

Lawford Parish Council



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Minutes of a meeting of the Public Realm Committee held in the Small Meeting Room, Ogilvie Hall, Wignall Street, Lawford, CO11 2JG on Monday 4th December 2023 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr B Chester
Cllr D Thurlow (Chair)
Cllr K Symon

In attendance: B. Tighe (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs V and C Guglielmi and Cllr T Barrett and approved by the Chair.
2. **To receive members declarations of interest** on items that appear on the agenda. There were no declarations of interest received.
3. **Minutes** - Minutes of the previous public realm committee meeting held on Monday 2 October 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **Public Participation** – There were no members of the public present.
5. **General items:**
 - a) Chain link fence on new build at footpath Wignall Street / School Lane. Cllr Thurlow reported that there had been no progress on this development so he would continue to monitor.
 - b) End of day traffic on Lawford Green. Cllr Symon reported that since the road markings had been in place the situation had eased slightly, however, he would continue to monitor and report back at Full Council.
 - c) Grass cutting – discussions with Tendring District Council. It was reported that there had been no update from Tendring District Council at this time.
 - d) Repairs to School Lane play area. The Clerk reported that an updated quote had been received from Kompan for the works to the ship's decking. This was discussed and it was **resolved** to recommend to Full Council to accept the quote from Playquip for the decking and the quote from Bounce Bound Ltd for the surfacing works.
 - e) Annual Tree Inspection and Hedges. Cllr Thurlow reported that this had been completed and he would be meeting with the contractor to go through the works required.
 - f) New roundabout on Wignall Street / Bromley Road. Cllr B Chester expressed his concerns that the new roundabout had been completed without the pedestrian crossing refuge and traffic calming measures. It was **resolved** that the committee would write to Highways and Planning with these concerns.
 - g) School Lane roundabout. It was **resolved** to recommend these works are completed to Full Council. It was also **resolved** to recommend the works to the Waldegrave Way Trim Trail as per quote received.

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h) Request for replacement swings on Waldegrave Way. It was agreed to discuss further at Full Council.

6. **Current projects:**

a) Streetlights

- Solar light on Riverview. The poor performance of the light was discussed and agreed that the solar panel needed to face south. Cllr Thurlow reported that the contractor was going to replace the light and if this didn't resolve the issue it would be moved to another location.
- Lights on Cox's Hill. Quotes had been requested for tree trimming and LED lights. It was agreed that these would be presented to Full Council when received.
- Streetlights on Mill Hill. The meeting was informed that Cllr Barrett was attending Mistley Parish Council meetings and would update at the next meeting on this request.

b) Pedestrian access to train station. This was discussed as part of the new signal scheme being considered. Councillors to wait for an update from Cllr C Guglielmi on its progress.

7. **Matters for Future Discussion.** There were no items for further discussion.

8. **Items for information**

a) Cllr Thurlow reported that he had attended a meeting with the Police at the Manningtree Fire Station. He explained it was a meeting where parish councils could raise their community safety issues and would take place every 6 months.

Signature: (Chair)

Date: