

## Leadenham Parish Council

**Draft Notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Mrs K Willgoose, Mrs C Stokes, Mr G McLusky, Ms M Nelstrop, Mrs J Thurlow (chair)

**1. Apologies:** Mr S Locking, Mr T Sissons and the Police.

**Declarations of Interest:** none.

### **2. Consideration and signing of the Minutes of the previous meeting**

Ms M Nelstrop proposed they be a true record of the meeting. Mrs K Willgoose seconded the proposal. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

### **3. Clerk's Report**

**a)** Valuation of the Fountain – Heritage Lottery Fund to be approached for advice regarding setting a value for Insurance purposes. Clerk will check with current Insurers regarding possible cover for the Fountain.

**b)** Future Funding for Lincolnshire – letters forwarded to LCC and Dr Caroline Johnston MP supporting their campaign for more Govt funding for Lincolnshire.

**c)** Fountain – raising the profile in relation to funding received from heritage Lottery. Local press are being contacted to seek their support in reporting on the project. Such press coverage will be an asset to add to the final Report to the Heritage Lottery now the project is complete.

**d)** Oil tank required for the Village Hall – Clerk reported that regarding a new concrete base for the new oil tank now required for the Village Hall, a quotation of £350 had been accepted by the Village Hall Committee.

**e)** Lottery funding application for refurbishment of various areas of the Village Hall complex – on- going with Quotations being gathered and the Application being prepared.

**f)** Speed Restriction signs – the additional four signs ordered following the last meeting has been delivered. Payment to be raised in item 5c on the Agenda.

**g)** Street lights adjacent to the Church and on Back Lane have been repaired.

### **4. Consideration of Planning Matters**

Application by Mr R Troop to establish Car Sales, Vehicle Servicing and Spray Shop on Houshams site, Cliff Road, Leadenham.

The Council had no comments to make.

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

**a)** Bank Statements – not available

**b)** Paid in nil

**c)** Payments to be made

Glendale Countryside Ltd

Grass cutting Playing Field £59.10

Glendale Countryside Services

Verge cutting services £457.20

ROSPA Playsafety Ltd £88.20

Grant Thornton (External Audit) £120.00

NKDC Small Society Lotteries fee £20.00

British Legion (donation for Poppy Wreath) £30.00

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership £40.00

Ms M Nelstrop proposed that the payments be made. Mrs C Stokes seconded the proposal. There were no objections.

**d)** External Audit Report – Clerk reported the recommendations made by the External Auditors.

## **6. To consider the Police Report**

There was one incident of a Van broken into on North Road with chain saws and other horticultural equipment being stolen.

## **7. To consider the County and District Council Reports**

No County Council Report was available.

District Council Report was received following the meeting and will be available on the parish website.

## **8. To Consider matters of Correspondence**

LCR magazine (from NALC) Mr McLusky received.

NKDC have forwarded 4 copies of a resume of the Local Plan – to be placed in areas available for parishioners to view.

## **9. To consider a Report from the Cliff Cluster meeting attended by two members of the Council**

Mr G McLusky reported that the Cliff Cluster of parish councils has been revived. Mrs M Overton is to Chair the meetings. Meetings will be held bi-monthly at The Venue in Navenby and other parishes will be requested to donate an amount of money to pay for the venue. The Chief Planning Officer was in attendance to explain details of the new Local Plan and answer questions.

## **10. To consider the response to a request for volunteers to form a Litter Picking Group**

Eight people have responded as willing to volunteer for Litter Picking around the parish. The Clerk to notify all volunteers of an initial meeting (Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October was decided upon) to meet in The George Hotel to discuss how the Group will be organised and carry out the work/dispose of litter gathered etc.

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

The Trust (a Charity) has approached the Council asking if there would be interest in the Trust donating a commemorative plaque in the parish in honour of the Home Defence Forces in WW1. Following discussion, Councillors were reminded that there was a plaque (regarding the site of the RFC Aerodrome on Leadenham Heath) already situated on the Pottergate Road between the junction for Quarry Lane and Long Lane, which was in need of some refurbishment work. Clerk is to contact the Trust again to discuss further seeking details of the dimensions/dedication and actual costs to the parish.

## **12. To discuss the reorganisation of Highways operations –a date for a meeting for a full breakdown on how the new system of operating affects parishes.**

The Clerk outlined the proposals forwarded from LCC Highways regarding the changes in how they will operate in future. The meeting to give Councillors and Clerk the opportunity to become familiar with the new operations will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October in Sleaford.

## **13. To consider the future regarding mature tree on the boundary between A607 and the bowling green and the rogue Sycamore obscuring the street light opposite the Primary School.**

Quotations have been received from Taylor Trees for the possible removal of the diseased Elm tree in the hedge by the A607 and the bowling green. The chairman proposed that this be accepted should permission be granted by NKDC. Members were in agreement. Mrs Stokes is preparing an application to fell the tree to forward to NKDC.

Another quotation is expected regarding the removal of the rogue sycamore opposite the Primary School to enable repair work to be carried out on the street light. As this is a rogue

tree and earlier conversations with the tree officer made it clear that rogue sycamores would not be considered for a TPO, no application will be made seeking permission.

**14. Consideration of possible projects and/or purchases which could be considered for 2018/18 budget – to enable research and quotations to be gained.**

The Clerk presented figures as to the current balances of the PC accounts and a list of the outgoings still required before the end of financial year.

The chairman proposed that the new Oil Tank required for the Village Hall be purchased by the Parish Council. The Village Hall accounts are not considerable and they already have just installed led lighting in the main hall, are replacing three glass panels in the Emergency doors, are having a new base for the oil tank constructed with added costs for connection to the Boiler and the exterior of the building re-painted. The Chairman pointed out that the Village Hall was the main community facility within the parish, the Parish Council are the Trustees and therefore have a responsibility to support the financial outlay to enable the Hall to continue to supply its services to the residents. All members were in agreement.

**15. Matters for Urgent Discussion**

**a) Defibrillator servicing** – Clerk reported that contact had been made with LIVES who advise on the need for servicing a Defibrillator and advice will follow and the routine maintenance required for the model the village has installed.

**b) Footpath to the bridge from North Road** – Mr McLusky proposed that letters are forwarded to the Bus Companies who are contracted to take pupils to and from SWRA on a daily basis seeking their co-operation regarding the speed they travel on the approach to the bridge, for the sake of the safety of those pedestrians walking the footpath.

All members agreed.

**c) Website domain** – Mr McLusky explained that a new domain, with a shorter, easier to recall name would make access easier and quicker for users and would possibly help to attract resident to access and use it. Members agreed for the go-ahead to acquire one.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

SIGNED CHAIR

