

LUTTON PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES FO MEETING 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023

Present: Cllr C Cowdery, Cllr C Walsh, Cllr J Lane, Cllr J Eaton, Cllr M Smirthwaite

2023/11/001 – Apologies – none

2023/11/002 – Declarations of Interest – None

2023/11/003 – Minutes of Previous Meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 – approved and signed.

2023/11/004 – Follow up action to items discussed at last meeting –

2023/11/005 – Public Forum – present 2 village residents – questions reference field – will be dealt with under Playing Field.

Proposed planning application concerns regarding static caravan in the garden of number 14 Milton Terrace – It was agreed the Parish Council will support the application and to help speed things up, Cllr Cowdery will send a letter confirming the support of the Parish Council for this application to the North Northamptonshire County Planning. Also, neighbouring properties have been approached and urged to support this application.

2023/11/006 – Financial Report – Bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> October is £1,380. Precept to be agreed by 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Cheques drawn, no.100261, payable to Alan Parker for Fuel for mowing Playing Field 3<sup>rd</sup> November –(Public Health Act Amendment 1890).

2023/11/007 – Draft Budget for discussion – Cllr Cowdery produced a draft budget (as attached). This was discussed and will be finalized at our next meeting in January on the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

2023/11/008 – Recruitment of Clerk – Cllr Cowdery will have conversations with other local Parish Clerks. There may be someone willing to take on an extra Parish such as Lutton. Also, a notice will go out through Village ‘WhatsApp’.

2023/11/009 – Risk Assessment 2023-2024 – Cllr Cowdery has produced a Risk Assessment as attached.

2023/11/010 – Report on Anaerobic Digester public meeting held at Great Gidding – Lutton village was well represented at this meeting. It was generally agreed this will not impact on Lutton.

2023/11/011 – Report on NCALC conference held on 7<sup>th</sup> October – approx. 100 attended and the Chief Executive for Northamptonshire gave an interesting report.

2023/11/012 – Pavement weeding - Cllr Walsh will first enquire if North Northamptonshire include weeding in their yearly plans for verge maintenance etc.

2023/11/013 – Highways report, including Washingley Crossroads – The road surface has been slightly improved and it has been confirmed that a full resurface will be on the agenda for 2024 but funds will dictate as to whether the resurfacing takes place. Pot holes on the Gidding Road in the area of High Holborn have been reported. Cllr Walsh will push for a speed limit of 40 mph approaching Woodbine Farm.

2023/11/014 – Footpath Report – nothing to report

2023/11/015 – Items raised by community – Milton Estates empty properties Cllr Cowdery raised the question of empty properties with the Estate Manager and they confirmed they had no plans to renovate Lutton Lodge Farm and is uneconomical to do so. Chapel End Cottage (opposite Lutton Farm) is within a secure agricultural tenancy and is, therefore, not available to Milton unless surrendered. The Thatched Cottage – this cottage is unlettable in its current state and the Estate are in the process of obtaining quotes to refurbish this property. This will take time and need careful consideration.

2023/11/016 – Village Hall Report – Nothing to report

2023/11/017 – Lutton Relief in Need Charity – Field rental bids invited for 2024

2023/11/018 – Playing Field – Hedge remove offending Elder!

2023/11/019 – Phone Box – This is no longer working – Cllr Walsh will report this.

2023/11/020 – Points for discussion from NCALC weekly update – nothing to report

2023/11/021 – Planning Applications- no planning applications received

2023/11/022 – Items for next Parish Council Meeting and dates for next 2 meetings – 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 and 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.