

LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr G McLusky, Mr S Locking, Mrs C Stokes, Mr T Sisson, Mrs J Thurlow (Chairman), Ms M Nelstrop, Mr J Kidney (Sulis Public Affairs), Mrs m Overton (County Council representative)

1. Apologies: Mrs K Willgoose. District Councillor Ms C Mills

Declarations of Interest: none

2. Presentation by Mr J Kidney representing Sulis Public Affairs on behalf of Hereford Developments, regarding the possibility of housing development in Leadenham (green land on the east side of the village known as the Leadenham Industrial Estate)

Points covered:

a) Initial proposal is for a range of housing, including a range of 'Affordable' houses up to some 35 with 9 in the 'Affordable' range.

The definition of 'Affordable' was discussed. Councillors returned the preference for 'shared ownership' under the 'Affordable' umbrella.

Regarding the number of dwellings proposed, while referring to the maps supplied, Councillors strongly felt that;

i) Given we already have permission for four detached homes in the village, yet to be built, the feeling was that 35 was a significant development and suggested 25 homes with a green area within for recreation and children to play would be preferable.

ii) Support facilities within the village

The Primary School would benefit from housing development

Local businesses (Post Office, Teashop, Farm Shop, Filling Station/Shop) would benefit.

Leadenham placed centrally between Grantham, Lincoln, Sleaford, Newark offers a base for families working in different local towns, with good road access to all areas.

b)106 Contributions (amounts of money returned to the parish on completion of the developments) were discussed at length, with Mrs M Overton's experienced support.

There are examples of housing developments where the 106 payments have not been paid to the communities involved, for a variety of reasons.

The point was made emphatically that Councillors were well aware of this situation.

Discussion continued with ideas as to how and where possible 106 payments could be used to benefit the community:

Schools, Play Area etc.

There will be a **Public Consultation held in May at the Village Hall** for residents to examine the plans and put forward their views. Date to be confirmed. Leaflets will go to all residents and an advert in the Two Villages Magazine.

After consideration and the Hereford Development still wish to continue, the Company would hope to submit Plans to the District Council in June/July

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

Mr G McLusky proposed they be a true record of the meeting. Ms M Nelstrop seconded the proposal. All members were in agreement. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

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

a) Street Light repairs – ongoing

b) Bowls Club date for meeting – pre meeting of Council representatives to be held on Monday April 16th at Mr Sisson's home to go through the proposed contract details. A date to meet with the Bowls Club will then be set.

c) Footpath to the railway bridge – ongoing

d) Request for a bin in the lay-by at the top of Sleaford Hill – on going.

5. Consideration of Planning Matters

No Applications

6. Consideration of Financial Matters

a) Bank Statements

H.I. a/c as 4 th March	£5,942.37
Community a/c as 4 th March	£1,454.65
H.I. a/c as 4 th April	£16,144.99
Community a/c as 4 th April	£2,569.37

b) Paid in

Precept	£9,975.00
LCC grass cutting donation	£227.00

c) To be paid

Mr P Reeve	
Playing Field rent	£250.00

Mr G McLusky proposed the payment be made. Mrs C Stokes seconded the proposal. All members were in agreement.

d) Internal & External Audits

Our current Internal Auditor has agreed carry out an Audit of accounts for the period 2017/18. The Clerk outlined the new system of External Audit procedure as outlined by the new Company designated for Lincolnshire & Town Parish Councils.

7. Police Report

There are no crimes recorded in the parish during the last month.

8. County & District Council Reports

County Council Report (Mrs M Overton) is available to view on the website.

District Council report (Ms C Mills) is available to view on the website.

9. Consideration of undertaking the drawing up of a Neighbourhood Plan for Leadenham

Following discussion it was resolved to contact Mrs J Clarke (Community Lincs, who gave the presentation on Neighbourhood Planning at the previous meeting) to discuss the stages to be covered, the breadth and depth of works required and the launching of the project process before making a final decision to go forward.

10. Consideration of the offer from Airfield Trust for a plaque to be placed in the village commemorating the WW1 Air defence Corps.

Councillors resolved to accept the offer. The position within the village for it to be sited will be finalised at a later meeting.

11. Consideration of the Council's position regarding Data Protection Regulations.

The Clerk reported that all the items identified in the Audit Questionnaire at the previous meeting were in the process of being recorded.

The issue of a new computer for Clerk's use specifically for Parish Council matters, and therefore be compliant with Data Protection Regulations was discussed. Mr G McLusky proposed that a laptop computer be purchased. Ms M Nelstrop seconded the proposal. All members were in agreement. The matter of individual Councillors having an email address specifically for parish Council business was discussed. It was established that a domain could be created for all to use and that each Councillor could have their own prefix for their email address. Mr McLusky and the Clerk to continue to bring this to fruition.

12. Matters for Urgent Discussion

a) Broken window to the rear of the empty property opposite the Village Hall still not repaired. Clerk to follow up.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th May at 7 pm, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 8 pm.

SIGNED CHAIR: Janet Thurlow (Signature redacted – data protection)

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