

LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mrs J Thurlow (chairman), Mrs K Willgoose, Mr S Locking, Mr N O Brien, Mr G McLusky, Ms M Nelstrop, District Councillor Ms L Conway, County Councillor Mr R Phillips, District Councillor Mrs M Overton and two PCSO Officers.

1. Apologies – Mrs C Stokes

Declarations of Interest: none.

2. Consideration and signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mrs K Willgoose proposed that they be a true record of the meeting. Ms M Nelstrop seconded the proposal. All members were in agreement. The chairman signed the Minutes.

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

- a) Dog Warden Report – regular reports have been forwarded which show an improvement generally around the village regarding dog foul.
- b) Manure heap on Rectory Lane – has been scooped up into large pile away from the roadway.
- c) Verge clearance on A607 from Quarry Lane to Crow Lane – has been completed and trimmed. Timetable for regular maintenance was discussed. Mr Britten to be contacted.
- d) Tree opposite Primary School with branches obscuring street light – has been trimmed by Western Power.
- e) Pavement clearance on Poor Row has been completed.
- f) Tree branches obscuring traffic lights at cross roads – has been trimmed.
- g) Gully near Redberry House has been cleared.
- h) Pot Hole adjacent to the Green has been reported to Highways.
- i) Street Light near entrance to Waterloo Paddock has been reported.

4. Consideration of Planning Matters

- a) Planning Application Ref: 15/0795/FUL

Proposal: Underground cable connections associated with erection, 25 year operation and subsequent de-commissioning of a wind farm consisting of 10 wind turbines and associated infrastructure.

Location: Former RAF Fulbeck Airfield.

Comments from the Council as follows:

- 1. Work will involve disruption to the locality
- 2. Roads not fit to cope with the increased usage.

b) Proposal on the Appeal procedure for development of site at Brant Broughton Cross Roads for two mobile Homes and two touring caravans
Council will forward original comments opposing the proposal.

5. Consideration of Financial Matters

a) Bank Statements

High Interest a/c as 4 th Sept. 2015	£11,738.10
Community a/c as 4 th Sept 2015	£680.40

b) Payments in

nil

c) Payments to be made

Leadenham PCC (Burial Ground grant – s137)	£500
NKDC Dog Bin emptying service	£531.50

BDG Mowing Contractors	£60.00
Dog Warden Services	£280.00
Clerk's salary	£278.09
PAYE	£69.40
Clerk's Expenses	£60.00
Glendale Countryside (grass cutting)	£288.38

Ms M Nelstrop proposed that these payments be made. Mrs K Willgoose seconded the proposal. There were no objections.

d) External Audit Report

- a) Late arrival of accounts was reported as a non compliance. The Council had reported prior to the due date the reason for delay which had been accepted at that time.
- b) Council Tax Support Grant has been incorrectly entered in Box 2. Correction of how figures should be entered was enclosed. This will be taken into consideration for Audit in 2016.

6. Police Report

Three crimes were reported in the parish within the last month (3 burglaries)
Mr McLusky raised the matter of speeding vehicles. The PCSO's reported a newguns system which was being introduced and recommended access to the Community Initiative.

7. County and District Council Reports

County Report

- 1. Fire Brigade cut backs will mean 4 persons per crew instead of 5.
- 2. Payments for staff at LCC has been transferred to a new Company and there has been delay in some payments,

District Council Report (Ms L Conway)

Local Plan proposes 36,960 new houses for the area (mid Lincolnshire) but no plans for additional infrastructure.

Leadenham had been placed in category 6 regarding development, due to current infrastructure available (schools, shops, post office) This category represents a possible 15% increase in development.

There are public event dates out for Councillors and residents to attend to see plans and discuss with NKDC representatives prior to Consultation period ending

Mrs M Overton reported similarly regarding the Local Plan – bringing into the equation the possibility of the introduction of a Roof Tax being levied on residents to support additional costs.

Boundary Commission – changes are proposed – basically larger areas.

Adult Care – Mrs Overton stressed that any person needing care must insist they receive it as it is the responsibility of the County Council.

8. Matters of Correspondence

None

9. Consideration of Windfarm Application – Fulbeck Airfield

Application Ref: 15/0795/FUL

The Clerk reported that an extension on the response date had been gained (Oct 14th) to allow additional time for research/consideration on this application. The Council decided to scope opinion within the parish before making final comments in response to the application at the next meeting.

10. Local Plan – workshops and guidance

Clerk and chairman reiterated the workshop dates available in various venues to enable Councillors to attend.

11. Cliff Cluster Meetings

Clerk outlined the reason the Cliff Cluster was formed and the projects that have been undertaken to the possible benefit of all parishes concerned.

12.Planning Ahead – projects requiring research for the 2016/17 budget

a) War Memorial

Need to establish if there is ownership before seeking any form of grant support.

b) Fountain – new quotes required.

13. Playground Area maintenance and record keeping

Mr Walker had returned a quotation of £10 per month to keep record checks up to date and to source works and equipment as necessary to be forwarded for the Council to follow up and award works to.

All Councillors were in agreement to accept this quotation.

14.Matters for Urgent Discussion

a) Sleaford Hill – Drain between two bends – growing grass. To be reported.

b) Two drains at top of Sleaford Hill blocked and overgrown

c) Long Lane – wood/fencing/trellis dumped. To be reported.

d) Back Lane – speed limit sign on Newark Lane are set beyond Back Lane junction. To be reported to Highways.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm