

LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Notes of the meeting of the above held on Tuesday 12th December 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Mrs J Thurlow (chair), Mrs K Willgoose, Mr S Locking, Ms M Nelstrop.

Items 1 and 10 on the Agenda were withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Item 1 - Presentation of Neighbourhood Planning was postponed due to several Councillors being absent.

Item 10 – Following information received from LALC regarding possible revision of Revised version of Standing Orders.

2. Apologies: Mrs C Stokes, Mr G McLusky, Mr T Sisson. County & District Councillor Mrs M Overton.

Declarations of Interest: none

3. Consideration and signing of the Draft Notes from the previous meeting into Minutes

Mrs K Willgoose proposed they be a true record of the meeting. Mr S Locking seconded the proposal. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

4. Clerk's Report on Matters Arising from the previous meeting

a) Footpath from Leadenham to the railway bridge – email has been received via Councillor Mrs Overton from LCC Councillor Davies (Chair of Highways Committee) – in response to an invitation by Mr Davies to Councillor representatives on the ground - Mrs Overton has recommended this stretch of footpath as a priority to be widened on safety grounds. Clerk to respond in support.

b) Faulty street lights – some confusion as to which have been repaired and which need to be reported again. Clerk to do a round of the village in the dark to identify, map and re-report as needed. Councillors queried the fact that some lights are being renewed with white light and others with orange.

c) Elm tree in hedge between Bowling Green/A607 to be felled on Wednesday 20th December. Work to reduce re-growth on stumps of trees already removed to the rear of the Fountain will be carried out at the same time. Residual funds from the grant from Heritage Lottery will be utilised for that purpose.

d) Website domain – on going

e) Litter Picking – the December meeting was postponed due to poor weather forecast and the fact that several volunteers were unavailable on that date. Individuals will pick later in the month when available.

f) Airfield Trust Plaque – on-going.

g) Bowls Club Contract/Agreement – a copy of the Bowls Club Constitution has been received.

h) Potholes around the village – Councillor Mr Locking photographed approximately 12 potholes along A607 which require work. Clerk has forwarded these to LCC Highways. There are further to be reported throughout the village on the west side.

i) Overgrown footpath between Bowling Green and Primary School – has been reported to LCC.

j) Request for a new bin for the layby at the top of Sleaford Hill has been forwarded to NKDC.

5. Consideration of Planning Matters

Notification of Receipt of Planning Application

Planning Application Reference: 17/1734/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing workshop and erection of 4 No. detached dwellings with garages.

Location: Land To The Rear Of Blacksmiths Cottage And Telephone Exchange Main Road Leadenham Lincoln LN5 0PY

Two days prior to the date of the meeting, the Council were informed by NKDC Planning Dept of additional material to this application which they had just received. It was not possible to view this on line however. Clerk to request clarification on this.

To date (subject to viewing the additional information) Councillors have no comments to make in objection to this application. On the contrary they welcome it as being an asset to our community.

6. Consideration of Financial Matters

a) Bank Statements

Community a/c as of 4 th December 2017	£1,068.42
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H.I. a/c as of 4 th December 2017	£9,441.28
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Paid in	nil
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Payments to be made

Lincolnshire Assoc. Local Councils	£20.00
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(Presentation re Data protection/FOI attended by Chair & Clerk)

H Proctor (Clerk's Salary – quarterly payment)	£278.09
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HMRC (PAYE)	£69.40
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Proctor (Clerk's expenses)	£60.00
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Clerk requested that the works for the felling of the Elm tree (ref above) be paid after work completed upon receipt of the invoices for the two jobs – as already agreed and minuted.

Ms M Nelstrop proposed that this be included in the payments above.. Mrs K Willgoose seconded the proposal. All members agreed.

7. Police Report

20/11/17 – Theft of sprigs of holly from a tree within the grounds of St Swithin's church.

27/11/17 – A vehicle has damaged crops in a field belonging to North Hilltop Farm, The Heath.

03/12/17 – Theft of fuel from the former Troops forecourt. Enquiries on-going with the company owner of the vehicle involved.

8. County and District Councillor Reports

Reports from Mrs M Overton (LCC & NKDC representative) and Ms Cat Mills (NKDC representative) will be available to view on Leadenham parish website.

9. Matters of Correspondence

None

10. Item withdrawn.

11. Report on the requirement to conform to General Data Protection Regulations which come into practice in May 2018 – and discussion on the impact on the Council regarding the proposed appointment of a Data Protection Officer

The chairman reported on the presentation recently attended by herself and the Clerk at Dunholme concerning this issue.

There remains some doubt as whether a resident Clerk should be the Data Protection Officer.

It also became clear that the 39 Articles of the Regulations have been created with little or no knowledge on how small rural parishes and their Councils operate or the small budgets under which they run the Council on an annual basis.

It does seem that there is a strong possibility that if an external Data Protection Officer has to be appointed, it will be expensive.

Given that Parish Councils are currently finalising budgets in order to set a final figure for their Precept by January 2018 to run their Councils for the period 2018/19 - and the Regulations come into effect by May 2018 – Councils will be forced to guess at a cost or dip into Reserves to pay for an appointed Officer.

12. Consideration regarding Parish Council support for the Village Hall Committee in the purchase of a new oil tank.

Clerk reported that the quotation received covers the purchase of a new tank, fire cladding the soffit, the cost of setting the tank in place and connecting to the boiler. A separate invoice can be forwarded to the Parish Council for the cost of the new tank inc. vat. Vat can then be reclaimed by the Parish Council.

An invoice for the rest of the work will be addressed to the Village Hall Committee.

Mrs K Willgoose proposed that the Parish Council pay for the new oil tank and reclaim the vat. Ms M Nelstrop seconded the proposal. All members were in agreement.

13. Matters for Urgent Discussion

a) Rear windows in the empty property opposite the Village Hall have been vandalised again – boarding removed and broken window exposed. Clerk to report.

b) Request to be forwarded as to why some street lights are being replaced with white lights and some yellow/orange.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9th January 2018.