

LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday June 13th 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mrs C Stokes, Mr G McLusky, Ms M Nelstrop, Mr S Locking, Mrs J Thurlow (Chair), District Councillor Ms C Mills and one member of the public.

1. Apologies: Mrs K Willgoose, PC P Hanson.

Declarations of Interest: none.

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

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

3. Clerk's Report on Matters Arising

a) The re-application for Speed Awareness Signs has been completed with copy of the Council's Public Liability Certificate, so ready to send with a cheque.

4. Consideration of Planning Matters

Clerk presented for information only - a copy of a recent application by SWRA to place a perimeter fence along the frontage onto A607 and a security gate between the main Car Park and the school grounds.

5. Consideration of Financial Matters

a) Bank Statement

Community a/c as of May 4 th	£9,202.63
H.I. a/c as of May 4 th	£17,346.61

b) Payments in

VAT refund (April 17 th 2017)	£675.76
Precept payment (April 17 2017)	£9,600.00

c) Payments to be made

P Brumhead (Internal Audit fee)	£50.00
Glendale Countryside Ltd (Playing Field Grass cuts)	£118.20
Glendale Countryside Ltd (Verge grass cuts)	£262.80
LALC annual subscription	£137.72
H.Proctor (Clerk's salary)	£278.09
PAYE	£69.40
H.Proctor (Clerk's expenses)	£60.00
Taylor Tree Services (removal of trees, part of Fountain project)	£570.00
*Lincs Road Safety Partnership (Speed Awareness Signs – preliminary payment)	£40.00

*Due to new cheque book not available, this payment (with cheque signatories) will be made as soon as possible.

Mr G McLusky proposed that the payments be made. Ms M Nelstrop seconded the proposal. All members were in agreement.

d) Consideration and signing of the Annual Governance Statement for External Audit

Each section was discussed. There were no negative responses requiring further evidence or explanation. The Chairman signed the Statement.

e) Consideration and signing of the Accounting Statements for the External Audit.

All members were satisfied with the Statement. The Chairman signed the Statement.

6. Police Report

There were no crimes reported during the last month.

7. Consideration of Matters of Correspondence - None

8. District Councillor Report

Ms C Mills reported that a major overhaul of all Services for which District Council are responsible, will be carried out. This should be completed by July 2018. There will be an initial review published by November 2017.

9. Report on the recent 'walk' from North Road to the railway bridge regarding safety and to identify the risks to pupils who walk to and from on a daily basis.

Attending: Mr Richard Wills (director of Highways), County Councillor Mrs M Overton, Parish Councillors Mr G McLusky, Mr S Locking, and Mrs C Stokes.

- a) The width of the footpath narrows from 4ft to 2ft wide on the approach to the bridge. Considered by all, to be a high risk to all users regarding the very close proximity of passing traffic.
 - b) Pavement surface is uneven/broken (an area opposite Horsham's site, where there is a gap in the hedge) and the pavement leans towards the deep gully which falls away from the pavement. Highways responsibility to repair.
- Councillors suggested placing railings alongside the footpath to make safer passage for users. Mr Wills reported, not feasible on two counts – making the road too narrow to cope with traffic and lack of funds.
- c) The post/rail fencing designed to protect pedestrians is badly broken and ineffective. To be reported to the tenants renting the field and thus responsible for fencing.
 - d) Street lights on the pathway under the bridge are badly overgrown – Highways responsibility to contact the landowner to seek works to be completed.

In discussion on the report Councillors asked for a letter to be forwarded to County Councillor Mrs Overton seeking her opinion and action on the way forward on this matter.

10. Report from recent Village Hall Meeting regarding possible routes for grant funding to carry out upgrading of facilities

Councillor Mrs Stokes reported that areas identified were: Resurfacing of two of the car parking areas (tarmac), new kitchen units, Play area and establishment of a website providing booking facilities. Advice via local funding sources had been explored (NKDC, Community Lincs, LCC) but possibilities did not fit criteria so it was proposed to try for Lottery funding. Mrs Stokes is in preparation of a preliminary application which will establish whether our application would be feasible. Such application would be made via the Parish Council.

11. Report on progress of Fountain project

Mrs Stokes reported that the tree works had been completed as required. Members who had seen the completed works were very satisfied with the result.

The work to repair the rear retaining wall will be carried out in the final week in June (cost £1,950)

Works to replace the roof of the Fountain are scheduled for August.

12. Councillor Vacancy

NKDC have been informed of the vacancy and official posters are to be displayed within a few days of this meeting. Also available to view on the website.

A report on the vacancy was also placed in the Parish Magazine.

13. Matters for Urgent Discussion

- a) St Anne's Well – sweep required. To be reported.
- b) Broken window to the rear of empty property opposite Village Hall – has now been repaired.
- c) Road signs obliterated by overgrowing branches – Sign by the Polo Club and by Primary School have been identified. Contact to be made to landowners requesting removal of branches to leave the signs clear for traffic users.
- d) Fly tipping – a gas cylinder left against a telegraph pole on High Street north. To be reported.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th July (a week later than usual meeting dates)

Chair:

