

**MINUTES OF THE LAMYATT PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2018 AT 19.00**

Present: Paul Chadwick (Chairman), Alison Stone (Secretary), John Sicely, Helen Rutter, Anthony Ffooks, Sam Maddison, Margaret Frapple, David Smith, Ann Skinner, Simon Lang, Victoria Lang, Nick Smallwood, Romy Smallwood, Caryl Joyce, Diane Deane, Ian Deane, Pat Horler, Simone Ash, Keith Moore, Dick Skidmore, David Colman

1. Paul welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He went on to explain that while we would not be formally adopting the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting, we would look at some of the matters arising.

**Non agenda items**

- Planning – there is one current planning application for the erection of a first floor side extension at Tony Thick’s house (Bakewell House). A link to the details can be found on the Lamyatt website. The planning application by Neil & Susan Mantell, for a cabin at Hillview has been approved. All planning correspondence is on file.
  - Gigaclear – the project to bring a full fibre network to Somerset is running behind. Updates from Gigaclear can be found on the Lamyatt website.
2. Defibrillator – Paul read out a presentation by Dr Jonathan Bone on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, to clarify when and how a Defibrillator should be used and how much it would cost. The Village Hall Committee had agreed that the Defibrillator could be kept at the village hall where it would be continually charged. It was discussed as to whether a precept could be raised to cover the cost of the machine. Many questions were raised during the discussion but it was eventually agreed that First Aid Training was a necessary first step for everyone as you must administer CRP *as well as* using a Defibrillator. The decision to purchase a Defibrillator was put on hold until a First Aid training could be arranged and Dr Bone was available to answer more detailed questions. (Dr Bone’s presentation can be found on the website under Lamyatt Matters.)
  3. Winter preparations - In the light of no salt being provided (for free) by the County Council this coming winter, it was agreed to spend the remaining £26 in the Parish account on salt – this would secure us 5 or 6x 20kg bags compared to the 20 bags we have usually received. Paul will order. The village salt bins wouldn’t be topped up, but those residents closest to them that look after the bins would ensure remaining salt in them could be usable. For Winter 2019 we would need to have a budget for buying more salt, for the bins and/or in bags. A precept could be raised to cover the cost of this in the future. We were reminded that some of our residents are elderly

and unable to help with spreading salt so it was suggested that neighbours look out for one another.

4. The Shoot – Dates for the shoots can be obtained from Paul. There had been no signage put up to warn walkers and riders of a shoot in progress and residents are still being plagued by birds. It was also mentioned that shoots may be happening on unpublished dates and the guns travelling in convoy are rude and unyielding. Paul will speak to Mr Nicholls about this.
5. Highways and Traffic – Following a village speed check in March, carried out by the County Council, it was agreed that there could be a 30mph limit in the village, BUT, the village has to find the funds for this and provide all the necessary signage. An estimate cost for this is £3,000+ and Paul has requested a breakdown of the amount. If a statutory limit was adopted then people could be prosecuted for speeding but how would this be enforced? We could adopt informal means to reduce speeding by the way we park cars or the use of tabards or even making our own signs asking drivers to adhere to a 30mper limit. With regards to heavy lorries, the majority felt that discretionary blue signs advising lorries not to drive through the village could be a good thing. Once we have a breakdown of costings we will be able to come to a more definite decision and agree a precept to pay if required.
6. Precept – we only have a short time to decide if we are to have a precept for 2019/2020. It was mentioned that a precept is a fair way to raise money but it must benefit the whole parish. As no decision was made about the Defibrillator and we are awaiting costings on the Highways it was agreed to hold another meeting in 2-3 months' time to make a final decision.

With no further business the meeting concluded at 20.35