

**Minutes of the Autumn Lancing Residents Forum
held on Thursday 11 October 2018 at 7:00pm
Lancing Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing**

Councillors Present

Mick Clark, Lee Cowen, Gloria Eveleigh (Chair), Danny Jackson, Robin Monk, Geoff Patmore, Lydia Pope and Gina Scotting.

Youth Councillors Present: H. Churchill (Chair) and A. Scott.

In attendance: Helen Plant, Clerk and Vally Fish, Assistant Clerk.

There were sixteen residents of the Parish who signed the attendance register.

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair of Lancing Parish Council opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed all the attendees. Cllr Eveleigh introduced the panel of Cllrs as well as new Members: Cllrs Jackson and Pope.

Cllr Eveleigh explained the purpose of the meeting was to present successful Grant Aid applications, update residents on progress made in relation to the issues raised at the Annual Village Forum held in May, in addition to a general update on Council projects, followed by a residents' question time.

2. General update on Council projects (1)

a) Monks Rec Improvement Project – Cllr Cowen reported that the design brief had been produced based on the results of the consultations and the next step was to secure further funding. £50,000 had been secured from the Rampion fund for the groundworks and the Council had reserved £50,000 towards the project. The developed design brief to be used for the tender document had recently been completed and tenders advertised. The Working Group will be meeting soon to consider the tenders and make a recommendation to the Amenities & Environment Committee. Further funding is sought specifically from the Big Lottery Fund and the Football Foundation in partnership with Lancing Football Club.

b) Lancing Parish Youth Council – YCllr Churchill reported that LPYC had successfully secured funding from WSCC to install a climbing wall at Monks Rec. YCllr Scott explained the next project was to create a community garden at the back of the Parish Hall. It is envisaged that this area will be used to grow vegetables, fruits and herbs and will be easily accessible for wheelchair users and small children. This project could also progress to include a community fridge.

c) History and Heritage – Cllr Patmore reported that requests for information relating to the history and usage of the air raid shelter on Beach Green had been advertised in the local press, newsletter and a sign by the shelter. Cllr Patmore explained that it is believed to have been used by the public as well as troops, but

further evidence is required. The Millennium Handshake has been cleaned and cleared with new plaques being attached soon. Keep Lancing Lovely were thanked for all their hard work and assistance with the Handshake project. It is hoped that the Winch on the beach will become part of the History and Heritage Trail.

3. Presentation of successful Grant Aid applications

As approved at the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held in September, the grants were allocated and presented as follows –

- a) Adur Special Needs Project - £2,075 towards the overall annual running costs.
- b) Boundstone Chorus - £1,000 to create a new musical based on Lancing's links with smuggling.
- c) Friends, Families and Travellers - £500 to put on a production of *Crystal's Vardo* at the Parish Hall.
- d) Girlguiding Lancing - £1,875 to fund new resources for all sections following a recent revamp of the programme and badges.
- e) Lancing and Sompting Concert Band - £400 to purchase 2 protective Timpani drum covers.
- f) Lancing Football Club - £1,500 to help fund the setup of a Disability Team and more girl's teams.
- g) Lancing Parish Youth Council - £600 to create a community garden at the rear of Parish Hall.

Representatives from Adur Special Needs Project, Friends, Families and Travellers, Girlguiding Lancing, Lancing Football Club and Lancing Parish Youth Council gave a brief outline of how the grant would be spent and thanked the Council for the funding.

4. General update on Council projects (2)

- a) **Beach Green Skatepark Improvements** – Cllr Patmore explained that users of the skatepark had requested extensions of the concrete to the top sections, as the grass has failed to grow through mainly due to the park's high usage. The works, costing £9,000, will be carried out by a professional skatepark company. Cllr Eveleigh reported that the Skatejam held in August was a success and featured demos from semi-professional skaters, a DJ and competition contestants aging from 2 to 21 years old displaying their skateboard and scooter skills. Electric Storm Youth were thanked for organising the event in partnership with the Council.
- b) **Luxor Revival Cinema** – Cllr Monk gave a brief summary of the successes over the last 20 months, including a grant for the new chairs in the Parish Hall. He explained that many people were now attending and that suggestions are welcome, however licenses for some films are unfortunately unavailable.
- c) **Proposed Enforcement Patrols for Dog Fouling and Littering Offences** – Cllr Patmore outlined the legislation relating to Public Space Protection Orders; a request was submitted to Adur District Council and the matter was considered by the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 21 June for a trial scheme involving an enforcement agency to issue fixed penalty notices for litter and dog

fouling offences by ADC. Whilst the matter received a good deal of support, the Committee only agreed to add the issue to its 2018/19 work programme and for a further report to be submitted to the Committee in respect of any anticipated finances involved before making any commitment to a trial scheme. The Parish Council will continue to lobby ADC for this scheme to be trialled. In relation to littering, Cllr Eveleigh stressed that these changes required a culture change and that following the two target days earlier in the year, the Council, along with Keep Lancing Lovely would run the litter Campaign in conjunction with Keep Britain Tidy.

- d) **Croshaw Play Area** – Cllr Patmore reported that Lancing United Football Club were in the process of applying for grant aid to gain further funding towards the revamping of Croshaw Recreation ground's play area to add to the £15,000 match funding provided by the Council (£5,000) and Sompting Big Local (£10,000). Cllr Patmore stressed that whilst the equipment may look tired, it is a valuable asset that is enjoyed by many children and safe to use.
- e) **Drinking Fountains at Beach Green and Widewater** – Cllr Eveleigh reported the Council has received a £2,000 grant from the Drinking Fountain Association towards the costs of a fountain to be installed at Beach Green. The fountain is on order and includes a drinking fountain and a separate bottle filler. A further grant from Tesco's Bags of Help fund for up to £4,000 has been applied for to install a unit at Widewater as well. Members of the public will be able to vote in Tesco, Holmbush Centre, Shoreham during November and December on who should receive the highest amounts of funding.
- f) **Beach Green Lighting project** – The Clerk explained that the original scheme has been scaled back and a revised scheme, consisting of 6 to 8 light units from the south west corner of the car park, south along the access track towards The Perch, eastwards in front of the kiosk to the main path, is in the process of being costed. The lamp units would be mounted 5m above ground level, switched on at dusk via a photocell and would automatically switch off at a nominated time. The Clerk stressed that whilst the lamp units may have the ability for CCTV to be installed, the extra cost of this plus the compliance of CCTV regulations will be a factor as to whether this is progressed.

The Chair thanked the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and LPC staff for all their hard work and support throughout the year.

5. Update on progress made in relation to the issues raised at the Annual Village Forum held in May

The Chair outlined the issues raised at the meeting in May and the progress that the Council had made so far; specifically that the Chair continues to attend the monthly Joint Action Group meeting with the Police Prevention Team, the Council continues to lobby ADC to remove the fencing around the Monks Rec toilet as it is deemed unsafe, the Council will continue to arrange activity days in conjunction with local organisations, the Council will continue to tackle the issue of people

parking on grass verges and causing obstructions and that the whips planted at Croshaw Rec were growing well.

6. Residents question time

The Chair called for questions and statements by the Public and the following issues were raised -

- a) *In regards of the Millennium Handshake, will the maze have entrance and exit signs?*

Cllr Patmore confirmed that the signs will indicate the entrance and exit.

- b) *Has solar powered lighting been considered for the Beach Green lighting project?*

The Clerk advised that solar power were much more costly, so would be LED instead.

- c) *Although this meeting has been well advertised, it's a shame that so few residents actually attend, especially those who complain on social media.*

Cllr Eveleigh gave thanks for the feedback and engagement, stating that the Council strived to listen and act on what residents want but to be able to do so, residents must inform their ward Cllrs of what they want the Council to do. The discussion led to the recent approval of the New Monks Farm planning application by ADC despite the Parish Council's objections - Cllr Monk stated that this was not yet a 'done deal' and that options for appeal were being investigated by various organisations and individuals.

Meeting closed: 8:05pm