

LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday 14th November 2017

Present: Mrs K Willgoose, Mrs C Stokes, Mr G McLusky, Mr S Locking, Mr T Sisson, Mrs J Thurlow, County & District Councillor Mrs M Overton and District Councillor Ms C Mills.

The Clerk introduced an additional item on the Agenda (due to information being received too late for the deadline for the Agenda) as follows:

To consider the response from Leadenham Bowls Club regarding the proposed contract between the Parish Council and Leadenham Bowls Club.

1. Apologies – none

Declarations of Interest: none.

2. Consideration of the Draft Notes from the previous meeting

Mrs K Willgoose 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. Clerk's Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

a) SPID signs – a new cheque is to be raised to be made payable to LCC, not Road Safety Partnership..

b) Footpath safety from the village to the railway bridge (A607) – an email forwarded to LCC Highways requested:

i) An explanation why work to cut back overgrowing verge along the footpath had not been carried out to date.

ii) an explanation as to why this same work was carried out earlier in the year along the whole length of the foot/cycle path from Bracebridge Heath through to Welbourn – but not carried along through Leadenham to the parish border (between Leadenham & Fulbeck). The response indicated that work on the specified stretch of footpath would be given priority but that a start date could not be given.

c) Street light faults – opposite the Primary School and outside No 27 Main Road reported as faulty to LCC Highways

d) Meeting regarding the changes in the way Highways operate – Clerk was unable to attend.

e) Elm tree on the Bowling Green – following the Council's application to remove the tree on the advice of the tree surgeon, the NKDC Tree Officer attended and confirms that the tree appears to have been poisoned and should be felled for the safety of pedestrians and vehicles on A607. The tree surgeon has quoted and has been requested to carry out the work.

f) Website domain – on-going.

4. Consideration of Financial Matters

a) Bank Statements

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| Community a/c as of 4 th Oct '17 | £2,211.47 |
| H.I a/c as of 4 th Oct '17 | £12,440.68 |
| Community a/c as of 4 th Nov '17 | £966.97 |
| H.I. a/c as of Nov '17 | £12,441.00 |

b) Payments in

nil

c) Payments to be made

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| LCC (replacement cheque for 4 SPID signs) | £40.00 |
| Came & Company (Village Hall Insurance) | £1,956.00 |
| NKDC (Premises Licence for Village Hall) | £180.00 |
| Glendale Countryside Ltd (grass cutting) | £541.50 |
| H Proctor (purchase of Litter Picking equipment) | £151.05 |

d) Any other Financial Matters

Insurance of the Fountain – awaiting response from the Insurance Company.

Mrs C Stokes proposed that these payments be made. Mr T Sisson seconded the proposal. There were no objections.

5. Consideration of Planning Matters – none.

6. Police Report

No crimes reported during the previous month.

7. Consideration of Matters of Correspondence

Poster received from LCC encouraging residents to support their call for enhanced Government funding for Lincolnshire.

8. County and District Reports

Reports from County Councillor Mrs M Overton and District Councillor Ms C Mills are available to view on the village website.

9. To Report upon and further discuss Litter Picking throughout the parish

The Chairman reported on the initial Litter Picking session throughout the parish as follows:

a) There were approximately 26 black plastic bags of litter collected by 11 volunteers on Sat 4th November 2017.

b) Litter picking equipment (Pickers, High Vis vests, plastic hoops to hold collection bags open while working and heavy duty black plastic bags) have been purchased by the Parish Council

c) Disposal of collected rubbish was addressed. Each volunteer took some bags home for their own black bins with excess going to the Village Hall bin. It was agreed that as this was the initial litter pick, the large amount was to be expected therefore no additional black bins would be purchased until several more monthly picks had been undertaken.

d) It proved to be a useful exercise in that several items of fly tipping were identified by pickers and they have been reported to NKDC for collection.

10. To report on and further discuss the support from the Parish Council to replace the oil tank for the Village Hall

Mrs C Stokes reported on a meeting with Mr Witherington (Boiler Maintenance) regarding works required to ensure fire cladding, tank size and position will meet current regulations for Community facilities.

Fire cladding will be sufficient to meet regulations. Tank size (being double skinned) will have to be 1,000 litres (as oppose to current 2,000 litres). This work would mean the tank will not have to be moved two metres away from the building as previously thought.

Mr Witherington is to quote for the work.

11. To consider further the Airfields of Britain Commemorative Trust – request for Leadenham recognition

Councillors were of the opinion that the current Plaque (sited on the verge opposite the junction with Quarry Lane/Pottergate road (commemorating the RFC base from WW1) merited refurbishment before another was erected. The Airfields of Britain Trust to be approached regarding their support on this.

12. To consider the undertaking of a Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk presented the factual steps and the advantages offered to a parish in undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors agreed to seek advice from NKDC by means of a presentation by their representative to give a clear explanation of the stages involved and the benefits to the parish.

13. To consider the response from Leadenham Bowls Club regarding the proposed contract between the Parish Council and Leadenham Bowls Club

The Clerk presented the written response from the Leadenham Bowls Club to each of the points put forward by the Parish Council as a basis for a legal contract between the two parties regarding ownership and responsibilities.

Each point was given consideration and agreements/comments for further discussion/possible amendments were recorded.

The Clerk was requested to ask Leadenham Bowls Club for a copy of their Constitution and to request dates whereby members of the Club Committee would be available for a meeting of all committees involved.

14. Matters for Urgent Consideration

- a) Street light on High Street (north) adjacent to No 42 flickering – to be reported.
- b) Street light outside No 27 main Road – to be reported again
- c) Street light adjacent to the fence by A607 (opposite Coronation Island) has become overgrown by tree branches from the School premises. Mrs Willgoose to follow up (Chair of School Governors)
- d) Potholes throughout the parish – County Councillor Mrs M Overton reported that potholes should be reported as soon as possible and they will be repaired by Christmas.
- e) Road sign broken/laying on the verge – top of Sleaford Hill. To be reported to Highways.
- f) Footpath between Bowls Club ground and Primary School - overgrown. LCC Public Rights of Way to be contacted seeking clearance.
- g) Layby at the top of Sleaford Hill (on the left, travelling east) – new bin required. Clerk reported that one had already been requested but no response to date.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Signed Chair:

