

LYMINSTER & CROSSBUSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting February 16th, 2023.

Held at The Beefeater, Crossbush.

Present:

Cllr D Montagnani. Chairman.

Cllr S Langmead

Cllr A Lark

Cllr D May

Cllr F Murphy

Cllr M Ashman

Clerk: Carol Hatton.

1. **Welcome & Apologies.** Cllr K Thompson sent her apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Agree & sign off last meeting's minutes.** These were agreed & signed off by the chairman.
4. **Inspector of Police.** Unfortunately, the police officer due to attend the meeting failed to appear. **Action; Clerk to contact Sussex Police to understand failure to attend.**
5. **Parishioner's Questions.** Cllr May reported that a substantial pile of rubbish had been dumped and set fire to in Clay Lane, Crossbush. **Cllr May will report this to the appropriate department at Arun District Council.**
6. **Matters arising from the last minutes.**

a. The proposed A27/National Highways Lyminster to Arundel walking & cycling route. After several months with no communication, the Clerk has received an email from the Cycle path team asking if she could help with organising a drop-in meeting for the public to attend. The Church Warden has also had a request to hold the meeting in St Mary Magdalene church in Church Lane on March 20th. He will inform them that the church is free on that date.

b. Siting of the Tommy silhouette. The Clerk reported that Cllr Murphy's husband has kindly agreed to permanently install the Tommy silhouette in the church grounds. The Parish Council will advise him where exactly it should be sited.

c. **SID units.** The Clerk reported that her investigations on costing for these units is ongoing. The villages of Crossbush & Lyminster are both interested in obtaining a SID unit. **Clerk to continue investigations on cost**

7. **Planning.** There were no new planning applications.

8. **Finance.** The Clerk reported that there is £2601 in the current account and £3104 in the savings account. The first half of our precept is due in April.

9. **A.O.B.** The new ward member for Arun District Council, (Councillor McAuliffe), attended the meeting. He was asked to intervene for the parish on several issues.

1. The Clerk asked if he could put pressure on WSCC (West Sussex County Council) to expedite the re painting of the white lines at the junction of the A284 and Church Lane. The Clerk explained that despite several pleas to get this urgent work done, nothing has so far happened.

2. The Clerk asked if something could be done about the state of the litter alongside the A27. Cllr Montagnani made the point that ADC failed to consider and reference the comments on this planning application made by L&CBPC. It was discussed that litter from the Crossbush Services continues to present a problem south on the A284 as far as Black Ditch and that expansion of the commercial operation at Crossbush is likely to magnify this problem. The District Councillor highlighted the option for legal action to be pursued as a last resort.

The Council discussed the possibility of applying for a grant from the National Lottery Awards Scheme for a street party for the King's Coronation. The Clerk reported that she had already started completion of the relevant form but needed to know the sum we should apply for. It was decided to make a request for £2000.00. This would cover all costs for a street party.

There was much discussion on what other projects we could apply for from this scheme, and there were several suggestions, which included replacing the bench around the triangle at the end of Church Lane and helping pay for a SID unit. **The Clerk will investigate.**

Councillor McAuliffe, reported that he had managed to persuade ADC (Arun District Council) to include a request for National Highways to consider the planting surrounding the proposed Crossbush Junction and its impact on local businesses. He went on to say that this was as much as he could get achieve, but at least it raised the concern and will hopefully push NH to reconsider the

design and engage with us to find a solution that can be supported by all parties.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 09 12.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13th to include the AGM.