

LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notes on the Meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday 13th September 2016

Present: Mrs J Thurlow (chairman), Ms M Nelstrop, Mrs C Stokes, Mrs K Willgoose, Mr G McLusky, PC P Hanson and PCSO.

1. Apologies – Mr N O'Brien, Mr S Locking, County Councillor Mr R Phillips.
Declarations of Interest: none.

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

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

3. Consideration and action on Matters arising from the Minutes

- a) Grass verge from Quarry Lane to Crow Lane - quote received – to be considered in item 5 d.
- b) Verge clearance on verge from North Road to the entrance to Pond Field – no quotes received to date.
- c) Invoice has been forwarded to Bowls Club and Village Hall Committee regarding payment towards the construction of a barrier on the disabled parking bay to protect the rear wall of the Bowls Pavilion from damage.
- d) Erection of new signs on Playing Field regarding dog foul – ongoing.
- e) Pot holes on junction of A607/The Green into High Street (north) – marked for works but several additional holes some 10 metres further away are not. Report to be made.
- f) Footpath from A607 to poor Row (overgrown) no clearance has been made.
- g) Broken window to the rear of the empty house opposite the Village Hall - has been made safe. It was noted that the hedge at the front of this house, which fronts onto the public footpath is well overgrown to the extent of forcing pedestrians off the footpath onto the road, especially in wet weather.

4. Consideration of Planning Matters

a) Copy Letter received from LCC Highways(forwarded to Savills as managers to Leadenham Estates) identifying a dangerous Chestnut tree sited in Nun's Close requiring removal. Identification also of the fallen tree on the verge opposite The Green, which has been there for considerable time. The letter requests that these trees be removed. Failure to do so could result in Highways issuing Notice under Section 154.

5. Consideration of Financial Matters

a) Bank Statements

H.I. a/c as of Aug 4	£11,242.66
Community a/c as of Aug 4	£1,399.89

b) Payments in

nil

c) Payments to be made

Glendale Countryside (grass cutting)	£234.10
Clerk's salary	£78.09
PAYE	£69.40
Mrs J Booth (s137 payment Fountain garden)	£84.00

Playsafe Ltd (Play Area Inspection)	£92.40
Clerks Expenses	£60.00
Leadenham PCC (s137 Burial Ground)	£500.00
The George Hotel (Expenses Queen's Birthday Celebrations - payable from Royal Fund)	£130.00

Mrs C Stokes proposed the payments be made. Ms M Nelstrop seconded the proposal. All members were in agreement.

d) Consideration of Quotations received

BDG (Mowing contractors) submitted a quote of £70 to trim the verge from Quarry Lane through to the footpath entrance (opposite Crow Lane junction)

Ms M Nelstrop proposed the quotation be accepted. Mrs K Willgoose seconded the proposal. All members were in agreement.

6. Police Report

PC P Hanson reported two crimes within the parish for the period Aug – September 2016.

He reminded the Council of the date for the Police Crime Commissioner's meeting for Cliff Village residents and Councillors on Oct 25th at Waddington Village Hall.

7. County and District Council Reports

County Council Report – none

District Council Reports

a) Mrs Laura Conway sadly has resigned as NKDC representative for our ward.

There will be an Election for a new representative in due course. Councillors expressed their gratitude for her regular attendance at meetings and the support she gave on many matters.

b) Mrs M Overton highlighted concerns over the changes the Boundary Commission are imposing on our Division – the huge increase in parishes and population is asking representatives to spread themselves very thin. See the extract from her Report on this issue as follows:

The Boundary Commission has redrawn the boundaries for some Divisions and ours in particular! They have increased the number of estimated registered electors I serve to 8595 in the County Division. They have changed its name to *Bassingham and Welbourn*. Navenby and Boothby Graffoe are now also added, making this a very large area indeed, running right across to include all 15 villages to the A46, including Witham St Hughs and South Hykeham. Coleby and Harmston get split off and joined with Heighington, Branston, Potter and Nocton, called *Potterhanworth and Coleby*. Dunston is separated off and put in Metheringham Rural. So our current division is split up and added into three other others.

Several Parish Councils and I wrote to keep all the cliff villages together. My different proposal was not accepted and no reason is given. Their maps and report are here.

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/5183>

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/east-midlands/lincolnshire/lincolnshire-county-council>

Mrs Overton's Monthly Report (in full) is accessible on our website.

8. Matters of Correspondence

a) Local Govt Boundary Commission – Final Recommendations on new Electoral arrangements for LCC

b) Dept for Communities and Local Govt – Neighbourhood Planning Bill (aimed to speed up and strengthen the popular neighbourhood Planning process. Measures in the new Bill will support more housebuilding and provide more local say over developments)

9. Royal Fund – final report and balances to be carried forward

Councillor Mrs K Willgoose (committee member of Queen’s Birthday Celebrations) reported that all invoices had now been received for expenditure and have been paid. The Committee therefore required an amount of £130 to cover those expenses, which will be debited from the amount the PC holds – recorded as the Royal Fund. The matter was discussed and included in item 5 c and issue of the cheque was agreed and so issued.

10. Maintenance of Parish Notice Boards

The Notice Board in the bus shelter by North Road is in need of maintenance. Mr G McLusky proposed that Mr N Walker be approached to submit a quotation for restoration works and this be considered as oppose to the cost of a new purchase. All members were in agreement.

11. Safety of Leadenham schoolchildren walking to and from Sir William Robertson Academy

Despite nil response from LCC Councillors to a two invitations to attend and walk the footpath during school morning arrival time, the Council continue to keep this matter in high profile. Following discussion it was agreed to ask the Police (with PCSO representatives) to make a visible presence by the railway bridge (as footpath branches left to go under the bridge) on occasions to monitor the situation generally. Some concern was expressed that as it was the beginning of the school year there would be some children new to walking this distance and unaware of the dangers they are exposed to from passing traffic. It was felt that Police support would assist in enforcing that message.

12. Grant applications – update

- a) War Memorial refurbishment - a date for a meeting with representatives of the War Memorial Commission is awaited
- b) Fountain roof – ongoing as problems regarding a VAT number have been encountered.

13. Speed signs throughout the village

Awaiting to see if an invoice can be forwarded from Road Safety Partnership prior to payment.

14. Matters for Urgent Discussion

- a) Pipelines installed along the verge on Quarry Hill (from the Quarry down to the railway line). Concern expressed as to legality and safety of this. There has been reports of significant leaks by the railway bridge which could be a hazard to passing traffic. LCC Highways and Environment Agency to be informed.
- b) Tyre used for advertising – used to advertise the Dog Show earlier in the year has been left on the grass by the pumping system. Mr McLusky volunteered to ensure it was removed back to the owners.
- c) Litter bin outside the kitchen door is very rarely emptied. It does not appear to have a number as do other public litter bins in the village. Clerk to contact NKDC.

d) Fly tipping – car seats on the verge on Pottergate (by aerodrome wood). Black bags of rubbish and a pallet on Brauncewell Lane. To be reported to NKDC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Signed Clerk:

Hilary Proctor.

Signed Chair:

J. C. Thudno