

# Luttons Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Luttons Parish Council held by Audio Visual meeting  
Monday 22 March 2021 at 7:00 pm

**Present:**

John Wane, Chair (JW)

Samantha Haigh (SM)

Val Bottomley, Vice Chair (VB)

Mark Hughes (MH)

Richard Ogden (RO)

Janice Robinson (Clerk) (JR)

Martin Pearce (MP)

1	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence: Rob Harling due to work commitments in NHS: Reason for Absence: Approved (Note: Chairman notified the PC after the meeting that Tony Ives and Stevey Knibbs had emailed him prior to the meeting to apologise for their absence due to work commitments but he had not seen the email)	
2	To receive any declaration of interests not already declared under the Council's code of conduct or members' register of disclosable pecuniary Interests : None	
3.	To confirm the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 18 January 2021 as a true and correct record. Proposed VB; Seconded MP. RESOLVED.	
4.	To approve the co-option of Samantha Haigh and Mark Hughes to the Parish Council. Samantha Haigh: Proposed VB; Seconded RO: APPROVED Mak Hughes: Proposed: MP; Seconded RO APPROVED. JW welcomed them to the Parish Council.	
5.	To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary: Vehicle Activated Sign JW stated that the parish council were investigating the possibility of a vehicle activated sign at the entrance and exit of each village in the parish to try to reduce speeding. Tony Ives and Stevey Knibbs had undertaken to research possibilities and costs but as they were not present, item to be carried forward to next meeting.	JR
6.	To receive report from Environmental sub group to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches</li> <li>• Tree Husbandry</li> </ul> MP had circulated a report prior to the meeting which he summarised: Rubbish/ Fly tipping . Whilst MP was unaware of any fly tipping recently taking place, VB stated that Croombe Dale Lane which was often used as a short cut by HGVs appeared to have quite a lot of rubbish along it (cans/ sandwich wrappers etc) that had been thrown from vehicles. MP and VB agreed a litter pick by a couple of people should be sufficient to clear it. Tree Husbandry: Joe Pattinson had started tree husbandry in Helperthorpe and intended to hire a cherry picker before the end of the month to prune the horse chestnut tree. He had already felled and removed a diseased sycamore tree, trimmed a beech tree and cut some small branches from a tree outside Primrose Way cottage as the branches were impeding grass cutting. RO and his son had planted 10 buddleia bushes along the wall outside Sycamore farm. David Spivack had offered to supply any number of small trees and MP	VB MP

	<p>proposed to ask him for 20. RO to ask Mr Witty if he would be prepared to have some more planted at the edge of his field. RO cautioned that NYCC highways department did not want trees at junctions where they could impair road users' sight. Rowan trees are poisonous to dogs so should not be planted.</p> <p>Village Planters :A new planter has been placed at the eastern end of Helperthorpe village. Rita Daniels has offered to look after it</p> <p>A new planter for the eastern end of East Luton has been delivered to Chris Dowgill. Chris will build it and once the daffodils in the existing planter have died back he will put the new planter in place. A new planter has been purchased for the corner of Back Lane and Wintringham Road in West Luton. Mr Haigh has offered to donate some planters for West Luton.</p> <p>SH and RO had suggested a communal bulb planting day. All agreed this was a great idea for October/November and hoped it would be possible to get all the villages involved. SH suggested that the school should be involved as well. RO suggested looking for areas without bulbs to plan the bulb planting, possibly round the base of the trees in Helperthorpe and by the memorial bench in West Luton.</p> <p>Benches: The memorial bench has been placed on the corner near Chapel Cottage and Birtley House corner, it looked good and was being used. It was suggested by MP that an eating apple tree could be planted next to the memorial bench. This was agreed. A new bench with combined planters has been placed at the junction of Back Lane and Hillside Way, West Luton. The landowner via the tenant R Leeson had agreed to a bench being placed at the top of Sheepwalk Lane. MB stated this would cost in the region of £500. Proposed by MP to purchase a bench, seconded by VB RESOLVED. Joe Pattinson had kindly offered to put down wood chippings under and around the bench and to keep them topped up.</p> <p>Dog Fouling RO has put up poles with notices urging people to pick up after their dogs. However some of the notices keep disappearing from the corner of Wintringham Road. SH enquired whether more dog stencils could be put on the pavements. MH suggested involving children in the design of stencils and posters and perhaps having a design competition. JR to write to the school asking whether it would be of interest. It had previously been a great success.</p> <p>Flood protection. RO and MP had undertaken some work to remove mud from a number of grips. JW still pursuing Yorkshire Water contractors to remove the mud and silt that they had dumped in the Gypsey race..</p>	RO
7.	<p>To consider and decide upon the following planning application:  Application No:21/00304/HOUSE  Applicant: Mrs Karen Bisby  Description: Erection of single storey part side- part rear extension  Location: The Cottage Main Road Helperthorpe YO17 8TQ  Proposed by JW; Seconded by VB that no comments or observations need be made by the Parish Council. RESOLVED</p>	
8.	<p>To discuss progress on the project for a childrens' play area in West Luton  JW had circulated details from West Luton Church regarding using the church for play group purposes and thought the PC should nominate a councillor to represent the PC. SH agreed to be the representative and to contact the vicar. SH stated that a play area had been discussed for more than 5 years. NYCC was still happy for some of the school land to be used for a play area. There</p>	

