



LEZIATE & ASHWICKEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 8th of MARCH 2024 FROM 18.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Bal Anota (BA), Adrian Bramwell (AB), Victoria Kempley (VK), Graham Mathais (GM), and Michael de Whalley (MdW)
The Parish Clerk (CB)
Borough Councillors Michael de Whalley and Bal Anota
Three members of the public present.

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIRMAN

2. PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:

- a. Re East Winch Road. The increase of HGV's and weight are now causing windows to shake and requested consideration of a TRO on weight limits. Chairman advised that Cllr Blatch has run a 2 week survey of the vehicles that use East Winch road via a camera. The HGV's on a regular basis are Bacon Skip, 2 Agriculture with trailers too and from Bawsey Mill. MdW suggested contact with Cllr Moriarty and our MP. The member of the public will send the clerk all the details.
- b. Wanting to thank Cllr Moriarty for all his help and support regarding the TRO on Brow of the Hill.

3. a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

Cllrs Blatch, Collis, and Moriarty.

b. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4. Approval of the circulated minutes from the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 12th of January 2024. Proposed VK, seconded MdW and all in favour who attended this meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

5.1 Traffic Project update – The TRO for Brow of the Hill will run from 1st April to the 30th of September. It was agreed that we go ahead with this TRO and then put in for the same on East Winch Road. To add East Winch Road at this time would put at least another year on the whole project and we need to take advantage of the funding that is in place. MdW raised displacement and also potential excessive use of the Village Hall car park.

6. PLANNING: to consider: -

6.1 Applications – None

6.2 Decisions: - None

6.3 Enforcements – **23/00637/UNOPDE** – Elm Tree Farm, 167 Leziate Drove, Ashwicken Breach: DC application submitted.

24/00045/UNOPE:OPDE – Unauthorised operation development at Green Ridge, at 77 Gayton Road, Ashwicken – pending consideration.

11. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

Cllr de Whalley -

Has attended a Water Conference today with Anglian Water re recent flooding and the ground water level. Very difficult as so many agencies are involved. Grimston PC are holding an Open Meeting on the 8th of April. Lorraine /Gore, CEO is leaving the Borough Council in September and MdW sees this as an opportunity to empower officers re decision making etc.

The Local Plan hearings will resume on the 26-8 of March and 16-19 of April. Representations close at midnight tonight.

Consultations for the Local Plan Gypsy and Traveller policy close tonight and looking to expand current sites to keep families together. There is 1 new site. Most are in flood zone 1 and proving contentious. Final adoption for the Local Plan is 2025.

BA advised of land issues in Hunstanton and Downham Market.

Cllr Moriarty –

On holiday

8. Correspondence/Communications:

8.1 Clerks Report: The biodiversity policy as agreed at the last meeting will evolve over the year. Attended a Scribe session on reserves and budgets and will be starting year end shortly, followed by AGAR etc. Read out a section from the latest update regarding Wings over Leziate which is now on the website, and all is going very well with bird sightings etc.

8.2 SAM unit – Cllr Blatch had sent in a report that the unit was on Brow of the Hill for 4 weeks, but he was unable to download the information. BA will help. **ACTION: BA**

8.3 Play Areas – VK is sending regular reports to the clerk and the area is in a good state with the odd item of rubbish left even though a bin is in the area. Cllr Blatch is keen to get grass cutting dates etc., from Borough. BA will follow this up. **ACTION: BA**

8.4 Bus Shelters – GM advised no issues and asked the clerk to arrange cleaning via P Jones as soon as possible and to check for any rotten timbers etc. **ACTION: CB**

8.5 Footpaths – Email from the School regarding a new footpath at the back of the school just appeared and concerns for children’s safety raised. VK will check this weekend and advise.

AB advised that just before the hole in 29, there was an old water meter which is raised and a trip hazard. Clerk to write to Anglia Water. **ACTION: CB**

A parishioner asked if the footpath could be extended to the QE roundabout. MdW advised that a footpath from the roundabout to Mintlyn has been approved and more could follow.

A member of the public had sent in an email regarding a fallen tree in Bluebell Wood and clerk to write to Sibelco to see if they can clear it. **ACTION: CB**

8.6 Highways – Reports received of scramble motorbikes on Holt House on Sundays causing noise and speeding. These are also accompanied by 4x4 vehicles. The end of houses is a bridleway which is used by local horse riders. We asked the police to get involved a couple of years ago, but they turned up when the bikes had gone. Clerk to ask for police attention again. **ACTION: CB**

Recent flooding by the school and BA advised that he has written to NCC as the flooding issues are all along the Gaywood Valley. Potholes continue to be reported.

9. Finance:

9.1 Bank reconciliations, approval of payments, bank statements and payments/receipts for January and February 24 Proposed GM, seconded AB and all in favour. £15,123.91 in the bank accounts. J. Raby approved as Internal Auditor.

9.2 Payments for March 24 to approve. Proposed AB, seconded by GM with all in favour.

10. Correspondence/Communications

10.1 Items for the next edition of The Voice – VK will be taking over as editor next January. Holthouse Lane problems, Wings over Leziate, Lights on B1145 Bawsey.

10.2 NCC proposal to remove street lighting on the B1145 at the Bawsey “bump”. Clerk had received several emails from residents objecting to this proposal. There has been a substantial increase in traffic using this road as a rat run from the A47 including more HGV’s and a parishioner advised that the lights were put in to prevent the deaths and accidents which had worked. Removal will be lethal. MdW to put in our objections to Cllr Moriarty. **ACTION: MdW**

10.3. Impact of fibre network as a replacement of the hard wired telephone system was raised by AB as there has not been enough information, especially for the older residents. MdW agreed that concerns for the elderly and the extra complications this brings. The switch off for wired is December 25. The reliability issues are down to BT moving everything over to digital and although fibre optic is more reliable there are still issues with power cuts. It was advised that a letter to our MP might bring some assistance.

10.4 The Defibrillator is now up and running. Clerk to ask the Village Hall if they would set up some training. **ACTION: CB**

11. Items for next agenda:

Year end, Parish Council meeting days & frequency, Holt House Lane.

12. The next Meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting starting at 6.30pm on the 10th of May 2024

The meeting closed at 20.01

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Name	Reason	Amount £
C Boyden	Salary	252.16 *
HMRC	PAYE	164.00 *
ECS	March invoice	16.50
C Boyden	March expenses	35.90
NPTS	Annual subscription	141.95
Village Hall	Hall Hire	16.00
Parish Online	Annual subscription	45.00
Scribe	Annual subscription	179.57

* plus back dated pay increase from 1.4.23

Signature

Date