

## LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes on the meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Mrs J Thurlow(Chairman), Ms M Nelstrop, Mrs C Stokes, Mrs K Willgoose, Mr G McLusky, Mr S Locking, District Councillor Mrs M Overton.

The Clerk called for an additional item for the Agenda to be placed as item 4f.

**1. Apologies:** none

**Declarations of Interest:** none

### **2. Consideration and signing of the Draft Notes of the previous meeting**

Mrs C Stokes proposed they be a true record. Mr G McLusky seconded the proposal. The chair signed as Minutes of that meeting.

### **3. Clerk's Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

a) Bowls Club contract – ongoing

b) Fly tipping – appears to be on the increase. Additional reports have been made concerning items dumped since the last meeting.

c) Street Light corner of the Green/Cade's yard – reported. Councillors reported that there are a further two street lights not working: at the head of Gospel Lane and north end of Back Lane. We now have 5 street lights not working in the village.

d) Broken windows to the rear of empty house opposite Village Hall – not repaired.

### **4. Consideration of Planning Matters – no applications.**

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

#### **a) Bank Statements**

H.I. a/c as 4<sup>th</sup> Feb £7,744.81

Community a/c as 4<sup>th</sup> Feb £9,958.19

Letter from Heritage Lottery has been received confirming the grant (£9,500.00) which has been received into the Community Account.

#### **b) Paid in**

Heritage grant for works on the Fountain £9,500.00

#### **c) Payments to be made**

Taylor Tree Services £450.00

H Proctor (Clerk's salary) £278.09

PAYE £69.40

H Proctor (expenses) £60.00

Caythorpe & Ancaster medical Equipment Trust £100.00 (decision from agenda item 4f)

#### **d) Update on grass cutting contract for verge clearance**

Clerk reported that a map was to be forwarded to Glendale Countryside Services with the new areas to be cleared which now requires an updated quotation. As less area now requires work, the new quote will be less than the original.

#### **e) Review of the Council's Financial Risk Policy**

Councillors looked at the procedures currently in place for all stages of financial management. All were in agreement that the system was satisfactory.

#### **f) Consideration of Caythorpe & Ancaster Medical Practice Equipment Trust Donation request**

Letter received from the above trust seeking donations to assist in the purchase of ENT microscope/microsuction equipment which by using in the Practice will reduce the number of patients having to wait for and travel to local hospitals for treatment.

Discussion followed - it was felt that this was beneficial for residents of the parish, especially elderly. The chairman proposed the motion: to donate to the Trust for the purchase of ENT equipment. It was carried 4 to 1 against. A cheque was raised immediately.

## **5. Police Report**

No crimes reported in the parish during February. No Police representative was able to attend. There are only 3 Officers/PCSO's at Bracebridge Heath currently. They report that they are currently focused upon anti social behaviour problems in other villages within their area.

## **6. County & District Council Reports**

No County Report

### **District Councillor Mrs M Overton reported:**

**a)** Outline of the Boundary changes which will affect the areas for representation during future elections – starting with the upcoming County Council elections in May.

**b)** The reduction of the total amount of money the County Council receives from the Government to fund all Services has been the underlying reason for prospective cuts to many Services which LCC fund annually. Mrs Overton's view is that there was insufficient lobbying of the Govt Dept by LCC in presenting their case for sufficient funds.

As a result LCC, next financial year, will be taking 40million from Services, 17.9 million from Reserves and raise 8 million by selling capital assets.

## **7. Matters of Correspondence**

Clerk presented a letter received from LCC Highways which outlines the changes as to how reporting/communicating with Highways will be carried out in future by Parish Councils and the general public.

## **8. Update on matters concerning the restoration of the Fountain**

**a)** Mrs Stokes reported that Came & Co (PC Insurance Company) had informed us that the Fountain was covered for all aspects of liability under the current Parish Council Policy. There could be need for additional cover while works were being carried out. That will be determined before works begin and following discussion with the Roofing Company and what their requirements will be.

**b)** Grant money is now in the Parish Council account.

**c)** A second roofing Company has attended in order to prepare another quotation. None received to date.

**d)** A press release has been prepared by Mrs Stokes and passed to the representative from Heritage Lottery for their input before release.

**e)** Mrs Stokes has attended a meeting with representatives at NKDC Planning Dept for advice prior to completing and submitting our application to replace the Fountain roof, given it stands within a Conservation area.

## **9. Consideration of possible options to support local businesses**

The Clerk reported on discussions with local businesses and from Village Hall Committee meeting, where actions which could be taken to encourage more people to stop and use facilities our village has to offer had taken place.

Brown signs were suggested – on A17 bypass in both directions showing the facilities available in Leadenham (Petrol/B&B/Food/Farm Shop/Petrol/Groceries/Heritage)

Some preliminary research for grant sourcing has taken place and a couple of meetings have been arranged in order to get more detail.

Following preliminary talks with one advisor it appears that adding another project to such an application could enhance the chances of a granny application being successful. The Village Hall Committee have been looking to significantly improve the surface of the car park.

Meetings have been held with two re-surfacing (tarmac) companies where all aspects of ground preparation/drainage prior to placing a tarmac surface were discussed. Quotations are awaited.

To include this work within an application for funding for signage we hope may be a possibility.

Any application would have to come from the Parish Council.

## **10 Dog foul problems – Playing Field and around the village – action under the new budget.**

Reports reveal that dog fouling on the Playing Field is on the increase and on pavements around the village.

Initial action was determined as follows:

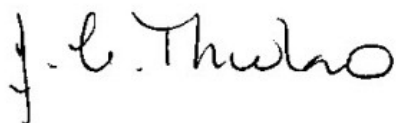
- a) print (professionally) A5 leaflets outlining the problems regarding dog foul which is not cleared.
- b) Council representatives to supervise the Playing Field on a rota throughout a day and meet dog users, talk with them and distribute leaflet.
- c) Item for the Parish Magazine – with photographic evidence.
- d) Possibility of installing another dog bin – NKDC to be contacted for permission.

## **11. Matters for Urgent Discussion**

- a) Road Safety Partnership application for additional speed signs to be sent again.
- b) Website development in the future was discussed – regarding the possible costs involved.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Chair:

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