**MINUTES OF THE LONG LAWFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM IN THE PAVILION, KING GEORGE V PARK, LONG LAWFORD**

**Present: Chairman Cllr. Mrs L Davison (LD) Cllr. Mr D Goodwin (DG)**

**Ms D Groves – Clerk (Clerk) Cllr. Mr M Davison (MD)**

**Cllr. Mr S Fletcher (SF)**

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|  |  | **Action** |
| **01** | **Welcome and Apologies for absence.**  Meeting was opened at 7.30pm. A warm welcome to the meeting was offered to those present. Apologies for absence was received from Cllr. Mrs A Pollard and Cllr. Mrs L Dunkley, BCllr. Mr S Ward and CCllr. Mrs H Timms. Apologies accepted. |  |
| **02** | **To Invite Members of the Public to speak on matters of concern.**  A resident of the village raised concerns about the future of the churchyard in Chapel St when hearing that the land may be sold off soon when the current vicar retires. It was always believed that this land would be used for additional churchyard space. Resident was directed to the vicar Mr P Wilkinson. The Parish Council have not been consulted/advised on any future plans for the land. |  |
| **03** | **To Receive Declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interests**  None received |  |
| **04** | **To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2024**  It was proposed by Cllr Mr Goodwin, seconded by Cllr. Mr Davison to accept the minutes of 10th December 2024 as a true record, 5 votes in favour. |  |
| **05** | **To Receive Progress Reports on Outstanding Items not covered later, on the agenda.**   1. It was confirmed that there would be no costs involved by housing the defibrillator on the building, the new residents have now accepted housing the defibrillator on the property. |  |
| **06** | ***To Receive Borough and County Council Reports***  The Council were advised about charges from the Borough Council for emptying Parish Council owned dog bins; this would be £3 per bin, per week from April 25  The Council were also informed about proposed changes relating to existing authorities and where they may be fewer authorities with more unitary authorities; this would also result in losing over 150 Councillors; if the proposal to reduce from 6 Councils down to 1 is successfully voted for. 4 of the 5 Borough and District authorities have registered objections. Rugby Borough Council have not submitted objections to the proposal. This may or may not result in Local May elections being postponed with Unitary elections taking place later if the proposals to reduce down are accepted. |  |
| **07** | **Management/Finance & Administration**   1. Boiler has been repaired at a cost of £180 including VAT, same problem as previous fault, water ingress from the incoming pipe. 2. Surveyor has attended in order to submit a quote for annual maintenance contract. Cllrs. have been advised of the quote. To consider the quote obtained. |  |
| **08** | **Recreation Grounds**  Nothing to report |  |
| **09** | **Transport, Highways, Drains and Street Lighting**  a) Bailey’s Lane replacement LED Lantern on PB1 wooden pole including disconnection and re-connection will be £1,422.65 exc. VAT. – It was proposed by Cllr. Mr Goodwin, seconded by Cllr. Mr Fletcher, 4 votes in favour to accept the quote.  b) Water damage to LC1 Railway Street, new replacement LED Quote received for replacement of Railway St Light in t£405.63 exc. VAT – It was proposed by Cllr. Mr Goodwin, seconded by Cllr. Mr Davison., 4 votes in favour to accept the quote.  c) PB8 in School St Replacement LED Lantern on wooden pole including disconnection and re-connection will be £1,422.65 exc. VAT – It was proposed by Cllr. Mr Fletcher, seconded by Mr Davison, 4 votes in favour to accept the quote.  d) **Gritting Long Lawford –** Clerk requested to apply directly to Warwickshire County Council to appeal against the decision made not to grit Back Lane. The Council to advise the County Council that Parish Councillors are not qualified to determine if Back Lane gritting should be replaced in return for not gritting The Green/Chapel Street and to appeal for Back Lane to be ADDED to the gritting of the village given the increase in population, the general use of Back Lane especially by children walking to School and the additional traffic now using Back Lane following newly built housing – **result of the request is that RBC will not add/change this year’s current gritting route, if the Parish Council would like to add Back Lane to the Gritting route next year, then either Townsend Lane or The Green/Chapel Street will need to be removed from the route and they will not add a further route, only replace one from next year, if they are requested to do so – for info.** | **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk** |
| **10** | **To Receive Details of Financial Matters**   1. To approve the monthly payments (list circulated to all Cllrs.)   It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Davison, seconded by Cllr. Mr Goodwin to approve the payments, 4 votes in favour.  b) To approve the 2025/26 Budget – it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Davison, seconded by Cllr. Mr Davison to accept the proposed budget for 2025/26, 4 votes in favour.  c) To approve the precept for submission to RBC – it was proposed by Cllr. Mr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr. Mr Davison to approve the precept for submission to RBC, 4 votes in favour.  DATE CHQ NO. ISSUED FOR TOTAL    12.12.24 4015 Petty Cash £400.00  19.12.24 4016 Water Plus Ltd Sept-December 24 £71.16  19.12.24 4017 Flamex Fire Ltd – Annual Service £348.00  19.12.24 4018 Emergency Attendance LP2 Elizabeth Way  On 29.3.23 £65.53  14.1.25 4019-4023 Exempt Info  14.1.25 4024 Telecoms £95.00  14.1.25 4025 Vision ICT – Annual Hosting £270.00  14.1.25 4026 EON Next 1 Oct-31 Dec 24 – Pavilion £572.82  14.1.25 4027 Npower Gas Ltd – St Lighting 1 Oct-31.12.24 £4,088.20  20.1.25 DD British Gas – Pavilion 2 Dec-1 Jan 25 £161.75  14.1.25 4028 Custom Heat Boiler Repair £180.00 | **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk** |
| **11** | To Receive Details of Planning Matters  New Planning Applications  NONE  Approved Planning Applications  NONE  Refused Planning Applications  NONE  Other Planning  A letter has been received stating 50 Steeping Road, CV23 9SG have not breached any planning controls re extended driveway onto public footpath. Case has been closed. It is NOT known who has submitted this complaint to the planning department at RBC but it is not the Parish Council, nor any Parish Councillors; |  |
| **12** | **To Receive Information on minor matters and items for future Agenda**   * Xmas Discussion – Santa Suit is with Cllr. Mr Fletcher * It was confirmed that the surplus selection boxes from Dec 2024 were donated and directly delivered to the Rugby Food Bank before the last food distribution before Xmas. Thanks, given to the Parish Council from the Rugby Food Bank. | **Clerk**  **Clerk** |
| **13** | **Confidential Items**  Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – to resolve to exclude members of the public under Section (2) and (3A) (b) of the Act  **None** |  |
| **14** | **Date and Time of the Next Meeting**  To confirm, the date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting is due to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at the Pavilion, King George V Park, Long Lawford. Meeting was closed at 8.30 pm |  |
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**Signed: ……………………………………………………………. Date: ………………………………...**

**Chairman**

**Mrs Lynn Davison**