

Lawford Parish Council



Minutes of the **Public Realm Committee** held in the **Small Meeting Room, Ogilvie Hall, Wignall Street, Lawford, CO11 2JG** on **Monday 5 June 2023 at 6.30pm**

Present: Cllrs B. Chester, T. Barrett, V Guglielmi, C Guglielmi, B Newman-Wright, K. Symon, D. Thurlow

1. Apologies for Absence None received.

2. Minutes:

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the **Public Realm** meeting held on **3 April 2023** be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. Action Points from the meeting 3 April 2023:

A review of Council's Byelaws. Submitted and waiting for a decision.	Ongoing
Area mapping project. Cllrs C Guglielmi and D Thurlow to work on this and update at the next meeting.	Ongoing
Parish Council to remove chain link fence when works complete to house building works on pathway from School Lane to playing field. Build currently on hold.	Ongoing
Annual Tree Inspection. Cllr D Thurlow to update at next meeting.	Ongoing
Play Area Inspections. Cllrs to review reports throughout the year.	Ongoing
Bin installation. Cllr Thurlow to look into this and update at the next meeting.	Ongoing
Defibrillator Cllr C Guglielmi is waiting for dates from electrician	Ongoing
Junction of Dedham Road/Harwich Road. Cllr Guglielmi to email 'members enquiries' for advice and guidance and report at next meeting. Cllr Guglielmi to email the Clerk with new email received.	Ongoing
Land to the northwest of Colchester Road, Lawford Hill, Lawford. Waiting for Birkett Long to expedite.	Ongoing
Hedge planting at Little Pumpkins. To take place in the autumn 2023	Ongoing
Traffic calming measures on Wignall Street close to Garden City. Cllr Guglielmi to speak to a Highways Liaison Officer regarding the speeds permitted on this road and reported that no changes to be made.	Complete

4. Declarations of interest

Cllrs Barrett and Chester declared an interest in item 5e.
Cllr C Guglielmi declared an interest in item 5h.

5. General items:

- a) ASB at Riverview – Cllr Chester reported that the CCTV has now been removed.
- b) Skatepark – This suggestion was discussed however, it was **resolved** not to pursue this project for the following reasons: finding a location away from housing would be difficult; noise from the installation would disturb residents; would need to provide a few structures to make it interesting for young people which would be difficult with limited space; reports from where skateparks had been installed in other areas say young

people tended to congregate and engage in anti-social behaviour. Councillors thought that the provision of an outdoor gym might be a better option (item 5d).

- c) Zip wire – This was discussed and it was **resolved** that this year the council would focus on one outdoor project and could look at a zip wire for next year.
- d) Outdoor gym equipment – This was discussed and it was **resolved** that as this would provide healthy activity for local residents of all ages, Cllr Thurlow would take this project forward and report back at the next meeting.
- e) Lawford Football Club – Cllr Thurlow reported that the Football Club would like permission to provide a fence for advertising purposes. It would not be a permanent structure and only brought out on match days. It was **resolved** to give permission for this. It was agreed that Cllr Thurlow would ask Tendring District Council to provide written confirmation that the fence did not require planning permission.
Action: Cllr Thurlow to contact Tendring District Council planning department
- f) Works to mini-roundabout Wignall Street /Bromley Road – Cllr C Guglielmi reported that this may now be delayed but the builder was still aiming to start the works after the Tendring Show and during the summer holiday period. Cllr Guglielmi was due to meet with builders to discuss and would report back at the next meeting.
Action: Cllr C Guglielmi to update at next meeting.
- g) Bench on Coxs Hill – This was discussed and it was **resolved** the Council would contribute half the costs.
- h) Consultation Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community. This was discussed and it was **resolved** that the Council supported the principles of the garden community development.

6. Current projects:

- a) Defibrillator. Cllr C Guglielmi reported that he was waiting for a date from the electrician and would update at the next meeting.
- b) Streetlights
 - Contract renewal – the Clerk reported that she would send on details to Cllr Thurlow for his consideration.
 - Switch to LED phased works – Cllr Thurlow reported that Phase III was underway.
 - New streetlights on Riverview x 3 – Cllr Thurlow reported that he was talking some independent advice on the project and would report back at the next meeting.
 - Lights on Cox's Hill, submitted LHP scheme – Cllr Guglielmi confirmed he had received no update yet.
- c) Speed Limit on Coxs Hill – submitted LHP scheme. Cllr Guglielmi confirmed he had received no update yet.
- d) Final bin location and new bins – this was discussed and it was **resolved** to put a new bin on Long Road possibly close to the bus stop. Cllr Thurlow to action along with the concrete bin on School Lane and report back at the next meeting.
- e) Area mapping project – Cllrs C Guglielmi and Thurlow to meet and progress the project.

7. Matters for Future Discussion

- a) Cllr Chester said he had received a request from residents to leave a part of Summers Park grow long rather than cut it all back. He suggested the area around the trees. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the contractor's advice and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to speak to contractor and report back at next meeting.

- b) Cllr Chester asked whether weed killer had been used along the fences that back onto the Riverview pathway? It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the contractor and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to speak to contractor and report back at next meeting.

- c) Cllr Barrett asked Councillors to look for nitrous oxide canisters so they could gauge if there was a problem in any part of the village. This was agreed.

Action: all councillors to report at the next meeting.

- d) Cllr Symon raised the issue of 'end of the school day' parking (between 3.15pm and 3.40pm) on the Avenue at Lawford School. Cllr C Guglielmi said the road had not been adopted but he would ask the developer whether he could put some parking restriction lines on the road. The Clerk said she would report this to the police who had already agreed to do some patrols in the area.

Action: Cllr C Guglielmi to speak to developer

Action: Clerk to speak to the Police

8. Items for information

- a) Cllr C Guglielmi reported that he had attended a North Falls consultation event at Bromley Village Hall where the developer had been asked lots of questions regarding compensation to Essex Highways for the damage caused to the roads and to the farmers for the damage to their businesses. The consultation closes in 3 weeks-time and it was agreed that the Parish Council agreed with the submissions already made by Tendring District Council and Essex County Council.

Signature: (Chair)

Date: