residents discussed. It was agreed to put the funding towards the big picnic lunch and a tree & plaque. The Trees Call for Action project was discussed as an option for trees in the community orchard or in the churchyard. <p>Action: Clerk to submit funding form.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to research plaques.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact Craig Wood at Trees Call for Action project to arrange a meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) Civility and Respect project – to be discussed at next meeting. h) Postbox on the Green refurbishment – Cllr Bramer provided an update: the front of the Postbox has been maintained; the back has not been completed due to access issues. i) Wychavon Parish Games - to be discussed at next meeting. j) 20 is Plenty scheme - to be discussed at next meeting. k) Beltane Bash 2023 – discussed.

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	<p>Action: Clerk to contact Police about resident concerns and reported incidents with respect the TEN application– copy to Worcs Regs Services.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Browne to contact Cllr Gretton.</p> <p>I) Wychavon Way – see item 25/23/k.</p>
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26/23	<p>Correspondence: received from NALC, Worcs CALC & Wychavon District Council. Contact from resident about drainage (resolved), Beltane Bash & postbox on the Green.</p>
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27/23	<p>Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agenda – Trees Call for Action project.</p>
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28/23	<p>Date of next meeting: 22nd May at 7.30pm at RL village hall. Meetings will remain on a Monday but it was agreed that they will commence at 7pm after May meeting.</p>
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Meeting closed at 9:30 pm

SIGNED: *D.Browne* (Chairman)

Date: 22nd May 2023

<u>Rous Lench Payments and Expenses 20th March 2023 meeting.</u>					
<u>Payments for authorisation.</u>					
Chq. No.	Payee	Details	Net	VAT	TOTAL
online	Severn Trent Water - Allotments	To connect water supply to allotments	0.00	0.00	170.86
online	Mrs Kerry Williamson	Salary, Expenses & Overtime	0.00	0.00	685.59
online	Parish Lengthsman	January (E240) & February (E240)	0.00	0.00	480.00
online	Worcs CALC	On Your Marks Clerks: Election Training	25.00	5.00	30.00
online	HMRC	Employers PAYE income tax	0.00	0.00	21.60
TOTAL					1388.05

Public Question Time – 7 residents present

Residents raised concerns about planning application W/23/00321/FUL. Primarily the movement of the boundary line (orchard area removed), the ecological effects of the orchard removal, the outstanding enforcement action and the light pollution affecting residents and wildlife.

Cllr Browne reassured residents that RLPC would be covering these items in their response to planning application W/23/00321/FUL.

Residents also raised concerns about a TEN application (White House Farm Fields) for the Beltane Bash. The residents reported being intimidated on the Wychavon Way by the TEN applicant (reported to the Police with crime number) and therefore questioned the suitability of the applicant to run the event.

Cllr Browne explained that the TEN application process is to contact the Police and Environmental agency, and these had resulted in no objections. Cllr Browne said that RLPC would be discussing this as an agenda item at the meeting and would consider the resident representations.