

LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 28th January 2015 in The Upper Room of The Stables at The George Hotel at 7.30pm

Present: Mr Andrew Ward (chairman), Mr S Burlton, Mrs J Thurlow, Mrs K Willgoose, Ms M Nelstrop, Mrs C Stokes, District Councillor Ms L Conway, two representatives PCSO's and one member of the public.

1. Apologies – none

Declarations of Interest: none

2. Consideration and signing of the Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr S Burlton proposed that they be a true record of the meeting. Mrs J Thurlow seconded the proposal. The chairman signed the Minutes.

3. Clerk's Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) Bypass drains – now clogged with straw from lorries carrying from Fulbeck Airfield through to Sleaford. Chairman to take photographs to be forwarded with strong letter to Highways and LCC Councillors recording Leadenham Parish Council's extreme concern regarding the hazards caused during heavy rainfall due to drainage system no longer working efficiently and as designed.
- b) Fountain – needs to be made safe. Sources to be pursued.
- c) Shed on Long Lane (Brauncewell Lane) still not removed. Clerk to follow up.
- d) KontakEnergie letter regarding Leadenham parish Council's involvement in administration of Community Finds should the project go ahead –Chairman to speak to the Company directly.
- e) St Anne's Well – recent visit by Highway's Officer reported that they are looking at a long term solution to the drainage there. It is booked to be cleared again. There is a problem of how to dispose of the rubbish removed. To be kept clear regularly could become a DIY job for the community in the longer term.
- f) Defibrillator at Bowls Club – ongoing
- g) Station Yard – some further clearance of small trees undertaken. No residential evidence.
- h) War Memorial – ongoing
- i) Bowls Club contract – ongoing
- j) Salt Bin on Newark Hill – reported as smashed. New Bin to be installed.

4. Consideration of Planning Matters

Application for fence and satellite dish at Corner Cottage, High Street

Comments: Acknowledge paperwork has been followed. Regarding the fence – Councillors feel that a wall would be more in keeping within this conservation area.

5. Consideration of Financial Matters

a) Bank statements

As of 4th Jan '15

Community a/c £1,189.61

High Interest a/c £6,094.74

b) Payments in

Poles/Stays (Parish Field) £33.25

c) Payments to be made

Holly Stubbs (Accounting Services) £60.00

Mr S Burlton proposed the payments to be made. Mrs K Willgoose seconded the proposal. All members were in agreement.

6. Police Report

PCSO's reported no crime within the parish during the last month.

7. County and District Reports

No County Report

District Councillor Ms L Conway gave an update on the progress of the Local Plan currently being produced by NKDC. Full Report attached.

8. Matters of Correspondence – none

9. Consideration and setting of the Precept for 2015/16

Following considerable discussion Ms M Nelstrop proposed the Precept be set at £8,500 for this period. Mrs C Stokes seconded the proposal. All members were in agreement.

10. Letter from Mr J Briggs (Claypole) seeking support from Parish Councils to address the imbalance regarding the costs to parents for the different bus routes to Schools. Some areas received no charges while others varied. The parents' Group he represented were seeking a balanced charge throughout. Members of the Council supported this and notice of support to be forwarded.

11. Matters for Urgent Discussion

- a) List of rubbish dumped within the parish to be forwarded to NKDC
- b) Tree down on the Green – now on the grass verge – is obscuring the 'Main Road' sign.
- c) Concern raised regarding the safety of trees within the parish. Those under jurisdiction of PC need to be inspected.
- d) Long Lane road surface – breaking away badly on some stretches. Highways to be informed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.58 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th March in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.