

## **LYMINSTER & CROSSBUSH PARISH COUNCIL.**

**Minutes of the meeting held on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7.30.p.m.**

**Venue: The Beefeater, Crossbush Lane, Crossbush.**

**Clerk: lyminsterandcrossbush-pc.gov.uk**

### **AGENDA.**

**1. Welcome & Apologies.** Cllr Lark sent his apologies.

**2. Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of Interest.

**3. Agree & Sign off last meetings' minutes.** These were agreed & signed off by the chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the last meeting.**

a. **Speed limit on the A284.** The Clerk reported that she had contacted Mike Dare, who advised that there will be surveys conducted once the Lyminster Bypass has opened. No decision on changing speed limits will be taken until these surveys are completed.

b. **Donations.** The Council resolved to adopt a policy that would consider only those requests for donations that are relevant to the parish. No set amount will be put aside for this purpose. The Council are aware that we are not financially in a position to do this. Cllr Langmead suggested that we compile a WISH LIST, should we qualify for CIL money in the future. It was also suggested that we could purchase a SID unit to deter speeding, with CIL money, if this is allowed. **CLERK TO RESEARCH AND ADD CIL TO THE NEXT AGENDA.**

c. **Flooding.** The flooding on the A284 close to Barney's cottage is still causing problems. This is an ongoing problem which has been going on for about 10 years. It is not a spring which is the cause of the problem, but a root ball from a tree which is blocking the pipe underground. It has been identified that this is the problem, but WSCC have so far done nothing to cure this. **CLERK TO CONTACT MARK MARTIN OR LEE NEWHAM to request this information. They should reply giving us proof of the findings and have 21 days to respond under the freedom of information rules.**

d. **Speeding.** Cllr Ashman reported that he had had a request from the police to put the SID unit previously used on the A284 back into position. Unfortunately, this is no longer fit for

purpose. We should, however, request that the speed loops be put back once the road re opens.

d. **First Responders.** The Clerk had arranged for a qualified nurse to give instruction on usage of the defibrillator and to demonstrate CPR. This was well attended at the church, after the service. We now have two volunteers as first responders. Francis Farrer-Brown and Ann Nash have both volunteered. Both have medical training. It was resolved that we should purchase spare defibrillator pads and regularly check sell by dates. **CLERK TO IMPLEMENT.**

e. **The Beefeater.** As an apology, they have not charged us for this meeting room hire, as they failed to give us notice of closure of the room for the previous meeting.

5. **PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS.** It was reported that there are ash trees and vegetation which need cutting and trimming, which are obscuring vehicular sight. This is on the A284 from Hargreaves flint wall to the new section of road. **CLERK TO CONTACT MARK MARTIN WSCC.**

6. **FINANCE.** The Clerk reported that the current bank account stands at £1915.29. Savings account at £2717.23. The Clerk suggested that we find a bank account with a higher interest rate for the savings account which currently only pays 1.5%. She reported that at present we are on a fine line with our precept, which is not sufficient to cover our costs. Our internet service has raised their prices substantially, and our insurance has increased together with staff salary. She suggested that after consideration of the projected budget for 2025/26, we request a precept of £3k, which is a 10.57% increase on last year's request. We have not raised our precept request for several years. In theory we should always hold the precept value in reserve, but this would mean requesting a far higher precept which the Council feel would not be acceptable or appropriate.

7. **PLANNING.** Paigles have submitted a planning application to convert a garage into a studio for their child. The Council resolved to comment that we fully support this application. **CLERK TO WRITE TO ADC.**

8. **RAMPION.** We have received an update on the proposed Rampion project. We have until the 21st of January to comment. Cllr Langmead will peruse the documents and advise us of any comment we should make.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.26.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> 2025. 3