

LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

~~Draft Notes~~ of the meeting of the above Council held on Tues 27th August 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Ms M Nelstrop (chair), Mr T Sisson, Mrs C Stokes, Mr S Locking, Mrs K Willgoose.

1. Apologies: Mr G McLusky

Declarations of Interest: none

2. Consideration and signing of the Draft Notes of the previous meeting into Minutes

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

3. Consideration and action on the Clerk's Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

a) WiFi Report – Councillors' Mr McLusky & Mrs Stokes met with a representative of Wardour Secure Networks Limited who attended to survey the property regarding the options and costs of installation of WiFi – A total of £418 was quoted. Councillors would recommend their agreement for installation to the Village Hall Committee to make the final decision

b) Pot holes – by Coronation island, opposite Primary School just by the edge of A607 was reported as in dangerous condition several weeks ago but no repair to date. A further list of holes requiring work has been compiled and will be forwarded to Fix My Street

c) Councillor Vacancy – this has been placed in the PC Report in the Parish Magazine again.

d) Additional Bus Shelter - Clerk to source alternative costs for basic wooden Shelters.

e) Speed Gun operatives – the Council have registered with Lincs Road Safety Partnership for training.

f) Fund Raising Committee for the village – a Committee has been established and several events are already planned. All profits will be used to improve various aspects of our village/community facilities.

4. Consideration of Planning Matters

a) Application ref: 19/1060/FUL - Erection of mobile classroom at Leadenham Primary School

Councillors had no comments to make on this application.

b) Application ref: 19/1059/TPO - TS Horse Chestnut tree – to fell at No 1 Waterloo Paddock, Leadenham

There was discussion regarding the felling of mature trees as follows:

a) If a tree is diagnosed as diseased and therefore must be felled for safety reasons – are there/should there be regulations in place for another to be planted – somewhere, given the need to retain as many trees as possible?

b) Even if a tree is diseased, is it always mandatory to fell. Are there alternative choices to retain in any form?

c) Dwelling opposite the Village Hall (on A607) currently being 'refurbished' - all mature trees in the garden have been felled, with branches, trunks and stumps removed and all burned. Windows are now being removed.

No planning applications have been received regarding the felling of trees or replacement windows. Questions to be forwarded to NKDC Planning Dept.

5. Consideration of Financial Matters

a) **Bank Statements** – not available

b) **Payments in**

reVOLT Grant £260.00

c) **Payments to be made**

i) **22.7.2019 Payment was made with agreement of Councillors as follows:**

Bracebridge Heath PC (contribution for the SPID device to be shared between all Cliff Villages from Bracebridge Heath - Leadenham) £260.00

ii) **Payments presented at the meeting 27.8.19**

Mrs J Booth (s137 payment Fountain garden maintenance) £100.00

Play Safety Ltd (ROSPA Annual Play Area check) £90.60

Mr M Everett (Handyman Services) £120.00

Glasdon Uk Ltd (new Dog Bin for Playing Field) £103.82

Glendale Countryside Ltd (grass cutting) £113.66

LALC for hard copies of quarterly Reports £6.00

H Proctor (for purchase of Brush Cutter for parish use) £111.90

Leadenham PCC (s137 payment burial ground maintenance) £500.00

Mrs K Willgoose proposed the payments be made. Mr T Sisson seconded the proposal. There were no objections.

d) **External Audit update** – recent communications with the audits lead us to expect the Report shortly.

e) **s137 grant for litter pickers if required to attend the Community Champions Awards Ceremony in October**

Only 3 free tickets are available to attend the Awards Ceremony where the Leadenham Litter Picking Group is in the finals. Following consideration of the numbers involved (6 litter pickers able to attend to date) @ £15 per head (£90 total). Members agreed to support this.

6. Police Report

Car (broken down) stolen from a layby on the A17 adjacent to the slip road west side – the owner returned to the vehicle to find it gone.

7. County & District Council Reports

Mrs M Overton's Monthly Report is available on the Parish website.

8. Consideration of matters of correspondence – none

9. Consideration of possible actions on speeding issues throughout the village

a) Mrs Stokes presented literature regarding flashing speed warning signs with costs. It was decided to invite a representative to the next meeting to discuss details.

b) 20 mph sign by the Primary School was put forward – Lincs Road Safety partnership to be contacted for details on how to proceed.

c) **High Street**

High Street north is suffering further increase in traffic usage. There are already reports of:

i) damage to parked vehicles

ii) pedestrians having to take avoiding action due to vehicles mounting the pavement

iii) vehicles having to take emergency action due to oncoming vehicles travelling too fast

High street south is used by school bus traffic which regularly mounts the pavement to avoid parked vehicles. Despite being under a weight limit restriction, HGV's still regularly pass through, again causing problems against oncoming traffic.

The possibility of undertaking our own Survey of traffic usage was discussed. Further investigations to be made on this.

d) **Sleaford Hill** – recently been re white lined following surface refurbishment - - - but only close **single** white lines not the **double** white lines which it has always had.

Highways have been contacted with a request for it to be re done with double lines, pointing out the amount of usage, the type of vehicles using the route daily and the dangerous nature of the winding, downhill, poor visibility of the road.

The response was that: it has been down graded to a C Road therefore it does not under Road Traffic Regulations require double white lines. Three other villages were quoted within the county where similar decisions have been made and that all checks and balances were undertaken in making the decision

The Parish Council have responded asking to see any survey they had undertaken during the decision making process. None has arrived to date.

10. Report on the meeting by two Councillor representatives with Mrs J Clarke (Community Lincs) regarding the possibility of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Sisson reported as follows:

1. A Working Group is to be formed from volunteer residents of the community
 2. Chairperson, secretary etc would be elected within that Group
 3. The area which will be included is clearly defined
 4. Much support will be available from Lincs Community during the progress of the Plan
 5. There is grant support available to carry out the various stages of public consultation.
- Mr Sisson and Mr McLusky will prepare a leaflet as the initial introduction to the Plan to be circulated around the village informing residents of the intention.

11. Report on progress on refurbishment works on memorials and Commemorative Plaques in the village.

Ongoing. Clerk to forward contact details of Stonemasons to approach for initial quotations for refurbishment work.

12. Consideration on the future of the Parish Field

The idea has been put forward regarding the possibility of making the field a 'community area'. A public footpath runs through the field. It has already gone fairly wild. The possibility of additional 'wilding' and the addition of picnic tables with pathways cut through was discussed.

The matter of re- letting on an agricultural agreement (as it used to be) was brought into the discussion. It was reported that there had been problems with the last two tenants who overstayed their agreement period with this causing aggravation and additional expense. New fences would need to be installed throughout and there is no water available on site for animal use.

A link with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust was produced by a Councillor and this to be followed up.

13. Matters for Urgent Discussion

a) Complaints regarding branches and foliage overflowing the pavement from the garden on the cross roads by the traffic lights have been received. Despite some voluntary reduction of branches, it still remains a problem. Similarly regarding the hedge A607/Rectory Lane

Contact to be made regarding regular clearance.

b) Footpath on A607 beyond St Anne's Well, over the bridge, along to the parish boundary is virtually non existant - Highways to be contacted to clear(to its original width) the footpath from Welbourn through to the parish boundary on the south side (Fulbeck)

c) Street light on A607 between Village Hall and Primary School – tree branches remain covering the street light despite work undertaken by the School to trim. School to be contacted.

d) Recent Fire on the Landfill Site (Quarry Lane)

The fire occurred 4 days prior to this meeting. Observations were as follows:

6/7 Fire Appliances attended the site. The smoke was considerable and dense with the prevailing wind blowing northwards towards cliff villages on that side. Fumes could be detected in the village later in the evening and next day.

Ms Nelstrop (chair) reported that the Fire Appliances were unable to find the nearest water point for re filling their tanks, which according to their map is sited on Pottergate. This point has since been located on the verge and steps will be taken to mark it clearly.

Following further discussion, Councillors were agreed that they had confidence (based upon meetings with the management team on the Site since they opened again) that a full Enquiry would be undertaken and that a Report would be produced.

An email has been received from a concerned resident in an adjacent parish requesting that Leadenham PC asked specified questions of the Management on site regarding the outbreak of the fire and implications involved. This will be forwarded to the management team on site marked as 'from an adjacent parish resident'.

Ms Nelstrop (chair) reported on the recent regular update meeting (August 16th) with Management team on Landfill Site.

They expressed concern regarding the dangers of any unauthorised people entering the site due to the possibility of accident – the area being uneven/steep slopes etc. It was pointed out that any person working on the premises or entering due to their own work undergo strict Safety Training. A warning will be placed in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting will be an Extraordinary Meeting on Tuesday 17th September 2019 to consider the Planning Application:

**19/1133/LBC Land To The Rear Of The George Hotel Main Road Leadenham
Lincolnshire**

8/10/19

M. Nelstrop