

Lawford Parish Council



Minutes of a meeting of the **Public Realm Committee** held in the **Small Meeting Room, Ogilvie Hall, Wignall Street, Lawford, CO11 2JG** on **Monday 5 December 2022** at **6.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Barrett, Chester, Newman-Wright, Pretty, Thurlow

1. Apologies for Absence: None received

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the **Public Realm** meeting held on **4 April** could not be approved and not enough of those councillors who attended were at this meeting however, the minutes of the meeting of **3 October 2022** were approved.

3. Action Points from the meeting 3 October 2022:

<u>A review of Council's Byelaws.</u> Cllr Thurlow updated that he had chased a response from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. He had also emailed the MP Bernard Jenkins requesting a chase from his office.	Ongoing
Clerk to claim back monies from Essex County Council for treatment to Staghorn Sumac grass of £50.00 + VAT	Ongoing
<u>Area mapping project.</u> Cllr C Guglielmi getting the maps populated and printed	Ongoing
Parish Council to remove chain link fence when works complete to house building works on pathway from School Lane to playing field. Cllr Thurlow reported that this building works seems to have halted.	Ongoing
<u>Mile Marker Project.</u> Cllr C Guglielmi to speak to Bob Horlock regarding place names and distance on marker.	Ongoing
<u>Annual Tree Inspection.</u> Cllr D Thurlow said he would pick this up again in the Spring.	Ongoing
<u>Play Area Inspections.</u> The Clerk reported that the inspections were with the handyman for him to go through and complete the works he could. He would then return to the Clerk for the Councillors to agree the remaining works.	Ongoing
<u>Bin installation.</u> Cllr Thurlow progressing installation of the new bins.	Ongoing
Cllr C Guglielmi to speak to the Chief Inspector regarding repairing the ANPR cameras on the Brantham side of the level crossing at the request of PC Vanessa Moss	Ongoing
<u>Riverview pathway.</u> The Clerk to ask for quote for bat friendly lighting along the pathway behind Highfields School and Cllr Guglielmi to submit a Scheme to the LHP to pay for the lighting if the Parish Council pays for the upkeep.	Ongoing
Clerk to email John Glover regarding new planting for hedge next to Little Pumpkins.	Complete
<u>Wildflower verges on Summers Park.</u> Clerk to set up meeting with Leon Woodrow and Tom Opperman regarding planting on Summers Park	Complete
The Clerk to contact TCV regarding a quote for works to Summers Park	Complete

The Clerk to contact Rose Builders regarding the quote for works to the play area at Lawford Green	Complete
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4. Declarations of interest

Councillor Ben Chester declared an interest in the football club.

5. General items:

- a) Climate Change talk to be delivered by Professor Jules Pretty for Lawford residents. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Cllr C Guglielmi regarding how he would like to progress this.
- b) Council's Byelaws – update from Cllr Thurlow provided as above.
- c) Mile marker project – It was agreed the Clerk would speak to Cllr C Guglielmi regarding how he would like to progress this.
- d) Annual Tree Inspection – update from Cllr Thurlow provided as above.
- e) Update on mapping project – It was agreed that an update from Cllr C Guglielmi to be provided at the next Full Council meeting.
- f) Defibrillator in public spaces. It was agreed the Clerk would speak to Cllr C Guglielmi regarding how he would like to progress this. It was also agreed that the Clerk would speak to the First Responders to see if they had a list of the defibrillators in the area.

6. Summers Park:

- a) Summers Park Pond. It was agreed the Clerk would speak to Cllr C Guglielmi regarding how he would like to progress this.
- b) Planning for King's Coronation Event. Activities were discussed and it was agreed to replicate the Beacon Lighting Ceremony that took place for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Summers Park. Again, drinks and some nibbles would be provided.

7. Lawford Green:

- a) Agree hedge planting next to Little Pumpkins. It was agreed the Clerk would speak to Cllr C Guglielmi regarding how he would like to progress this.

8. Matters for Future Discussion:

Cllr Val Pretty suggested the following item for the next meeting:

- a) Streetlights on the Suffolk side of the Level Crossing

9. Items for information

- a) Cllr V Pretty asked the Clerk to report tarmac breaking up about 20 yards up Cox's Hill on the corner with Lawford Dale
- b) Cllr V Pretty asked the Clerk to speak to the handyman regarding cutting back branches obscuring the Level Crossing sign on Cox's Hill
- c) Cllr V Pretty and Cllr D Thurlow asked the Clerk to speak to John Glover regarding cutting back growth on the bottom of the trees on Summers Park
- d) Cllr D Thurlow informed Cllr Chester that the Football Club could move the pitches where they thought most suitable to avoid 'soggy pitches'.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signature: (Chairman)

Date: