

LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mrs J Thurlow (chair), Ms M Nelstrop, Mr T Sisson, Mr S Locking, Mrs K Willgoose, Mrs C Stokes, Mr G McLusky and District Councillor Ms C Mills and District Councillor/County Councillor Mrs M Overton attended to give their Reports.

1. Apologies: none

Declarations of Interest: none

2. Co-option of Councillor to fill recent vacancy.

The Chairman introduced Mr T Sisson as a Councillor. Mr Sisson signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

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

Mrs C Stokes proposed that they be a true record of the meeting. Ms M Nelstrop seconded the proposal. There were no objections. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

4. The Clerk's Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) Road sign sited by the wall outside the Polo Club is still obscured by overgrowing branches. A further request to be forwarded.

b) Nun's Close - no further problem with escaping lambs as the season is past.

c) Proposed contract with Bowls Club – an acknowledgment of receipt has been received from the Vice Chair of the Bowls Club. They will discuss this at their October meeting.

d) Weed spraying – has been requested.

e) Cutting back of branches from trees on the Green – has been completed.

f) Footpath from A607 through to Poor Row – overgrowing branches have been trimmed back.

g) Letter to Mr T Simeoli thanking him for support with the Fountain project – has been forwarded.

h) Risk Assessment on trees for which the Council are responsible – Tree Officers at NKDC to be contacted.

i) Fly tipping reported today (12.9.17) on the stretch of road on the right at the top of Sleaford Hill, running towards the bypass has been reported to NKDC.

j) Street light opposite Primary School not repaired as arranged – overgrowing rogue Sycamore needs removing. Two Councillors volunteered to complete the task and then repair can be requested again.

5. Consideration of Planning Matters – none.

6. Consideration of Financial Matters

a) Bank Statements

H.I a/c as of 4th August 2017

Community a/c as of 4th August 2017

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£14,440.35

Community a/c as of 4th September 2017

£1,415.06

b) Payments in

Litter Grant (NKDC) (2.8.17)

£91.14

c) Payments made in August

Taylor Tree Services (14.8.17)

£180.00

Heritage Roofing Services (17.8.17)

£7,200.00

d) Payments to be made

Glendale Countryside Ltd (verge cutting x 2 months)

£304.80

Glendale Countryside Ltd (Playing Field cuts x3)

£177.30

Mrs J Booth (a137 payment for Fountain Garden work)

£84.00

Leadenham PCC (s137 payment Church Burial Ground)

£500.00

Clerk's salary

£278.09

Clerk's expenses

£60.00

HMRC (paye)

£69.40

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

7. Police Report

Two recorded crimes

18.8.17 Calor Gas bottle stolen from the storage cage at Troops forecourt

3.9.17 A van was taken from Troops Bodyshop premises.

8. County and District Council Reports

County Councillor Mrs M Overton reported:

a) Footpath from Leadenham (North Road) to the railway bridge – no effective work has been undertaken to remove encroaching vegetation to keep the footpath as wide as possible for pedestrian safety. Mrs Overton is to meet with Highways Officer responsible.

b) Potholes – must be reported via LCC website, with photo attached regarding the location. Should works fail to be completed within the recommended time, a report to be made to County Councillor representative who will follow up with Highways.

The detailed Monthly Report is available on the parish website.

District Council Report

Ms C Mills reported

a) Changes in refuse charges is under way. Commercial premises will be charged for refuse removal from April 2018. This affects Leadenham Village Hall.

b) CPR demonstrations have been organised in Wellingore with open invitations for other parishes will a Defibrillator to attend.

c) Access Points are under threat of closure (Navenby is the nearest Point for our parish). There is a call for support to remain open and accessible.

A further detailed report is available on the parish website.

9. Matters of Correspondence

LALC Annual Report with invitation to attend the Annual AGM and Conference.

10. To report and discuss any other matters regarding the Speed restriction signs

The general consensus was that the signs have been appropriately placed and some effects have been noted.

It was decided to purchase additional signs – 40 mph x 2 and 30 mph x 2.

It was also decided to forward a letter to Mountains regarding the speed of lorries through the village.

11. To discuss the re-establishment of the Cliff Cluster of parishes meetings - date of the first meeting and Leadenham's involvement.

The first meeting on Sept 26th at The Venue, Navenby. Principle Planning Officer will lead a presentation on the Local Plan and there will be discussion regarding the future of the SPID. Councillors discussed the value of the SPID (Speed Indicator Device which can be moved according to need) to Leadenham. Consensus of opinion was that the new Speed Restriction signs would be more effective.

Mr G McLusky and Mr S Locking volunteered to attend on behalf of Leadenham PC.

12. To consider support on the issue of future Funding for Lincolnshire.

Lincolnshire County Council is currently lobbying for a Fairer Funding Deal for Lincolnshire, addressing both the level of funding coming to local government and the methodology by which this funding is allocated with the sector.

Motion:

When services are already stretched to breaking point Skegness Town Council strongly objects to the continued use of an unfair funding formula that sees Lincolnshire receiving far less funding than most other councils. We believe that it is an outrage that, based on the current number of homes in the county, if Lincolnshire was funded at the average core spending power of the Shire areas we would receive an additional £57m per year. If we were funded at the average core spending power of the Metropolitan areas that would bring an additional £87m per year.

Following discussion members agreed to support the motion. Letters will also be forwarded to North Kesteven District Council and The Member of Parliament representing our Ward.

13. To report on the completed work on the Fountain and consider future security of the roof.

Mrs Stokes reported on the final Balance sheet and Report stage, which she has to submit to Heritage Lottery, which will include work by the Primary School. It was suggested that the local press be informed of the success of the venture. On further discussion it was decided that the Primary School be involved with any press coverage too.

The issue of roof security will be addressed at the next meeting.

14. Report on replacement of the oil tank at the Village Hall

The Clerk reported on the decision made on replacing the current damaged oil tank. To comply with current regulations and so can be insured, the base for a new tank will be moved to be two metres away from the side of the building. This will entail preparing a new concrete base and kerbing to guide vehicles safely through onto the Playing Field as required. A double skin tank will then be purchased and re connection to the boiler carried out.

15. Update on the proposed Application for a Lottery Grant to carry out refurbishment work on the Village Hall site.

Mrs Stokes reported on progress with completing Stage one of the application. Following discussion at the recent Village Hall meeting it has been decided to incorporate not only refurbishment of the car park but to incorporate our awareness of our carbon footprint and include solar panels and changing to led lighting throughout the Hall and All Weather Sports Courts floodlighting. Other areas to include are:

Kitchen refurbishment

Creation of a website which will showcase the site and include bookings opportunities
Play Park – the current equipment is safe but many items have been discarded latterly.

16. Consideration of issues requiring action in the near future

a) Tree on the south west corner of the Bowling Green – tree surgeon is attending to carry out an assessment and will report if work is required.

b) Revaluation of Village Hall site – report on an initial quote for revaluation services (£500). Other quotes to be sought.

c) Risk assessment on all trees for which the PC are responsible (including the Parish Field)

Mr Anthony Ward has established which boundaries are PC responsibility. Clerk will contact tree officers at NKDC to carry out an assessment.

All costs of the above will have effect upon the next budget, the sequence of which will start next month.

17. Matters for Urgent Discussion

a) Parish Self Help Scheme – Councillors were reminded that this had been forwarded to them and that it would be on the next Agenda as decisions to take on work from Highways would impact upon the next budget.

b) Drain cover on the A607 near the Fountain is broken. To be reported to Highways.

c) Road surface at the crossroads has potholes – to be reported.

d) Street lights – near the Church and on Back Lane (Newark Hill end) are not working – to be reported.

e) Litter – Mrs Stokes reported she had removed two large black bags of litter from the cross roads up to the top of Sleaford Hill. Discussion prompted the idea of forming a Litter Picking Group. Information to go in the October edition of the Two Villages Magazine asking for volunteers.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th October 2017



Signed Chair: