**LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Long Load Parish Council held at **the Village Hall, Long Load on Tuesday 18 February 2020.**

(7.30 pm - 8.40 pm)

**Present:**

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| Cllr Marsha White (Chair)  Cllr Pat Collins (Vice Chair)  Cllr Richard Collis  Cllr Diana Taylor  Cllr Dave May  Cllr Louise Clarke (District Council) |  |

Ms Dawn Porter (Clerk)

4 residents of the village

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Neil Bloomfield

1. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were raised.

1. **Demonstration of the Defibrillator**

Judith Hurley kindly attended the meeting and delivered a comprehensive demonstration of the defibrillator.

The defibrillator comes with instructions for use both verbal and in pictures. The defibrillator starts talking to you as soon as you take it out of the box and gives clear instructions. If you are still unsure pictures are provided showing clear instructions of where to place the pads provided. The defibrillator works by analysing heart rhythm and will either tell you to deliver a shock or will advise to continue with manual CPR. If the machine detects a heart beat it will not advise to deliver a shock. Judith pointed out that at this point you will also have a member of the ambulance service on the end of the telephone also giving instructions on how to deal with the patient.

The defibrillator comes with a battery that has a five year life.

The machine will come with an individual code to release it from the storage box that it comes with. The code is not provided with the machine to prevent theft but will be given out by the ambulance service when you dial 999.

The ambulance service would require a monthly report from the village stating how many times it has been used etc. Judith pointed out that having a defibrillator in place has saved many lives and made a difference to the survival rate of heart attack victims.

The question was asked regarding operators of the machine that were deaf or partially sighted. It was agreed that the chances are the operator would have others around them to help and perhaps when the machine was ordered we could ensure that full written instructions came with the machine.

Concerns were raised concerning vandalism and/or theft. Cllr Louise Clarke said that they have three machines in Martock and none of theirs have ever been vandalised.

The Council thanked Judith for her attendance and the demonstration.

It was then agreed to get costings for the machine and to install it in the village. Listed building permission may have to be obtained.

**4. Matters arising**

The lack of agenda and minutes on the village noticeboard was raised. Cllr Dave May agreed that he would take responsibility for doing this each month.

1. **DC/CC Reports**

Cllr Louise Clarke informed the meeting that the Martock Housing application has been passed. The question was raised whether this would improve the infrastructure. Cllr Clarke said that there would be more parking available but there would not improvement to the roads.

Concerns were raised regarding schooling. Martock school is already oversubscribed. Cllr Clarke said that the school is opening a new classroom for 30 pupils.

It was agreed that sadly GP surgeries and schools are not a planning issue.

1. **VE Day Celebrations**

Suzanne Weekes informed the meeting that it was full steam ahead. There would be a street party with donations to the Royal British Legion. There will be a band in the evening and a hog roast.

The Parish Council confirmed that they would provide gifts for the children and agreed that 60 would be the right amount to cover all the children in the village.

1. **Footpaths and La Lade Caravan Site**

Clerk Dawn Porter reported that no response had been received as yet from the District Council. It was agreed that we need to do more to get the District Council on board with this although realistically it was agreed that there is not much that they can do.

1. **Pot holes in road/Highways**

Pot holes are still there. Cllr Louise Clarke offered to report this to District as she is there for a meeting tomorrow morning.

1. **Correspondence and Planning Applications**

None received.

**10. Traffic Enforcement**

Neil Bloomfield was not present at the meeting, so it was not possible to discuss the renting of equipment from Martock.

**11. Lengthsman**

A discussion took place as to what the job description should be ie grass cutting and weeding, ditching and hedging. A decision should be made as to how many hours per month. Cllr Louise Clarke will send Cllr Marsha White a contact from Ash Council. Cllr Richard Collis thought Streetscene would be able to do the work but at a cost. Clerk Dawn Porter to devise a job description for the next meeting.

**12. Accounts**

3 cheques were written and signed.

**13. Public Participation**

The idea was raised that the village could be kept tidy by raising a working party. The village could ask for volunteers and highlight what work was needed. Or maybe there could be a village clean up day. It was agreed that this was a good idea but there is the issue of safety.

**14. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17 March 2020.

**17. Any other business**

There was nothing further to discuss.

Chairman Cllr Marsha White declared the meeting closed.

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