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The Lee Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 23rd May 2017, at 7.30 pm

Councillors present: C. Sully (Chair)
D. Chinnery
R Fowler
C. Little
C. Perry
A. Weir
S. Morris
The Clerk
District Councillor N. Rose
County Councillor Tricia Birchley
12 x members of the public

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Chinnery
2. Welcome & brief review of the past year: Cllr Sully gave a brief summary of the Parish Council's activity over the past year and invited questions from the public.
 - i) Ballinger Road is inadequately sign posted. Councillors explained that this is a County Council matter and the Clerk will raise this with BCC, TfB.
 - ii) A Parish Plan. Councillors explained that this has been considered in the past. A fully-fledged 'Neighbourhood Plan' could become expensive and might provide little benefit. A 'visionary' village plan will be considered at the next full PC meeting
3. Rural Policing – PC Kevin Flint, Neighbourhood Officer, presented on the new policing structure that will take effect from 1st June 2017. The introduction of a local Investigation Hub will enable local policing teams to focus on local crimes, supported by non-police investigators. This model has been successful in other regions. PC Flint also announced the launch of a Police Community Forum – localised meetings every 3 months, with members from the local communities, to discuss local initiatives and concerns. Members of the community wishing to participate in the Community Forums should contact PC Flint direct.

County Cllr Birchley asked if the Community Forum could tie in with the BCC Local Area Forum; this will be considered

Cllr Sully invited PC Flint, or a member of his team, to attend the Parish Council Drop-In Sessions at the Village Hall.

4. Superfast Broadband – Navin Sankersingh, presented on the planned project to introduce Superfast Broadband to The Lee. This is a multi-agency funded project, involving several influencing bodies (BT, local council, central government), the timelines are unclear but full completion is expected Jan – March 2019.

Cllr Fowler highlighted that fact that The Lee and other rural areas have poor mobile signal therefore poor connectivity is exacerbated by the lack of strong broadband connections.

District Cllr Rose reiterated that CDC is pushing for a clear project statement and timelines.

5. Update on HS2 – Colin Sully, presented on the current phase of the HS2 project. The main contracts have yet to be awarded, meanwhile an Archeological / Ecological survey is underway to establish local ecological mitigation sites. Construction is expected to begin mid 2018 – 2019.

The Lee, Great Missenden and Wendover are forming a group to engage with HS2 Ltd and their contractors. The Parish Council will also form a group to consider best use of Community Environment Fund. This area is the only AONB that is not to benefit from a tunnel so the group will propose schemes that would benefit the community in other ways, eg contribution towards playground repairs, village archive. The Church and the School will be invited to propose schemes. The C E Fund is not designed to be put towards noise abatement.

6. Round up and Close. Cllr Sully thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

Chair

Date

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Clerk – The Lee Parish Council, June 2017