



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>. April 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr G. Lewsey (Chairman), M. Gibson (Vice-Chairman), D. Bonich, A. Gardner, R. Millett, C. Thorne and Kevin B. Money (Clerk to Parish Council).

There were also 5 members of the public present.

**052/2022 Chairman welcome.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**053/2022 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr E. Roberts, ECC Cllr W. Stamp, MDC Cllr P. Channer and MDC Cllr M. Helm

**054/2022 Declaration of Interest**

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda

Cllr M. Gibson declared an interest in the Village Hall and planning application number 22/00525/FUL The Gnomes 91 Main Road St Lawrence

Cllr C. Thorne declared an interest in item 064/2022 (c) and planning application 514 Moorhen Avenue St Lawrence

**055/2022 Minutes**

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup>. March 2022.

**All Agreed**

**056/2022 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting**

The football organiser has spoken to the Chairman and was impressed by the number of children and people who turned up. He is now looking to increase the age group of children participating.

**057/2022 Public Participation Session with Respect to items only on the agenda**

**A total maximum time of 15 minutes is allowed**

A resident asked about feedback from last month's meeting. The Chairman reaffirmed that all information is on the SLPC Facebook page and website.

A resident stated that local businesses would contribute to the cost of having the Community Team from MDC to come to the village on a regular basis. The cost will be at the next meeting.

A resident asked that the CCTV can be accessed for any problems on the recreation ground.

A wire fence has been damaged in the Car park.

A resident spoke about events for the Jubilee on the Sunday including a DJ, fancy dress competition, bouncy castle, bingo in the evening, tea and coffee, ice cream van, games for children/adults. He is also in contact with other event organisers in the village.

A St. Lawrence Neighbourhood watch team has been set up and information will appear on the SLPC Facebook page. Neighbourhood watch signs, stickers and literature need to be purchased.

**058/2022 Essex County Councillors Report – ECC Cllr Wendy Stamp**

To receive a written report from ECC Cllr Wendy Stamp

ECC information can be found at <https://stlawrencepc.co.uk/>

**059/2022 District Councillor/s Report – MDC Cllr Penny Channer / MDC Cllr Michael Helm**

To receive a written report from MDC Cllr Penny Channer / Cllr Michael Helm

MDC information can be found at <https://stlawrencepc.co.uk/>

Signed

*M Gibson*

M. Gibson – Chairman of SLPC

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**060/2022 Planning Application/s****22/00525/FUL** - The Gnomes 91 Main Road St Lawrence

Demolition of existing **REFUSE this application** on grounds of overdevelopment, scale and bulk, incongruous design for the neighbourhood - yet another urban solution for a small rural community. The application states 3 detached houses and garages whereas the plans show a terrace of 3 houses. The paperwork describes the development as linked properties. The ordinary observer would describe them as a terrace given that there is bedroom space above the garages.

The design would dominate the landscape as it is incongruous in an area with well separated individual properties. This would be a single block some 27m wide and 13m deep (far deeper than nearby properties - the A-frame houses by contrast area approximately 9.5m deep). The northernmost of the terrace would dominate the garden of 93 Main Road with nearly half being shadowed by the building thus depriving light. The drive through garages to yet another "garage" in the back garden would not provide practical boat storage. In addition, these outbuildings are very large – 10m long and 4.5m high – dominating the open space.

An additional access to Main Road would be required with concomitant issues given the narrow road and poor visibility (which cannot be improved with the 2 oak trees obscuring vision).

Trees: Note T2 has always been regarded by the site owner as belonging to the site, not to the neighbouring one.

There are no modern terraces in St Lawrence

chalet and garage and the erection of 3 detached dwellings, detached garages with associated parking and landscaping

**RESOLVED:****PDE/MAL/22/00168** - 514 Moorhen Avenue St Lawrence Southminster Essex

Single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 8m, maximum height of 3m and the maximum height to the eaves of 2.8m

**RESOLVED: Refuse this application.** This is an application for prior approval for an extension that appears to more than double the existing floor area. The design is mediocre - a large flat roofed extension that will dominate the existing building.

**061/2022 Decision/s made by MDC affecting St. Lawrence**

Councillors noted the planning decisions made by MDC affecting St. Lawrence

**PDE/MAL/22/00121** - 514 Moorhen Avenue St Lawrence Essex CM0 7LU

Proposed single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 8m, maximum height of 3.10m and the maximum height to the eaves of 2.95m

**PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSED - REASON FOR REFUSAL**

Insufficient information has been submitted such that it has not been demonstrated that the proposed extension would fall within the tolerance of Class A of Part 1, of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

**LDP/MAL/21/00637** - Waterside Country Park Limited Waterside Holiday Park Main Road St Lawrence

Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed use of land for the stationing of static caravans for the purpose of human habitation throughout the year. **REFUSE** for the following reason:-

The Local Planning Authority is not satisfied that there is sufficient evidence to support the claim of lawfulness for the proposed use of the application site for the siting and occupation of caravans all year round. Therefore, planning permission would be required.

**062/2022 Appeal/s made affecting St. Lawrence**

Councillors noted the appeal made affecting St. Lawrence

20/01007/FUL (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/21/3283724) - 19 Mountview Crescent - St Lawrence Replacement dwelling. **Decision Level:** Delegated. **APPEAL DISMISSED – 23 March 2022**

**063/2022 Representative Reports****a) Greening of the village –** To receive a written report from Cllr C. Thorne

We have been able to plant some new plants that have been kindly donated by Carole and Jim Taylor; these were positioned along the face of the new fence to the Play area. Chris Millet and Jim helped in the digging and planting of these, for which I am really grateful.

The new Tree for the Queens Jubilee has also had a successful Planting, with the children from Diddydots taking an active role with the Help of Rachael Lipscombe and her staff to guide their little spades. With the help of Chris Millet, it has been possible to dig a reasonably large bed to set this tree

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into, we have purchased some new materials to help in the setting of the new tree and for the other areas of planting that we are looking after.

The lower end entrance gate to Jubilee field has sustained some serious damage, Chris Millet and I have removed the remaining splintered parts from the post to make the area safe and have put these into storage in Chris's garden.

We intend to re commence the planting of the potted on saplings along the western hedge side during the next few weeks. And will soon be re planting the Dinghy with summer plants, donations are gladly accepted.

**b) Recreation Ground – To receive a written update report**

As you may have noticed the entrance gate North End of the car park has been completely broken as discussed at the last meeting, we spoke of having this entrance to the field blocked off and only have the one entrance this will be discussed at the meeting.

Further to damage of the BMX track the BMX track on the field needs some mud put in the cracks where it has dried out it is getting dangerous now you cannot see the cracks until you are at the top. About three years ago we had this work carried out by Richard Garwood who was so kind to do this for us and maybe he will do this again.

I carried out the monthly playground inspection and all is safe to use but will need some repairs on the kiddies climbing frame. Our annual inspection is being carried out in May.

The tree for the Queen's platinum jubilee has now been planted and a big thank you to Diddydots for turning out on a cold and windy day for the occasion. I was contacted by the Maldon Standard our local newspaper wanting me to write an article on this for them to print. Which was published on 8th April. There was also another article put together by Dengie Foods which is also going to be published at some point.

- Councillors to discuss closing off the gate entrance at North End of the Car Park  
Cllr G. Lewsey proposed closing the North End gate of the car park permanently. Also, to tidy up the potholes in the car park and getting A. Lipscombe to quote and undertake the works Cllr D. Bonich seconded. **All Agreed**

**c) Passenger Transport report – To receive a written report from Cllr E. Roberts**

No report was given

**d) Update on Parish Newsletter – To receive a written report from Cllr E. Roberts**

No update was given. The next edition needs to be worked on for the July edition.

**e) Queen's Platinum event on 2<sup>nd</sup>. – 5<sup>th</sup>. June 2022 – To co-ordinate with other events being held in St. Lawrence over the weekend. Beacon to be lit on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>. June at 9.15pm together with a BBQ at the Church prior to lighting the beacon.**

**064/2022 Finance**

**a.** To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2022

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2022

**b.** To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2022/23

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2022/23

**c.** To approve the payment of Accounts for April 2022 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements

Cllr G. Lewsey proposed and Cllr R. Millett seconded to authorise the April payments. **All Agreed**

Cllr A. Gardner, having completed the Unity Trust Bank form, is now a signatory for Internet Banking

**065/2022 2021/2022 Annual Return**

1) To Receive the Internal Auditors report for 2021/22

Councillors noted the Internal Auditors report for 2021/22

2) To Receive and, if agreed, sign Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement of AGAR 2021/22

Cllr. M. Gibson proposed and Cllr D. Bonich seconded to accept and sign Section 1 - Annual

Governance Statement of AGAR 2021/22. **All Agreed.** The Chairman and Clerk then signed the document

3) To Receive and, if agreed, sign Section 2 - Accounting Statement of AGAR 2021/22

Cllr C. Thorne proposed and Cllr R. Millett seconded to accept and sign Section 2 - Accounting Statement of AGAR 2021/22. **All Agreed.** The Chairman and RFO then signed the document.

Signed



M. Gibson – Chairman of SLPC

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**066/2022 Councillors to list any defective streetlights with location/s in the village**

No defective lights were reported to the Clerk

**067/2022 Items for Next Agenda**

**Next meeting will be held in the VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 25.05.22 Annual Village meeting followed by SLPC AGM at 7pm**

**Meeting dates for 2022:** 22.06.22: 27.07.22: No meeting in August: 28.09.22: 26.10.22: 23.11.22: 14.12.22:

**068/2022 Closure of the Meeting**

To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.45pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

*M. Gibson*

M. Gibson – Chairman of SLPC

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