

## LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Meeting of the above Council which took place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**Present:** Mrs J Thurlow (chairperson), Ms M Nelstrop, Mrs C Stokes, Mrs K Willgoose, Mr N O'Brien, Mr S Locking and PC Peter Hanson .

**1. Apologies:** Councillor Mr G McLusky, District Councillor Ms L Conway.

**Declarations of Interest:** none

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

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

### **3. Consideration and action on Matters arising from the Minutes**

- a) Footway to the Railway Bridge – letter to County Council regarding the Plans (issued Nov 14) to build a new safer footpath from North Road to Railway Bridge, which have been put on hold – ongoing.
- b) Street Lights – all reported have now been attended and are active again.
- c) Broken windows to the rear of the empty house opposite Village Hall – boarded up.
- d) Contract with Bowls Club – ongoing. For the next Agenda.
- e) Maintenance jobs around the village – ongoing.
- f) Post Office Yard tenant – Response from Savills reporting that the matter was in hand.
- g) Play Area maintenance works – Clerk to contact Contractors to obtain quotations.

### **4. Consideration of Planning Matters – none.**

### **5. Consideration of Financial Matters**

a) Bank Statement (as 4<sup>th</sup> Jan '16, not available for January meeting. Feb statement not received to date)

High Interest a/c	£6,239.90
Community a/c	£854.14
b) Payments in	
Wayleave payment (poles/stays Parish Field	£40.17
c) Payments to be made	
Mr P Orme (Dog Warden Services)	£ 64.00
d) Any other financial business	none

### **6. Police Report**

PC Hanson reported two crimes within he parish during the previous month.

His Beat Team are reduced from 5 to 3 currently

He requested that a piece from Police HQ be placed in the Parish Magazine in order to keep residents up to speed regarding Policing of the area.

### **7. County and District Reports**

County – no Report

District Councillor Ms Conway forwarded her Report covering an update of a) the Local Plan and b) NKDC Council Tax Consultation c) Council Tax Support Scheme.

### **8. Matters of Correspondence**

From Head Teacher, Sir William Robertson Academy – request for support for Plans to apply for Multi Academy Trust Status. Councillors had no objections and requested Clerk forwarded a letter of general support.

### **9. Clearance of footpath through St Anne's well and beyond to bridge over A17**

Quotation had been received from Simpson Arboriculture to carry out the work £350 + vat. Mrs C Stokes proposed that it be accepted and work to start as soon as possible prior to bird nesting season. Mrs K Willgoose seconded the proposal. There were no objections.

### **10. Increasing Speed awareness through the village**

Mr McLusky (Cllr. Researching project) was absent so no further update available. Councillors were agreed that the Council push forward on this issue to get a meeting with Road Safety Partnership as soon as possible.

### **11. Establishment of Parish Council Website**

We are able to report that the website is now established. Parish Council Minutes for 2015 will be posted for reference. As new Minutes are ratified each month in 2016, they will be posted and the equivalent set for 2015 will be deleted. Agendas will be posted prior to a forthcoming meeting according to legislation and will be retained until the Minutes from that meeting are ratified.

It is hoped to gradually develop the site further to incorporate links to other Groups.

### **12. Identification of small maintenance jobs within the parish**

The Clerk has a list of items requiring maintenance and will report further regarding how these can be undertaken.

### **13. Matters for Urgent Discussion**

a) Fountain – Mrs Stokes (Cllr researching) reported that a quotation from Carre Heritage for works required on the Fountain roof - £8,000 + vat. It has been established that the monument is Listed Grade 2 under English Heritage. Following Mrs Stokes attendance at a Grant Finding meeting recently, Awards for All have been recommended to use as a source of possible funding.

b) Tarmac surrounding drain on Sleaford Hill is eroding and could be a risk for cyclists and horses. To be reported at forthcoming meeting with Highways Officer.

c) Rubbish and tyres dumped on Sleaford Hill – to be reported to NKDC.

d) Footpath on Sleaford Hill has narrowed significantly due to encroaching vegetation from bankside. To be reported to Highways with request for clearance.

e) Drain on High Street north buried under grass/leaves and so inoperative – to be reported to Highways with request for clearance.

f) Inspection cover on verge outside Village Hall still not replaced. Another report to be made to Anglian Water.

g) Village Hall entrance is in poor condition, although it was noted that work had been carried on the car parking surface further in on the site. Clerk to seek further details from Village Hall Committee.

h) Cllr Mr O'Brien gave a brief report from the working party who were researching alternative ways to fund keeping the HWRC facility open, based at Leadenham. Various alternatives are being explored with no positive outcome to date.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016