

LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday 8th November 2016

Present: Mrs J Thurlow (Chair), Ms M Nelstrop, Mrs C Stokes, Mrs K Willgoose, Mr S Locking, Ms C Mills (District Councillor), Mrs M Overton (District Councillor), two PCSO representatives.

1. Apologies – Mr G McLusky
Declarations of Interest: none

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

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

3. Clerk's Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) Abandoned vehicle on Car Park opposite Primary School – email has been forwarded to the Estate Managers informing that the Police have checked for details of ownership with no result and so responsibility for removal falls to the Estate as landowners.
- b) Post Office Yard residents – email received from Estate Managers to assure us that the tenants are leaving and that the situation is being monitored.
- c) Fly tipping – all reported from last meeting to NKDC. Ms Nelstrop reported that the fridge/freezer and tyres are still in the dyke on Quarry Lane is still there. To be reported again.
- d) Leadenham Bowls Club – a letter has been forwarded to the Club Committee regarding non contribution to the cost of installation of barrier to protect the rear wall of the Bowls Pavilion.
- e) Speed signs – Payment has been forwarded. Mr McLusky to follow up regarding delivery of the signs.
- f) Dog Foul signs – ongoing
- g) War Memorial grant application – all paperwork has been forwarded to the Clerk from Mr O'Brien who has been working on the grant application and recently had to resign.
- h) Street lights reported from last meeting – no action to date. Unable to track on line.
- i) Bypass (A17) drains and gulleys blocked – reported to Highways. No action to date.

4. Consideration of Planning Matters

a) Application Ref: 16/1205/HOUS

Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of replacement single storey side extension, along with the erection of two storey rear extension and porch.

Location: Oaktrees Farm, Sleaford Road, Brant Broughton.

The Council had no comments to make.

b) Notification of Receipt of Consultation of public payphone removal scheme

App Ref: 16/1318/PNTEL

Proposal: Removal of public payphone

Location: PCO Kiosk 72483 North Road, Leadenham

A survey was carried out for residents of North Road and Queensway. There was one call to retain the payphone in the event of emergency. Members were unanimous that this was insufficient evidence to oppose the removal, given the proliferation of modern communication technology.

5. Consideration of Financial Matters

a) Bank Statements – none available to date.

b) Payments in

From Village Hall Committee – % payment towards

Installation of barrier to protect rear wall of Bowls Pavilion

£90 – 57

Payments to be made

Came & Co (Village Hall Insurance)	£1,883.40
NKDC (Premises Licence for Village Hall)	£180.00
NKDC - Emptying Dog Bins Service	£558 – 05
British Legion Poppy Wreath (s137 payment)	£30 – 00
d) Consideration of any Quotes received – none	
e) Any other financial business – none	

6. Police Report

Period: 11th October 2016 – 8th November 2016

- a) 25th October: Commercial burglary – Main Road, Leadenham – forced entry and cigarettes stolen.
- b) 26th October: Commercial Burglary – Main Road, Leadenham – cut padlocks from farm buildings and quantity of tools stolen.

7. County & District Council Reports

County – none

District Councillor Mrs Overton reported:

- i) Local Plan has now been submitted for a final decision. Under present proposals Leadenham is listed as recommended for a maximum of 15% growth.
- ii) Devolution – see details in Mrs Overton's Monthly Report – available on Parish Council website.<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Leadenham>
- iii) Mrs Overton introduced Ms Cat Mills who recently was elected to District Council representing Cliff Villages, replacing Ms Laura Conway who recently resigned.

8. Matters of Correspondence

None

9. Consideration of items to be included in Budget 2017/18 and therefore quotations to be sought.

- a) Quotes to be sought for grass cutting Playing Field and verges throughout the village.
- b) Prices to be sought for the possible purchase of two additional Dog Foul Bins
- c) Prices to be sought for additional signage regarding dog foul on the Playing Field.

10. Consideration of the drawing up of a Contract between Parish Council and the Leadenham Bowls Club regarding ownership and responsibilities.

The Report from a meeting between the Chair, a Councillor and members of the Bowls Club Committee held earlier in the year was discussed in detail. The Report was regarding various aspects of ownership and responsibilities between the two parties in order to lay the foundations for a Contract to be drawn up and agreed between both parties – in order to extend clarification for future Committee members and Councillors in the future. The points for basis of such a contract is to be forwarded to the Bowls Club.

11. Updates on Grant Applications a) War Memorial b) Fountain

- a) The Fountain – the grant application has been forwarded to the Heritage Lottery and an acceptance letter has been received. The application will now be fully considered.
- b) War Memorial – as the application is going forward for consideration, quotations for works are now to be sought.

12. Update on proposed additional Dog Foul signage on Playing Field

Councillor Mrs Stokes has sourced a new sign designed to 'remind' dog walkers of the consequences of failing to clear dog foul which can be purchased at £20 each. Costings to be sought for various permanent signs.

13. Update on action regarding the safety of pedestrians walking/cycling/running on footpath(adjacent to A607) from Leadenham to railway bridge

It has been noted that there is heavier than normal growth of Hawthorn and Blackberry branches across the footpath from Leadenham up to the railway bridge.

A letter has been forwarded to Ireland Farms requesting cutting back the hedge on the footpath between Pond Field (Opposite Station House) and railway bridge to ensure the footpath remains as clear as possible and safer for pedestrians, disabled buggies and cyclists.

14. Matters for Urgent Discussion

a) Mrs Thurlow (chair) put to Councillors that the degree of complaints regarding the poor state of some properties, walls and other areas of the village had now reached an unacceptable level.

It was agreed that while the Council did report problems (e.g branches overgrowing footpaths from private properties) to residents, seeking their co-operation in helping to make the whole village look presentable, it was areas and properties, owned by or tenanted from, Leadenham Estates, i.e. the cottage at the end of Poor Row and the house opposite the Village Hall, which were the subject of increasing complaints. While the Council continued to request action regularly via the Estate Managers (Savills) on various issues which impinged upon safety and/or, which were visually unacceptable – while some were attended to, some were not.

Councillors all felt strongly that due to the level of feeling expressed, they had to speak on behalf of the residents they represent.

A letter will be forwarded to the Estate Managers and to Leadenham House making the feelings of the residents clear regarding the poor state of the village.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th December 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. L. Thurlow'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.