

Lyminster & Crossbush Parish Council.

Minutes of the meeting @ 19:30, April 19th, 2022.

Held at The Beefeater, Crossbush.

Cllr D. Montagnani.

Cllr J. Le Page

Cllr K. Thompson.

Cllr S Langmead.

Cllr M. Ashman.

Clerk; Carol Hatton.

Also, in attendance.

Mrs M Chaffe. Process Matters.

Merwin Man & Debbie Richford from National Highways.

Briant Communications.

AGENDA.

1. Welcome & Apologies. Cllr A. Lark .
2. Declarations of Interest. There were no new declarations.
3. Minutes of last meeting. These were agreed and signed off by the Chairman.
4. Parishioners' Questions. These were dealt with later in the meeting.
5. Presentation from Adrian Bain from Briant Communications. Mr Bain gave a presentation on the Broadband service his company could provide for the village of Lyminster. His company was established in 2020, and they are based in Worthing. They are registered with OFCOM (Office of Communications). They can install broadband using the existing BT poles and ducts. Twenty-five properties at least are needed to subscribe for them to distribute the service. They could halve the £25 which Openreach would charge for this service. The chairman asked them for a proposal which we could offer to the village. A maildrop would be useful to ascertain who would be interested and they offered to undertake this. We already have a list of addresses to work from. Cllr Langmead asked for a time for the roll out and they estimated 3-4 months. The Parish Council could advertise this. **ACTION: CLERK TO STAY IN TOUCH AND CO-ORDINATE.**

6. Merwin Man from National Highways gave a presentation on the proposed walking and cycle path from Lyminster to Arundel. This involves footpath no 2207 which is a PROW (Public Right of Way) with responsibility residing currently with West Sussex County Council. National Highways has designated funds for this project for a potential cycle / walking link between Lyminster and Arundel. The feasibility study is underway, and National Highways are seeking views from the community and stakeholders. DM reminded the meeting that the Parish Council had lobbied hard for a satisfactory cycle / walking path to continue from the northern termination of the Lyminster Bypass scheme to the Crossbush interchange. However, the bypass currently in delivery by WSCC will only incorporate a cycle lane to the northern termination connection with the old Lyminster Road. There was much discussion from residents who had attended the meeting, mostly those from Church Lane where the proposed path would commence. DM suggested that the PC write once again to WSCC to reiterate our request for the footpath to run alongside the Bypass. **ACTION: Clerk to write brief letter to WSCC Highways re the Lyminster Bypass and any possibility of an enhanced cycle / walking provision from the northern termination point to the Crossbush interchange.** Process Matters (MC) suggested that a requirement from Arun District Council seeking night-time lighting for such a scheme would conflict with the Dark Skies policy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The feasibility study will end in August. The chairman thanked Merwin Man and the participants for their input. **ACTION: Parish Council to remain engaged with the National Highways Feasibility Study. ACTION: Clerk to organise copies of the marked-up feasibility plans to the Parish Council website and collate views from the community to feed back to National Highways**
7. Neighbourhood Plan. Process Matters reported that we are ready to submit for Reg 15. Councillors voted unanimously in favour. The Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to Arun District Council to publicise for a further 6-week consultation, which will then go to a formal examiner. This will then go to a formal referendum to all residents. Completion should be in about 18-20 weeks. DM explained to the public present that this process has been funded entirely by grants and has not cost the public anything.

8. Village signage. The Clerk had shared with councillors the proposals and costs associated with the installation of 3 signs identifying the boundary of the parish. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this proposal.

ACTION: Clerk to instruct Balfour Beatty

9. Defibrillator. The clerk reported that a charitable trust was offering to help pay for this to be installed at St Mary Magdalene church in Church Lane Lyminster. A defibrillator unit has been identified to be located at the Premier Inn Crossbush and available 24/7. Cllr Thompson has collated quotes from several companies offering defibrillators. She is to send a quote to the trust who will then decide how they can help. **Clerk to confirm that the Premier Inn is happy for us to advertise to the residents of Crossbush that the defibrillator is for their use and where it is sited.** DM sought clarification on the role of the Parish Council and

10. that is to support funding of the purchase of a defibrillator. The Clerk confirmed that maintenance and upkeep responsibility for the unit to potentially be cited in St Mary Magdalene Church, Lyminster would reside with the church

11. Finance. The clerk reported that the balance of the current account stands at £8175.20. Having received the first half of our precept. £4500. The savings account stands at £5389.23.

12. Village Bench. The clerk reported that the bench in the village of Lyminster needs repair and renovation. DM suggested that it might be more cost effective to provide a new bench – the cost of repair should be compared to the cost of replacement. A resident offered to help with repair offered to help with this. **ACTION: Clerk to clarify if repair is the most cost effective and organise this with local support and at nominal cost.**

13. There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.48
The next meeting is scheduled for June 21st.