Little Easton Parish Council

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Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF LITTLE EASTON PARISH COUNCIL held at the Memorial Hall on FRIDAY 07 JULY 2023 AT 9:00AM

| Councillor | Attendance |
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| VACANT | |
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| Cllr Emma Wells | YES |
| Cllr Simon Benstead | YES |
| Cllr Peter Bright | YES |
| Dist Cllr Richard Haynes | NO |
| Cnty Cllr Martin Foley | NO |

0 member(s) of the public Clerk – Mr Ian Brown

| 23/067 | NOTE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | | | | | | | |
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| | None declared | | | | | | | |
| 23/068 | WITH REFERENCE TO THIS AGENDA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO DECLARE ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS None declared | | | | | | | |
| 23/069 | PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION | | | | | | | |
| | Members of the public may raise questions about and comment on items on the Agenda OR of import. Session is limited to 15 minutes (3 minutes per person with no repetition of a previous question) | | | | | | | |
| | No public in attendance | | | | | | | |
| 23/070 | FINANCE – RECEIVE STATEMENT & AGREE PAYMENTS | | | | | | | |
| | RESOLUTION – Approve finance statement and payments; Proposed Cllr Simon Benstead; Seconded Cllr Emma Wells | | | | | | | |
| | Finance Statement – APPENDIX A | | | | | | | |
| | 23/070(i) – CONSIDER OFFER TO RENEW FIXED 5YR LIGHTING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AT A MONTHLY INCREASE OF £3.75 | | | | | | | |
| | RESOLUTION – Approve 5Yr contract renewal with A&J Lighting; Proposed Cllr Peter Bright; Seconded; Cllr Simon Benstead | | | | | | | |
| 23/071 | RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE RECENT WEBSITE HOST SERVER HACK AND AGREE PROPOSED INITIAL FIX TO HELP SECURE AGAINST FUTURE SUCH ACTIONS AT A COST OF £99 - PLUS | | | | | | | |
| | CONFIRM ALL CLLRS EMAIL ACCOUNTS NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL | | | | | | | |

| | RESOLUTION – Approve fix recommended by web hosting and support provider; Proposed Cllr | | | | | | | |
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| | Peter Bright; Seconded Cllr Simon Benstead | | | | | | | |
| | 23/071(i) – CONFIRM AGREEMENT TO PROCEED WITH DNS CHANGES WITH CLOUDNEXT Deferred to a later date | | | | | | | |
| 23/072 | 23/072(i) – CONFIRM POLICY WORDING AND ADOPTION FOR RECREATION GROUND USE / HIRE. REQUEST THAT MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING FORMS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT HIRERS ARE RENTING THE HALL AND NON-EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE CAR PARK ONLY. ANY USE OF THE RECREATION GROUND SHOULD BE REFERRED BACK TO THE PARISH CLERK WHO WILL SEEK AUTHORISATION FROM LEPC COUNCILLORS RESOLUTION – Approve Policy wording and adoption; Proposed Cllr Emma Wells; Seconded Cllr Simon Benstead | | | | | | | |
| | CLERK to PUBLISH | | | | | | | |
| | 23/072(ii) – UPDATE ON PROPOSALS FOR PICNIC BENCH REFURBISHMENT AND CONSIDER BENCH REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME AT A COST OF c. £3,000 (Cyan / Alexander Rose Teak furniture suppliers). CONFIRM SITE / IDENTITY / OWNERSHIP OF BENCHES TO BE REPLACED <i>RESOLUTION</i> – Approve purchase of 4 off three seater Cyan, 6ft Balmoral Teak benches at £420 each plus 1 off Cyan Luxury Teak pub Picnic bench at £595; Proposed Cllr Emma Wells; Seconded Cllr Peter Bright | | | | | | | |
| | CLERK to contact supplier for delivery and payment options | | | | | | | |
| | 23/072(iii) – APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF £250 TO PRODUCE e-MAILING LIST TO COMMUNICATE WITH RESIDENTS AND AGREE DRAFT TEXT FOR FIRST MAILING RESOLUTION – Approve expenditure to set up e-Mailing system using the Mailchimp platform; Proposed Cllr Simon Benstead; Seconded Cllr Emma Wells | | | | | | | |
| | Cllr Peter Bright previously circulated suggested text for initial mailing. | | | | | | | |
| | CLERK to ACTION in collaboration with web hosting and support contractor | | | | | | | |
| | 23/072(iv) – APPROVE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT GOAL WITH NETTING PLUS ADDITIONAL GROUND SLEEVES AND ADDITIONAL NETTING - £710 <i>RESOLUTION</i> – Approve purchase of 1 x goal, 2 x nets, net fixings and additional ground sleeves; Proposed Cllr Emma Wells; Seconded Cllr Simon Benstead | | | | | | | |
| | CLERK to ACTION | | | | | | | |
| | 23/072(v) - APPROVE QUOTATION FROM SGS TO ASSEMBLE AND FIX NEW FOOTBALL GOAL WITH NETTING PLUS INSTAL ADDITIONAL GROUND SLEEVES TO ENABLE THE GOAL POSITION TO BE MOVED – ± 215 | | | | | | | |
| | RESOLUTION – Approve quotation to assembly and installation of new goal, netting and ground sleeves; Proposed Cllr Emma Wells; Seconded Cllr Simon Benstead | | | | | | | |
| | CLERK to ACTION | | | | | | | |
| | 23/072(vi) – CONSIDER QUOTATION FROM SGS TO REMOVE EXISTING AND MAKE GOOD THE ORIGINAL GOAL MOUTH, ADD TOPSOIL AND TURF PLUS BARRIER FENCING; WATERING OF TURF IN THE EARLY WEEKS TO BE CONSIDERED OR DELAY TURF UNTIL THE AUTUMN– £485 <i>RESOLUTION</i> – Approve quotation to remove and dispose from site the existing goal and netting but to delay repair of goal mouth, proposed adding top soil plus turf, until the Autumn; Proposed Cllr Emma Wells; Seconded Cllr Simon Benstead | | | | | | | |

| | CLERK to advise contractor and agree to splitting the invoice between current works and future works in the Autumn | | | | | |
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| 23/073 | APPROVE QUOTATION FROM BAKERS of DANBURY HERITAGE LTD FOR WAR MEMORIAL REFURBISHMENT WORKS - £4,476 PLUS RAILINGS REFURBISHMENT AND OAK GATE - £980 AND GRANITE - £2525 – TOTAL circa £8,000 <i>RESOLUTION</i> – Approve quotations for War Memorial refurbishment works plus the additional sum to refurbish the metal work and Oak gate, plus the purchase of required Granite for contractor to instal; Proposed Cllr Emma Wells; Seconded Cllr Simon Benstead CLERK to ACTION | | | | | |
| 23/074 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S) – WEDNESDAY 26 JULY – CLOSE Meeting closed – 09:14 am | | | | | |

Signed......Date.....Date.

APPENDIX A

| LEPC JUNE 20 | 23 Finance Stateme | nt | | | | | | | | |
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| Precept | 28,500 | | | | | | Budget | Net Exp | Diff +/- | |
| | | | | | | | 43,135 | 8,934 | -34,201 | |
| Opening balance | | | | | | 66,289.04 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |
| 12-Jun | Activ Web | Web services | 9689 | DD | Y | | 42.00 | 7.00 | 35.00 | Web |
| 12-Jun | R&L Smith | Coronation Expenses | N/A | FPO | Y | | 199.07 | | 199.07 | S137 |
| 12-Jun | Sharon Williamson | Coronation Expenses | N/A | FPO | Y | | 56.47 | | 56.47 | S137 |
| 12-Jun | Lisa Forsyth | Coronation Expenses | N/A | FPO | Y | | 48.38 | | 48.38 | S137 |
| 12-Jun | TL Oakley | Coronation Expenses | N/A | FPO | Y | | 11.54 | | 11.54 | S137 |
| 12-Jun | Mrs LJ Luketa | Coronation Expenses | N/A | FPO | Y | | 11.20 | | 11.20 | S137 |
| 12-Jun | Mrs J Green | Coronation Expenses | N/A | FPO | Y | | 92.34 | | 92.34 | S137 |
| 15-Jun | UDC | Coronation grant | | BGC | Y | 567.00 | | | | Income |
| 15-Jun | A&J Lighting | Annualised maintenance | 37319 | DD | Y | | 24.30 | 4.05 | 20.25 | Lighting |
| 19-Jun | DRAX Energy | Lighting electricity | 42891/51617 | DD | Y | | 48.11 | 2.29 | 45.82 | Utility |
| 28-Jun | Employee | WFH allowance | N/A | s/o | Y | | 26.00 | | 26.00 | Admin |
| 29-Jun | Employee | Expenses | June expense | FPO | | | 4.50 | | 4.50 | Admin |
| 29-Jun | Employee | Salary | PAYE | FPO | | | 390.65 | | 390.65 | Clerk |
| 29-Jun | Steves Gardening Ser | PM and clearance works | Invs 7 to 11 | FPO | | | 1,035.00 | | 1,035.00 | PM |
| 29-Jun | M&B Printers | A3 play area sign | Inv 16788 | FPO | | | 78.00 | 13.00 | 65.00 | Play area |
| 29-Jun | Prince Recycling - SB | Skip provision | Inv 63775 | FPO | | | 300.00 | 50.00 | 250.00 | PM |
| 29-Jun | UDC | Local Elections | Inv 102172 | FPO | | | 52.47 | | 52.47 | Admin |
| 29-Jun | MD Landscapes | Grass cutting | Inv 1190 | FPO | | | 168.00 | 28.00 | 140.00 | Grass |
| 29-Jun | Cloud Next Ltd | Email hosting | Inv 200236 | FPO | | | 59.98 | 9.99 | 49.99 | Web |
| 29-Jun | Broadmead Leisure Ltd | Quarterly inspection | Inv 2536 | FPO | | | 96.00 | 16.00 | 80.00 | Play area |
| 29-Jun | UDC | Printing and mailing | Inv 102204 | FPO | | | 210.00 | 35.00 | 175.00 | Admin |
| 30-Jun | Unity Trust Bank | Quarterly fee | N/A | DD | | | 18.00 | | 18.00 | Admin |
| 29-Jun | Amazon - IB | Ring binder | Inv 320ETOZAEU | FPO | | | 2.68 | 0.45 | 2.23 | Stationer |
| June | | | | | | 66,856.04 | 2,974.69 | 165.78 | 2,808.91 |] |
| Opening balance | JULY | | | | | 63,881.35 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | |