

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 9th May, commencing at 7.30 pm. in the Village Hall.

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Present:

Chair: Cllr Irene Mitchell. Cllrs: Lizzie Falconer, Iain Lamont, Mary Morrey and Janice Muckian. Seven members of the public.

Opening Statement by the Chair:

The Chair began by welcoming everyone and introduced herself explaining to all present that this meeting is being recorded for the purpose of minute taking only and that after the minutes have been approved the recording will be destroyed. The Chair reminded all that this is not a public meeting, but a meeting of the Council held in public. Members of the Public were respectfully asked to maintain silence during the Council's deliberations and not to approach the Councillors. Councillors were requested not to engage with Members of the Public when Council is in session. All were asked to ensure that their mobile phone was on silent.

1. Election of a Chair

The Chair asked for nominations for the position of Chair. Cllr Falconer nominated and Cllr Lamont seconded Cllr Muckian. The Chair told Councillors that Cllr Robinson had made it known that he would accept nomination. No Councillors nominated him. Cllr Muckian was elected unanimously. The Chair then handed control of the meeting to Cllr Muckian.

2. Election of a Chairman

The newly elected Chair, Cllr Muckian, asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Cllr Mitchell nominated and Cllr Falconer seconded Cllr Morrey. The Chair asked for nominations for Cllr Robinson for the position of Vice-Chair. No Councillors nominated him. Cllr Morrey was elected unanimously.

3. Apologies and approval of Absences

The Clerk explained that Councillors Bourne, Ranzetta and Robinson had given their apologies and that Cllr Domoney had not responded.

4. Co-Option of Michael Sherman as Councillor

The Clerk reported that the PC had advertised in September 2023 that there were two vacancies following the May 2023 elections, which Council sought to fill by co-option as soon as possible.

The Clerk explained that Cllr Chris Robinson had joined the Council in December 2023 filling the first vacancy and that now Michael Sherman has put his name forward for the remaining vacancy.

The Clerk detailed that he had confirmed that Michael Sherman is eligible, has completed the required Register of Interests Form and has been provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct.

Motion: that the Parish Council welcomes Michael Sherman to the Council and asks Mr Sherman to sign the Acceptance of Office with the Clerk instructed to a) inform Babergh District Council and b) lodge with Babergh District Council the 'Register of Members Interests' form.

Proposed: Cllr Mitchell **Seconded:** Cllr Morrey

Decision: the Parish Council welcomes Michael Sherman to the Council and asks Mr Sherman to sign the Acceptance of Office with the Clerk instructed to a) inform Babergh District Council and b) lodge with Babergh District Council the 'Register of Members Interests' form.

5. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest had been received.



6. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that Cllrs Morrey, Falconer, Lamont, Ranzetta, Muckian, Mitchell, Robinson and Sherman had all asked and been granted dispensations.

The dispensations allow Cllrs Morrey, Falconer, Lamont and Ranzetta to speak and vote on matters concerning Water St as long as they do not relate specifically to their disclosable pecuniary interests. The dispensation allows Cllr Muckian to remain in the Chair to conduct the meeting, participate in discussion and vote to exercise a casting vote where general matters concerning the High Street are the subject of discussion. Where matters to be discussed relate directly to her disclosable pecuniary interest or could be perceived as having a specific beneficial or negative impact on her disclosable pecuniary interest she will hand over to the Vice Chair (or another Councillor) and leave the room. The dispensations allow Cllr Mitchell to speak and vote on matter concerning Water St as long as the matter for decision cannot be viewed from her disclosable pecuniary interest and allow Cllr Robinson and Sherman to speak and vote on matters concerning Brent Eleigh Road and Spring St respectively as long as they do not relate specifically to their disclosable pecuniary interests.

7. To approve as accurate minutes of the 4th April 2024 meeting of the Council

The Chair introduced the minutes emphasising that these had been on the Parish Council website for two weeks. The Clerk added that he had received no questions concerning the accuracy of the minutes.

Motion: to approve as accurate the minutes of the 4th April 2024 meeting of Council.

Proposed: Cllr Mitchell

Seconded: Cllr Morrey

Decision: The minutes of the 4th April 2024 meeting of the Council were approved as accurate with no votes against. Cllrs Falconer abstained having not been present at that meeting.

8. Chairman's Announcements

The Chair thanked Cllr Mitchell for her contribution to Council.

9. Public Participation Session

The Chair reminded Members of the Public of the protocol for this session. Those who wish to ask a question or make a statement have three minutes. Matters raised must concern business on the agenda or local matters. If a question cannot be answered tonight Members of the Public should contact the Clerk with their name and contact details and will receive a written response within 28 days.

A Member of the Public spoke of the importance of visitors to the Lavenham economy saying that, in his opinion, the interests of visitors had not always been fully considered. He recalled that ten years ago the PC rejected its Traffic Working Group recommendation to remove seven car parking bays in front of the Guildhall suggesting that this would have enabled the NT handbook, used by six million NT members each year to plan visits to new regions, to include a picture of the front of the Guildhall and that this rejection has reduced the number of visitors to Lavenham.

The same member of the Public recalled that eight years ago, when the PC begun to install modern street lights in the Market Place, three heritage conservationists had written deploring these lights as totally inappropriate and damaging to its medieval image. The PC, he said, had ignored their advice and the modern lights were installed and are still there.

The same member of the Public thanked the Examiner of LNP2 commenting that otherwise the LNP2 would have allowed isolated homes of outstanding architectural merit to be built on Park Rd. He deplored the 20mph proposal saying that the proposal should have been rejected when it was realised that it cannot be enforced and its viability should also have been questioned when it became known that the planned installation involved over 70 signs which would urbanise the medieval streets of Lavenham's unique core. The PC he said should be more proactive concerning flood risks. Bad News, he said, is never good publicity, adding that no help can be expected from outside sources and so available PC funds should be used to remove debris dams on the Brett. All of these issues, he said, showed that the interests of visitors and residents are aligned.



The same Member of the Public concluded by suggesting that the PC should provide a short online summary of each PC Meeting and thanking all Councillors highlighting the work of the last three Chairs.

The Chair responded that the PC would continue to urge the relevant authorities to take more action with respect to flood risk and that she was aware that a number of local residents are in contact with the Environment Agency. She thanked the Member of the Public for his suggestion concerning a short online summary of each PC Meeting and said that she would discuss this with the Clerk.

A Member of the Public asked if the First Meadow grass could be cut shorter or more frequently and whether a Pest Controller could be hired to remove the moles. The Clerk replied that the second cut was shorter than the first and that he would ask the Contractors to cut the grass shorter. He would consider what could be done with respect to moles.

A Member of the Public said that LNP2 is difficult to read and that this is discouraging village residents from taking an interest in it. She added that the 24 limit on new developments in LNP1 had worked really well as it encouraged the building of affordable homes. The new LNP, she said, with its limit of 12 homes outside the settlement boundary, will make the construction of new affordable homes very difficult as Developers will build projects of 10 homes with none being affordable. The Member of the Public asked if the removal of the cap inside the settlement boundary could lead to a very large development on the Brent Eleigh Rd. The Member of the Public concluded by recommending that the PC delay moving LNP2 forward until the second part of the Joint Local Plan (known as JLP2) is written.

The Chair replied that the PC cannot and has not imposed a cap, it can and has included a resident's preference, the current resident's preference of 24 remains in place until LNP2 is adopted.

A Member of the Public said that he had never seen such a negative Examiners Report with respect to both the Plan itself and the rationale behind it. He recommended that the PC defer moving LNP2 forward until things are more in order.

A Member of the Public said that he wished to make similar points to the previous speaker commenting on the number of absences of Councillors at the Meeting for such a significant decision. He said that it was a pity some Councillors were not at the Meeting having not taken it seriously. Council he said was being asked to ratify a Local Plan based on a report written by one individual which is his opinion is not a proper appraisal. He urged the PC in the context of the second part of the Joint Local Plan (known as JLP2) which deals with spatial ie planning matters, not yet having even been issued in draft form, that the PC keep LNP1 in place with its implied cap of 24 pending the JLP being known in its entirety. He said that the advice given by many during the consultation had been ignored acknowledging that the PC is not bound to accept all such advice and comments.

The Chair replied that the Member of the Public did not know why some Councillors were unable to attend adding that the report is not the report of one person. It is, she explained, the report of the LNP Group which had been considered, prior to this meeting, by the Qualifying Body. Cllr Mitchell added that the Councillors missing tonight had attended the meeting of the Qualifying body expressing understanding of the point that the Joint Local Plan being developed was not fully complete but that this was not a matter in the control of the PC.

10. Local Authority Councillors' Report

The Clerk read Cllr Lindsay's report to the meeting. Cllr Lindsay sends his apologies, he has 18 other PCs in his division and tonight will attend Thorpe Morieux as they've gone longest without seeing him.

Cllr Lindsay reported that the "purdah" period because of elections meant there was very little to report. He thanked Cllr Mitchell for her contribution adding that it had been a pleasure working with her.

Cllr Lindsay commented that it is generally fruitful to get different authorities relating to a specific problem together in the same room, the Water St and lorry traffic meeting had been no exception. He had found the information from Trading Standards on Lorry Watch helpful adding that some years ago he had been involved in pushing for the extra signage outside the village warning about the weight restriction, particularly on the Cockfield turn off on the A134 from Bury, and so he is now pleased that the PC is now considering going ahead with it.



Cllrs Clover and Maybury presented their joint report detailing the intervention of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of Babergh Council concerning the planned introduction of car park charges.

Cllrs Clover and Maybury reported that Suffolk County Council had refused the Sudbury Town Council proposal to close the Market Hill car park in the summer as an experiment in creating 'Café culture'. He said that local businesses who serve food and drink had said they would not be putting out tables and chairs, other than directly in front of their stores on warm days, and neither would they be employing extra staff. The survey results, he said, were forwarded to Suffolk who along with other financial considerations had taken the decision to terminate the Market Hill closure experiment.

Cllrs Clover and Maybury congratulated the PC on the sterling work carried out in collaboration with Suffolk County Council to enhance the 753 bus service to include evening journeys and a Sunday operating timetable. They expressed hopes that as many residents as possible make use of this improved service saying at £2 per journey it makes sense for us all to use these buses.

Cllrs Clover and Maybury pledged their support for the Parish Council's very reasonable proposal to help solve Lavenham's problems with lorries, in particular, using the A1141 through Lavenham as a short cut between Hadleigh and Bury St Edmunds saying that they will help in whatever way they can.

Cllr Maybury explained that Babergh will introduce food waste recycling and collection, in line with Central Government requirements, by 31st March 2026.

Cllrs Clover and Maybury concluded by thanking Parish Chair, Irene Mitchell for all the hard work and many achievements commenting that what is best for Lavenham has always been at the centre of her focus and that it had been pleasure to work with her.

11. Lavenham Neighbourhood: Report from LNP group

The Chair asked the Chair of the LNP Group to present his report.

The Chair of the LNP Group reminded that the LNP Group prepared a submission draft of the LNP which was approved by the PC approximately 12 months ago. That document has now been reviewed by the External Examiner who has suggested modifications. The LNP Group considers many of these modifications to be helpful and represent improvements, a number of the modifications are neutral, a very few of the modifications are not positive and require detailed consideration by the PC.

The Chair of the LNP Group explained that the Examiner considered that *'the consultation and publicity went well beyond the requirements, and it is clear that the qualifying body went to considerable lengths to ensure that local residents were able to engage in the production of the Plan'*, that *'the Plan is a well-written document, which is easy to read'* and that *'Subject to my recommendations being accepted, I consider that the Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan 2 will provide a strong practical framework against which decisions on development can be made'*.

The Chair of the LNP contrasted these comments with the views expressed during Public Participation acknowledging the Examiners professional background.

The Chair of the LNP explained that it is not permissible to have a Plan that does not include sustainable development and that the PC has three broad options for the next steps:

1. ACCEPT all recommended modifications and – on the assumption that Babergh Council does the same – proceed to a local referendum later this year, and possible ADOPTION
2. ASK Babergh Council not to accept some recommended modifications, and to replace these modifications with alternatives drafted by us.
3. WITHDRAW LNP2 – because some or all of the proposed modifications are unacceptable to the Parish Council, and/or the modified LNP2 would be unlikely to be supported in a local referendum.



In order to help the PC to choose between these options the LNP Group prepared a schedule showing:

1. The policies that would continue to apply, if LNP2 were to be WITHDRAWN (option 3), and the implications of withdrawal.

| RAGs BY LNP2 THEME: | Red | Amber | Green |
|---|------------|--------------|--------------|
| One – Responding to the climate change emergency | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Two – A flourishing community, sustainable and resilient | 6 | 2 | 12 |
| Three – Protecting our heritage and landscape | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Four – Movement of people and vehicles | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL – ALL THEMES | 10 | 18 | 14 |

- **Red** means the implication is really bad.
- **Amber** means the implication is somewhat bad, but not as bad as **Red**
- **Green** means the implication is acceptable.

2. The policies that would come into force, if LNP2 were to be ADOPTED (option 1), and the implications of acceptance.

| RAGs BY LNP2 THEME: | Red | Amber | Green |
|---|------------|--------------|--------------|
| One – Responding to the climate change emergency | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Two – A flourishing community, sustainable and resilient | 0 | 2 | 18 |
| Three – Protecting our heritage and landscape | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Four – Movement of people and vehicles | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| TOTAL – ALL THEMES | 0 | 3 | 39 |

The key consequences of withdrawal would be:

- New housing schemes within or adjacent to the LNP1 boundary could be permitted. Schemes up to 24 dwellings would be the strong community preference.
- Affordable housing schemes could be permitted on edge of village rural exception sites. Schemes up to 24 dwellings would be the strong community preference.
- No Local Green Spaces would be safeguarded.

Conversely, if these policies were to be accepted, there would be:

- Sustainable development inside LNP2's new settlement boundary, with schemes outside the new boundary very restricted – Schemes up to 12 dwellings would be the strong community preference.
- Small affordable housing schemes on rural exception sites well connected to the settlement and key services; and on exception sites for community-led developments, adjacent to the settlement boundary – Schemes up to 12 dwellings would again be the strong community preference.
- 19 Local Green Spaces safeguarded.

The Chair of the LNP group explained that If LNP2 were to be withdrawn, in planning policy terms we would have the NPPF, the Joint Local Plan Part 1 and LNP1. When LNP1 neighbourhood policies (adopted in 2016) and JLP1 non-strategic policies (adopted 6 months ago) conflict, NPPF (paragraph 30) directs that the most recent policies (those in JLP1) would take precedence in Lavenham.

With respect to Option 2 the Chair of the LNP group explained that Babergh Council was very unlikely to be helpful and this would certainly cause delay. He concluded by saying that the issue is not whether the Plan is perfect but Council needs to decide whether the overall package including the Examiners Modifications is sufficiently worthwhile to adopt and that the LNP Group believes that Council should accept the modifications as that condition is satisfied.

The Chair of the PC thanked the LNP Group for all their hard work.

Cllr Lamont emphasised the importance of being the more recent document and the consequent declining importance of LNP1 and the longer this is delayed the longer decisions will be based on the JLP and not a local plan. Cllr Morrey said that these are the recommendations are what we need to carry Lavenham forward into the future and that whilst JLP2 is not complete it is important that Lavenham has a plan and is the latest in this series.

Cllr Falconer asked what all this means for affordable homes. The Chair of the LNP Group replied that the major exception to the no building outside the settlement boundary rule is affordable housing and community-led developments. Developments of 10 or more properties (a number below the community preference for a maximum of 12) will continue to be required to have a 35% affordable homes element. The plan therefore uses all the levers at its disposal to encourage affordable homes, it is not proven, he said, that as some have argued, that lowering the community preference from 24 to 12 will make it more difficult to build affordable homes with their being examples in nearby areas.

Cllr Mitchell commented that waiting for JLP2 was not realistic with there being no certainty as to when this will be made and highlighted the Examiners comments concerning the level of public engagement. She suggested that the list of Examiners recommendations was not overly long and that such lists were becoming longer and more sophisticated as the Neighbourhood Planning process beds down.

Motion: To accept all the LNP2 Examiner's Recommended Modifications; also, to ask Babergh District Council similarly to accept these Modifications, and then to proceed to a local referendum.

Proposed: Cllr Lamont

Seconded: Cllr Mitchell

Decision: The Parish Council accepts all the LNP2 Examiner's Recommended Modifications; asks Babergh District Council similarly to accept these Modifications and to proceed to a local referendum. Cllr Sherman abstained.

12. Clerk/RFO Report

a) Update concerning policies of Suffolk Highways

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by Suffolk Highways that it no longer repairs or replaces, fingerpost signs or the 30mph repeater signs (eg the one which has been laying on the ground by Howletts Garage) and will not repair or replace any 20mph repeater signs put up in connection with the proposed 20mph zone.

The Clerk introduced the Suffolk County Council Guide to Community Volunteer schemes explaining that he was intending that whether or not to join the scheme be an item for the June agenda.

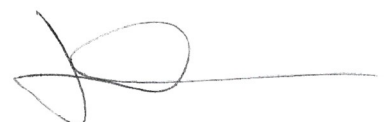
b) Updates concerning Public Realm maintenance and repairs including the Prentice St toilets

The Clerk has asked Paul Holland to do the minor tasks agreed by Council at the last meeting and quote for the repainting of the green pumps. The need for at least one replacement dog bin and minor repairs to other bins have been identified and these will shortly be actioned.

The Clerk together (with the assistance of Cllr Robinson) had identified approximately 10 Highways and street signs which are in a poor state of repair.

As reported under item 12b Highways have refused to fix the 30mph repeater signs and fingerposts but much more positively Babergh have agreed to fix the street signs with the exception of 'Potland Lane' reporting that: 'Potland Lane' is no longer an official or live street name so therefore we would be unable to replace the existing sign. We can see there are no addresses on our database using this road name either. The ordnance survey map is out of date and will be updated on the next run. The road is known as Hall Road with the addresses down there being on Hall Road. We are happy for the existing sign to remain in place as this is causing no harm or confusion'. Councillors advised the Clerk that the current sign should remain in place.

The unkempt nature of the Cock Alley footpath, the Prentice St car park and the entrance to the Church St Car Park have also been reported. Babergh is working through these reports and has now cut back most of these areas.



The Water St pavement is on the 'to do' list of Milestone the maintenance contractor of Suffolk Highways. The Suffolk Highways Officer expressed his dismay at the delay. Highways are aware of the longstanding footpath works on Brent Eleigh Rd by an unknown utility company and are investigating.

The Clerk invited the contractor who built the step free ramp in the Prentice St Car Park to consider what footpath might be established at the rear of the Church St Car Park which is a 'desire line' footpath between Bears Lane and the Car Park. The Contractor highlighted the gradient and the tree roots and suggested that only a path with steps would be possible suggesting a brick or sleeper type path with handrails. Councillors advised the Clerk to develop step-based proposals.

The Prentice St toilet drains have had to be cleared for the third time this year. The blockage would appear to be partly the lack of gradient within the Prentice St Car Park and partly a blockage in the Anglian Water main drain. The main drain problem has been reported to Anglian Water. Council will need to monitor this situation.

c) Update with respect to car parking charges

The Clerk reported that he had met, together with Cllrs Mitchell and Muckian, with Babergh Officers on Tuesday May 7th.

Car Parking charges, he said, continue to move through the Babergh Democratic Process. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has asked further questions of Babergh Cabinet.

These questions are generally around the effects on less advantaged people, at a local level the Parish Council has pursued similar themes.

The Parish Council has been determined to ensure:

- a) that residents can continue to freely access the Community Centre and other community facilities adjacent to the Church St Car Park
- b) that residents without off-street parking can use the council car parks, particularly Prentice St, at modest cost
- c) that local traders are not disadvantaged dependent on the days that they open
- d) that visitors to the village pay a substantial portion of the fees.

As a consequence of these discussions Babergh Council officers have suggested that:

- a) It may be possible to offer two hours free parking to users of the Community Centre, Pre School, Library, and Surgery. Most probably via check-in machines in the buildings.
- b) It may be possible to offer annual parking permits at a cost of approximately £95.

These changes, he reported, are made possible through the introduction of Sunday parking charges.

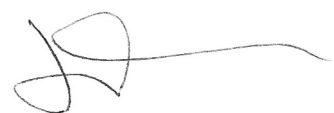
Further mitigations ie extensions of these arrangements, he said, may be possible if the Water St Car Park is also covered by the Babergh scheme. Changes, of some kind, he said are required to the Water St car park arrangements consequent of the Babergh changes.

Additionally, Babergh Officers have confirmed that Babergh would be prepared to remove the proposed Lavenham changes should the Parish Council be prepared to offer £67,500 in year 1 rising to £75,000 in year 3 (these figures are open to downward negotiation) to Babergh Council as a subsidy.

Such an arrangement would allow the Council to continue to receive car parking donations which would need to be supplemented by an increase in precept. Donations received in 2023/24 were £18,000.

The Charge to a Band D household would be £1 a week with increases each time Babergh increase the underlying charges.

He concluded by saying that Councillors need to consider this information and then Council must determine what decisions it wishes to make and how it wants to ascertain the opinions of all affected.



d) Motion: to approve Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The Clerk highlighted that the final surplus for the year was £32,000 in line with previous information supplied to Council. The reasons for the surplus were unchanged from prior months. He presented the information in tabular and graphic form.

Motion: to approve the accounts for the month ended 31 March 2024.

Proposed: Cllr Falconer

Seconded: Cllr Morrey

Decision: Approved unanimously.

e) March 2024 Receipts and Payments

Received: The report prepared by the Clerk listing the March 2024 Receipts and Payments.

Noted from the Report: The Clerk explained the larger amounts and how the report ties up to the Bank Statements. No receipts or payments required further explanation.

Motion: to approve the Receipts and Payments for the month ended 31 March 2024

Proposed: Cllr Mitchell

Seconded: Cllr Falconer

Decision: Approved unanimously.

f) Motion to approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Returns and Internal Auditors Reports

The Clerk tabled the Internal Auditors Summary and Detailed Reports to Councillors together with the draft returns. The Clerk highlighted the only critical comment of the Internal Auditor which was that Fidelity Cover is not in place. He talked, at length, through the variances schedule.

Motion: to approve the Internal Audit Reports for the year ended 31 March 2024

Proposed: Cllr Sherman

Seconded: Cllr Lamont

Decision: Approved unanimously

Motion: to approve Section 1 of the AGAR.

Proposed: Cllr Sherman

Seconded: Cllr Lamont

Decision: Approved unanimously

Motion: to approve Section 2 of the AGAR.

Proposed: Cllr Sherman

Seconded: Cllr Lamont

Decision: Approved unanimously

Motion: to approve the supporting schedules of the AGAR.

Proposed: Cllr Sherman

Seconded: Cllr Lamont

Decision: Approved unanimously

Motion: to approve the exercise periods for public rights.

Proposed: Cllr Sherman

Seconded: Cllr Lamont

Decision: Approved unanimously

g) Motion to approve the purchase of two Speed Indicator Device posts to be situated on Melford Rd.

The Clerk detailed the final approved locations for the devices emphasising that Suffolk County Council had made concessions and been most helpful. One post in each direction.



Motion: to accept the quotation by Suffolk Highways to provide two extra SID posts at a total cost of £1,200 using Highways Act 1980, section 274A which gives Parish Councils the Power to contribute to the cost of traffic calming measures.

Cllr Lamont highlighted that Suffolk have said that it will take them six months to install these posts and so suggested an amendment to add to the motion 'and the clerk is instructed to obtain three quotes for sid devices and prepare a paper for the June meeting of Council setting out these quotes and recommending which quote to accept'. The additional Sid is to put first on the existing Melford Rd site..

Motion: to amend the motion and subsequently motion to pass the amended motion

Proposed: Cllr Lamont

Seconded: Cllr Mitchell

Decision: Approved unanimously

13a. Lorry Movement A1141, Update following meeting with James Cartlidge MP and Suffolk CC.

Cllr Mitchell reported that the local MP had reported the meeting via Social Media and so she would keep her report brief. The meeting she said had searched for solutions and had come up with four ideas. Highways have been persuaded to consider ideas for improved signage at the eastern end of the lorry route and a day of action Lorrywatch with the MP attending is planned. Working with Highways we will seek a) improved compliance with the approved lorry route and b) better dialogue with the utilities companies who are responsible for many of the diversions.

13b Lorry Movement A1141. Motion to approve the purchase of signage advising lorries of the restrictions in Lavenham.

Cllr Lamont explained the proposed signs as documented in the Working Paper. Cllr Falconer added that the signs were particularly important as Lorry Watch is unable to take action against foreign lorries whereas the Police can take action against lorries which are not complying with signage.

Motion: to commission signage at a cost of £7,816 incl VAT to be paid for by Neighbourhood CIL funds using Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, section 72 which permits Parish Councils the 'Power to provide traffic signs and other notices'.

Proposed: Cllr Falconer

Seconded: Cllr Morrey

Decision: Approved unanimously

14. Planning Applications for Consideration

DC/24/01943

Listed Building Consent - Removal of cement render, replacement with lime. Dyers Hall 95 High St, This proposal conforms to Policy LAV 33 of the emergent Lavenham Neighbourhood Development 2024 issued by the Examiner. The proposal seeks to enhance and preserve the heritage asset by restoring traditional breathable Lime Render.
Recommend Approval

DC/24/01687

Erection of garden room/office (following removal of shed). The Sparrows, 21 - 22 Water Street. This application requires a shed and one small tree to be removed. The garden room is a temporary structure. It is 2.5m high, so will be visible over the rear garden wall which is 1.8m, but not significantly so. Recommend Approval

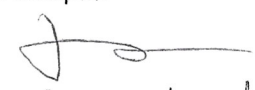
Proposed: Cllr Sherman

Seconded: Cllr Mitchell

Decision: Approved unanimously.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 6th June 2024 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9.55pm.


Jamie Muckian
6/6/24