

## LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes from the Annual General Meeting of the above Council on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Mrs K Willgoose, Mrs C Stokes, Mr G McLusky, Mr S Locking, Ms M Nelstrop, Mrs J Thurlow ( Chairman) and Mr Rodney Troop.

Mr R Troop requested to attend the meeting in order to lay out plans for the future of F Troops & Son over the next few months. He outlined their plans as follows:  
It is intended, subject to successful Planning Applications, to move the Car Sales and Servicing Department to the site currently known as Houshams on Cliff Road. The Spray Shop, currently situated south of the traffic lights on the east side of Main Road will also be moved to the same site following necessary preparation.  
The areas left vacant on both sites following the move will be put forward for residential development (i.e. the area to the rear of the petrol/shop/forecourt and the Spray Shop site).

#### **1. Election of Officers for the following year**

**a) Chairman** – Mrs C Stokes proposed Mrs J Thurlow. Ms M Nelstrop seconded the proposal. There were no further proposals. Mrs Thurlow took the Chair.

**b) Vice Chairman** – Mr G McLusky proposed Ms M Nelstrop. Mrs C Stokes seconded the proposal. There were no further proposals. Ms Nelstrop will serve as Vice Chair.

**c) Treasurer** – Mrs C Stokes proposed Mrs K Willgoose. Mr S Locking seconded the proposal. There were no further proposals. Mrs Willgoose will serve as Treasurer.

**d) Village Hall Representative** – Ms M Nelstrop proposed Mrs C Stokes. Mrs K Willgoose seconded the proposal. There were no further proposals. Mrs C Stokes will serve as Village hall representative.

**2. Apologies** – District Councillor Ms C Mills. PC P Hanson

**Declarations of Interest:** none

#### **3. Consideration and signing of the Draft Notes from the Previous Meeting to Minutes.**

Mr G McLusky proposed they be a true record of the meeting. Ms M Nelstrop seconded the proposal. There were no objections. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

#### **4. Consideration of Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**a)** Road sign on Main Road by the Polo Club obliterated by over growing branches not yet cleared. A further request to be forwarded.

**b)** Nuns Close and sheep – no response from Leadenham Estates concerning repair works to the bankside or clearance of soil on the adjacent footpath. There are reports of the tenant is no longer prepared to use the Close for sheep grazing. Councillors expressed the hope that it would not be left to become overgrown and neglected as it was a feature of the village and many residents and visitors on what an asset it was.

**c)** Broken window to the rear of the empty house opposite the Village Hall has been blocked off.

**d)** Abandoned gas bottle on High Street north – has been removed. Also rubbish left on High Dyke (north side, off Long Lane) has been removed.

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

##### **a) Bank Statements**

Community a/c as of June 4 <sup>th</sup> 2017	£2,426.87
High Interest a/c as of June 4 <sup>th</sup> 2017	£24,347.21
Community a/c as of July 4 <sup>th</sup> 2017	£880.66
High Interest a/c as of July 4 <sup>th</sup> 2017	£24,348.01

##### **b) Payments in**

LAW contribution to Insurance cover (9.5.17)	£750.00
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### **c) Payments to be made**

Lincs Road Safety Partnership (12.6.17 awaited new cheque book)	£40.00
Glendale Countryside Ltd (Playing Field grass cut)	£118.20
Glendale Countryside Ltd ( grass verge cutting)	£152.40
Gilberts Construction (wall refurbishment to rear of Fountain)	£1,950.00
LALC subscription for bi monthly News Report	£5.00

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

### **d) Any other Financial Business**

Clerk reported that a full report had been given to the Pensions Regulator regarding the Council having fulfilled its obligation regarding new legislation requiring all employees to be included in a pension scheme. The current Clerk does not require being included in a pension scheme. Paperwork from the Pension Regulator has been received to that end.

### **7. Police Report**

A Report from Bracebridge Heath: there have been no crimes in the parish since the previous report.

### **8. County & District Councillor Reports**

District & County Councillor Mrs M Overton has forwarded her monthly report which will be available on the Parish website.

### **9. Matters of Correspondence**

- a) LCR Magazine (quarterly magazine from National Association for Local Councils)
- b) Letter from Caythorpe Medical Practice thanking the Council for their donation towards purchase of equipment.

### **10. Update on Refurbishment Work on the Fountain**

Mrs C Stokes reported that refurbishment work on the wall to the rear of the Fountain was now concluded and that the final phase to replace the roof was scheduled for August. Should there be no additional works required on the roof as currently quoted, there was a residual amount available from the grant monies. Mrs Stokes suggested that the Council consider having further trees work done as this would give greater balance to the area. Councillors were in agreement. Further quotes to be sought.

### **11. Update of Speed Awareness Signs**

Re-application has been forwarded to Lincs Road Safety Partnership for additional reminder speed signs throughout the village. Acknowledgment of the application and the covering cheque has been received with information that it will take several months before LCC Highways can undertake their survey and respond.

### **12. Update on the need to replace the Oil Tank at the Village Hall**

Clerk reported that the oil tank serving the Village Hall (for 19 years) had split and leaked fuel. Three large drums had been pumped out and had been removed to North Hill Farm for safe keeping.

The oil tank from the Church was available to replace but was smaller. Options and quotations to replace new to be sought.

### **13. To consider applications to fill the current vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

Clerk reported that there has been a late registration of interest from a resident in becoming a Councillor who wished to discuss the workings and requirements of being a Councillor. This item therefore will be deferred until the next meeting.

### **14. Consideration of model contract between Parish Council and Bowls Club regarding ownership and responsibilities.**

The proposed contract was scrutinized with several changes recommended. Clerk will undertake amendments and present via email to Councillors before forwarding to the Bowls Club for their agreement.

### **15. Matters for Urgent Discussion**

- a)** Weeds on pavements and footpaths – Clerk has received a map for weed removal for the Village Hall area. Additional plan will be made for the village and all forwarded to Glendale Services with a request for spraying.
- b)** Trees on the Green have branches hanging down again causing problems for pedestrians on the footpath. Ms M Nelstrop volunteered to remove as necessary
- c)** Mr Locking reported that the street light opposite the Primary School had not yet been repaired despite others reported at the same time had been. To be reported again, with instructions as to how to find it in the overgrown trees.
- d)** The footpath from A607 through to Poor Row (opposite the Village Hall entrance) is overgrown. To be reported to Savills and Mr W Reeve.
- e)** Letter of thanks to be forwarded to Mr A Simeoli for works he has undertaken (voluntarily) to the rear of the Fountain wall to remove overgrowing shrubs.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2017

Signed Chair:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. L. Thudno'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.