



LEZIATE & ASHWICKEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2022 FROM 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr Jason Ess (JE) – Chair. Cllr. Adrian Bramwell (AB), Cllr G Mathias (GM)
Cllr Andy Blatch (ABL), and Stuart Dickerson (SD)
County Councillor Jim Moriarty (JM), Borough Councillors Colin Manning (CM)
and Michael de Whalley(MW)
Two members of the public present.

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

2. PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:

The issue of speeding and the recent accident were raised and concerns that very little is being done by Highways as requests for speeding & parking restrictions have now been going on for 3 years with no change.

3. a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

None

b. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

None

4. Approval of the circulated minutes from the meeting held on the 11th of July 2022

Proposed ABL, seconded AB and all in favour.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

5.1 Ashwicken Lakes: CW advised that due to issues raised regarding the floating accommodation, drainage and flooding issues, there would be no decision until next year now.

5.2 Traffic Project: JM advised that the Road Safety Team had turned down the clearway suggestion but a single yellow line with restricted parking could be more suitable. It was decided to ask Highways for the next step regarding the survey to be set up asap. JM handed over a cheque for £1,400.00 to go towards the survey along with the £10k from his annual fund. It was also mentioned that attendance at the SNAP meetings is a good way to push our issues. JE stated that the SAM data only shows a small number of speeding vehicles and this information is available on the website. JM was very pleased with how the Crime Commissioners visit in October went and a number of points were raised by the parishioners.

6. PLANNING: Planning to consider: -

6.1 Applications - None

6.2 Decisions – None

6.3 Enforcement at Red Gate Farm – The enforcement officer advised that there was a difference of opinion regarding compliance of the Enforcement Notice dated 3.3.22 and the case is ongoing. Zeon House – although the appeal was dismissed, the fencing remains.

7. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

7.1 Cllr Manning:

Latest information regarding council tax support scheme consultation sent out.
The CIL funding details resent out and any application is due January 2023.
There is an increase in planning applications and now holding 2 committee meetings instead of 1. The plans for the multi-storey car park at the hospital are now available.

7.2 Cllr de Whalley:

The Medworth incinerator/recycling centre in Wisbech was discussed and last date for comments is tomorrow (15th). AB and the clerk will get our objections sent in.
No update on the hospital situation and the mobile library service could be cut by 50%

7.3 Cllr Moriarty :

Main report – appendix 1. Request to ensure all potholes are reported on the NCC highways portal and request Rangers to fill in smaller ones.

8. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

8.1 The Voice – concern was raised regarding the comments in the last edition on “skimpy PC reports” with 3 parishioners complaining. Next edition to include key meeting points, thank you to Jon Large, 2 vacancies and Speedwatch volunteers.

8.2 CIL applications – it was decided to not apply again for the driveway and an entrance gate would not be viable to maintain. The CCTV camera quotes were over the budget of the Village Hall and specification to be amended.

8.3 Policies & Procedures – updated in August including the new Code of Conduct and Civility & Respect Pledge. The SAA auditor letter was also discussed, and we will not be opting out. All proposed by GM, seconded SD and all in favour.

8.4 Fencing Repairs – damaged fencing by the noticeboard on the playground at the Village Hall was caused by a crashed vehicle and we have received the insurance monies to cover the costs of repairs. JE to chase on quote. ACTION JE

8.5 Plaque for George Solly – Clerk raised that a plaque under the village sign would not be seen and suggested a bench in the playground with a plaque. Clerk to send out information. ACTION CB

8.6 Land ownership – It was agreed that we ask Jon Large to pass on all the valuable information he has on this including the Wellness Centre etc. ACTION CB
AB gave a notice of land document to JE to check.

8.7 Anti-social behaviour – substance inhaling was seen to take place in the car park last weekend.

8.8 Norfolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan letter – no further comments.

8.9 MVV Medworth – as discussed under 7.2

8.10 Broadband – ABL advised that the broadband speeds hugely vary in the parish and JM will pass on contact details for UPP providers to the clerk. ACTION JM

9. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CLERK:

9.1 JE - SAM & Speedwatch – SAM – ABL to collect the SAM unit from JE. Speedwatch requires volunteer' availability to enable dates/times to be set up.

9.2 JE – Village Hall – use continues to increase and timers are now on the heating and outside lighting to save costs.

9.3 JE/ABL- Play Areas – No problems at either area and still well used.

9.4 GM – Bus Shelters – no problems reported.

9.5 SD– Fen & Brands Wood – SD advised no change.

9.6 Footpaths – AB advised that footpath 29 has now been blocked from traffic but a mess has been left and the signage has not been re-installed. Clerk to write to the owners and also request an update on the building commencement
ACTION CB

9.7 JL – Highways – AB requested that the Rangers cut back the overgrowth on the wig wag sign by the school. ACTION CB

There are a number of large potholes on Church Road and exact locations are required for reporting on to the Highways portal.

9.8 CB – Clerk update – Damaged fencing – had been on site twice re quote etc. The overgrown hedge at the side of the playground will be cut back by the owner.

NCC Budget proposals – clerk will attend the meeting on the 22nd of November.

The Policing in Norfolk zoom meeting is due to be held on the 5th of December and clerk is unable to attend this one.

Meeting dates for 2023 are set with one issue in April due to Easter Monday clash.

Clerk to send out these dates.

ACTION CB

Opportunity to have gov.uk email addresses via NALC -interest to be shown.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Bank Reconciliation, statements, payments and reports for July/ August/ September/ October were proposed by GM, seconded AB and all in favour.

Current bank balance to end of October £12,491.00

10.2 Payments for November (to date) proposed GM, seconded AB and approved by all present. Public sector pay increase to be backdated to 1.4.22.

10.3 Draft budget 23/24 – due to lack of time, this will have to be decided at the December meeting. ACTION ALL

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Receive updates on the Traffic Project survey.
- b. 23/24 budget & precept.

12. The next Meeting will start at 7.30pm on the 12th of December 2022, at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.58