

LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the above Council held on Tuesday 8th march 2016 in the Village hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mrs K Willgoose, Mrs C Stokes, Mr S Locking, Mrs J Thurlow (chairman), Mr G McLusky, Mr N O'Brien, PCSO Sarah Kennedy.

1. Apologies: County Councillor Mr R Walters, District Councillor Ms L Conway.
Declarations of Interest: none.

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

Mrs K Willgoose proposed that they be a true record of the meeting. Mr G McLusky seconded the proposal. All members were in agreement. The chairman signed the Minutes.

3. Clerks Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) Bowls Club barrier works – Mr n Walker is liaising with the Bowls Club regarding this work. Cost estimated in the region of £120 with an expected start within 3 - 4 weeks. All members were in agreement that given the cost of works, it was only fair that this was divided equally between the Bowls Club, the Village Hall and the PC.
- b) Letter of support to Sir William Robertson Academy has been forwarded for their bid to establish a group of schools to work together in the area.
- c) St Anne's Well trimming back overgrowing branches/vegetation to make walking along the footpath safe and comfortable – awaiting an email from Company regarding start date for this work. Two requests sent for a quote for similar works around the Fountain.
- d) Leadenham PC Website – established with Minutes and Agendas being displayed. Mr McLusky is moderating. A request has been made for District Councillor Mrs M Overton's monthly report to be included.
- e) Inspection chamber on verge outside Village Hall – cover has been replaced by Anglian Water
- f) Drain on Sleaford Hill requiring tarmac surround repair – is on the Highways 'list' for works.
- g) Pavement clearance on Sleaford Hill – not works currently undertaken by Highways.
- h) Road drain on High Street north (outside 42 High Street) – on Highways list to complete.
- i) Fly tipping – tyres on Sleaford Hill – has been reported.

4. Consideration of Planning Matters

Notification of intended of intended tree works within Conservation area
Intended works: To fell a Sycamore x 1 at High House, High Street, Leadenham.
Councillors had no comments to make.

5. Consideration of Financial Matters

a) Bank Statements

No current Statement available. February Statements as follows:

H.I. a/c as of 4 th Feb 2016	£ 6,240.55
Community a/c as 4 th Feb 2016	£766.31

b) Payments in

none

c) Payments to be made

Mr P Orme (Dog Warden Services)	£64.00
H Proctor (Clerk's salary)	£278.09
H Proctor (Clerk's Expenses)	£60.00
PAYE	£69.40
Lincolnshire Association Local Councils (annual subscription)	£154.62

6. Police Report

No crimes reported during February. Concern had been raised regarding lambs escaping from Nun's Close to browse on neighbouring verges. The matter has been brought to the attention of the tenant owning the sheep.

7. County and District Council Reports

County – no report

District Report – Mrs Overton's report has been received by all Councillors. Ms Conway is to forward her District Council Report.

8. Consideration of Matters of Correspondence

The Queen's 90th Birthday Commemoration medals - Mrs K Willgoose took all information for attention of the Primary School/Leadenham Birthday Celebration Committee.

9. Consideration, update and action regarding Speed Awareness throughout the village

Mr McLusky reported that he has booked a meeting with representatives from Road Safety Partnership to go round the village in order to plan the siting of additional signs.

10. Consideration on setting a date for a Parish Walk

Several Councillors gave dates when they were unavailable. No final date set.

11. Annual Review of Standing Orders – was postponed until a future meeting.

12. Annual Risk Assessment on Council's Financial procedures – postponed until a future meeting.

13. Update on Grant Applications to date

Councillor Mrs Stokes reported on progress of an application for grant funding to English Heritage for works on the Fountain. More research to be done.

Councillor Mr N O'Brien reported that he still awaits response from the initial stage of application for funding to carry out work on the War Memorial.

14. Update on general small maintenance works around the parish – ongoing

15. Matters for Urgent Discussion

a) A query was raised regarding the s137 payment for church clock maintenance due to the fact the clock was not currently working. Clerk reported that the man who has been maintaining the clock was currently very ill and he was looking for another Company who would be qualified to carry out the work.

b) Position of Parish Clerk – should Councillors be prepared to take on more responsibility for researching projects/reporting to meetings, the Clerk is prepared to continue in post for the foreseeable future.

c) Annual Parish Meeting – Clerk reminded Councillors of the format of the APM. Dates were considered with Tuesday 17th May being settled upon. Ideas for attracting more residents to attend the APM was left for Councillor consideration to bring to the next meeting for further discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.