



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 13TH OF SEPTEMBER 2024 FROM 19.20 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIRMAN

2. PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:

Was there any update on the NCC switching off of the street lights at Bawsey on the B1145 and had NCC made provision for accident insurance.

BA advised that this is on the agenda and will be fully discussed then.

The area outside of the Village Hall by the fire escape needs clearing as used as a toilet. VK advised that she has now joined the Village Hall Committee to represent the Parish Council and has arranged for a member of her family who is a qualified tree surgeon to cut the brambles at the back and is arranging the clearance of the rubbish. Suggested that a gate should be put on to prevent this happening again beyond the fire escape.

3. a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Blatch & Moriarty

b. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4. Approval of the circulated minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th of July 2024. Proposed DC, seconded GM and all in favour who attended this meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

5.1 Traffic Project update – BA advised that there is no update and doubtful anything will happen this year.

5.2 HGV's on East Winch Road –BA advised that he had a meeting with David Flux who offered to fund a traffic survey. Clerk to obtain quotes. A volunteer survey could take place if enough volunteers come forward but would need a risk assessment, check on insurance etc.

ACTION: Clerk

5.3 Lighting on the B1145 at Bawsey dips. The lights have been turned off by NCC for one year, to see if any accidents take place. BA & MdW continue to lobby our county councillor over this and Cllr Blatch has shown that the savings are minimal. ABM advised that more than a year would be needed to show true measures as this road was now more of a rat run from the A47 and dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians.

DC has talked to a lot of people in the near vicinity, especially around the Culverhouse area where the traffic joins the B1145 at an angle. He has in the past tried to reduce the speed limit and increase signage with the Borough Council and Police with speed being the main issue but it was not taken up. There is now additional vehicles with the events held at Bawsey. BA advised that he would lobby for a 40mph limit but could not see it happening due to costs etc.

All of the Parish Council supported the continued pressure to get the lights back on.

6. PLANNING: to consider:

6.1 APPLICATIONS: 24/01501/F: Side and rear extensions to dwelling etc., at The Pightle, 168 Leziate Drove – agreed a “no observations” comment.

24/01484/0 – 2 self builds Well Hall Lane, Ashwicken and **24/01643/F** – single storey extension, 6 Holt House Lane – councillors to send their comments to the clerk before the 3rd of October.

ACTION:

All

6.2 Decisions: NONE

6.3 Enforcements – No new actions

7. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

Cllr de Whalley – The government have advised that we are no longer having an elected leader. However, a mayor for both Norfolk and Suffolk have been suggested. This action means that the money for an elected leader has been withdrawn putting a number of projects in jeopardy.

The Freebridge Lynn division by-election was won by Simon Ring who is now a Borough and County Councillor. This will affect our parish from next May when the boundary changes take place, and we come under Freebridge Lynn.

The Local Plan consultation hearings have been completed with major modifications to discuss. The Planning update session held yesterday only had 15 PC's attending.

The number of complaints relating to parish councils has increased from 17 to 34 and the Borough Council have engaged officers to assist parish councils with issues and engage with the community – 1. Terry Parish is the Parish Councils champion, 2. Steve Bearshaw is the forces champion (Marham), and 3. Ben Jones is the Youth Champion. The National Planning Policy Framework is changing to build more homes with mandatory housing targets. 1042 to be build every year.

Cllr Moriarty – see appendix

8. Correspondence/Communications:

8.1 Clerks Report: The website has been updated to ensure compliance and is now in line with the .gov.uk domain – <https://www.leziateparishcouncil.gov.uk>

All policies and procedures were checked during August and updated on the website.

New Councillor training available 15th and 22nd of January 2025- **ABM to advise clerk.**

Noticeboards to be updated.

8.2 SAM unit – deferred to November meeting.

8.3 Play Areas –VK had noticed some debris in a corner and will clear this. The lock on the big gate has been tampered with but sorted out earlier with the clerk.

It was noticed that the gate had dropped. The noticeboard centre panel is still locked but if it can be opened, the Village Hall can use it for their events etc. VK has offered to paint the noticeboard and thanked by all. A number of dog poo bins have been left by the noticeboard and clerk to add this to the next agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**

8.4 Bus Shelters – GM asked if any issues found by Paddy are to be reported to the clerk. Clerk advised that ivy is climbing over the brick shelter by Church Lane/ B1145 and will ask Paddy to clear this. **ACTION: Clerk**

8.5 Footpaths – AB advised that footpath F29 unused water meter still requires removal by Anglian Water who have visited but not yet removed it. The entrance to the footpath is still overgrown and clerk to report it again to NCC. **ACTION: Clerk**

back but still has a large hole. Complaint to be made to NCC footpaths -need images.
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8.6 Highways – No further issues

9. Finance:

9.1 Bank reconciliations, approval of payments, bank statements and payments/receipts for July & August 24 Proposed GM, seconded AB and all in favour. £21,985.87 in the bank accounts to 31st August 24.

9.2 Payments for August & September 24 (to date) to approve. Proposed GM, seconded BA and all in favour.

10. Correspondence/Communications

10.1 Middleton Towers Station -ABM advised that the building was now clear. Roof repairs would cost £20k with the plaster/rendering costing £25k. The Railway heritage Trust are helping this this funding, and the deadline is April 25. Currently no water supply as in the hands of Sibelco. Need a supply urgently for toilet etc. Costs for a new connection estimated £4k plus at least that much again for electricity installation. A permanent fence is also needed £5-6K. BA & MdW to continue to look at available funding to help.

10.2 The Voice – please let the Clerk know of any items for the next edition.

10.3 Village Hall CCTV need another camera to cover the defibrillator – MdW will support this via his members fund.

11. Items for next agenda:

Please advised the clerk of any items 8 days before the next meeting date.

13. The next Meeting will be on the 8th of November 2024

The meeting closed at 20.27

Payments August 2024

Name	Reason	Amount £
C Boyden	Salary	251.43
HMRC	PAYE	167.60
C Boyden	expenses	35.99
P Jones	July work	213.45
Play Inspection Company	2 annual inspections	198.00
S Jackman	Website annual inspection	45.00

Payments for approval September 2024

Name	Reason	Amount £
C Boyden	Salary	251.43
HMRC	PAYE	167.60
C Boyden	expenses	26.00
P Jones	July work	213.45
ICO	Annual subscription	40.00
Village Hall	Hall Hire	16.00

APPENDIX – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JIM MORIARTY

Battery warning after Norfolk house fire

Residents across Norfolk are being reminded of the importance of buying lithium-ion batteries for a range of everyday devices only from reputable and safe retailers, to ensure they meet UK safety standards and aren't a fire risk.

As a Safety Bill about the rechargeable batteries is due to go before the House of Lords on Friday (6th September), Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service and Norfolk County Council's Trading Standards team is investigating a house fire which is believed to have been started by a battery which was charging.

The occupants of the house in Bowthorpe managed to escape the fire last Tuesday evening, and a subsequent fire investigation has concluded that the fire started with the battery, purchased from an online retailer, and charger.

"Unfortunately, this fire has started with a battery and had devastating consequences for the residents as their home has been significantly damaged," said Emyr Gough, Head of Prevention at Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service.

The Trading Standards department is currently working with fire investigators and the householder to find out more about the retailer and exact battery and charger involved.

Lithium-ion batteries are found in a range of devices including; mobile phones, tablets, laptops, mobility scooters, e-bikes, e-scooters, e-cigarettes and hover boards.

Other tips to help keep you safe in the home are;

- Only charging batteries when you are at home and while you are awake.
- Charging devices and batteries on a solid flat surface.
- Ensuring batteries and chargers meet UK safety standards.
- Charging in a location that does not block your emergency exits, should a fire occur.
- Using the charger that came with the battery and if you need a replacement charger or battery, only buying it from a supplier recommended by the device manufacturer.
- If your battery, charger or device is smoking, turn it off if safe to do so. If you see a fire, leave the room shut doors and get out of the property and then call 999.

If you believe you have a sub-standard product, you can report a problem with a trader or a product to Trading Standards by contacting NCC's partners the Citizen's Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.

Safe disposal of batteries

Lithium batteries should not be placed in the same bins as your regular rubbish or recycling due to risk of fire. Fires have broken out in waste and recycling lorries because people have put batteries in their bins.

Some councils in Norfolk run a special weekly battery collection service. Check with your local authority for advice on how to safely dispose of batteries. Find your local council.

You can find more safety advice about lithium ion batteries at [Stay safe with lithium batteries - Norfolk County Council](#).

Find out more about the national battery safety campaign here: [Battery Safety campaign | Electrical Safety First](#) and the Lithium-ion battery safety bill due in the House of Lords here: [Lithium-ion Battery Safety Bill \[HL\]: HL Bill 8 of 2024–25 - House of Lords Library \(parliament.uk\)](#)

Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service's Prevention and Protection team will be out as part of Student Fire Safety Week later this month (Sept 23-29) to share information to help improve safety in student accommodation. Messaging around use and charging of lithium-ion batteries will be included within this education work, along with other measures such as keeping emergency exits clear and keeping fire doors closed.

Community Action Norfolk are currently supporting the Borough Councils Go Green Communities Project, funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The aim of the project is to help reduce the carbon emissions and the environmental impact of community buildings across the borough by implementing energy efficiency measures and reducing subsequent energy needs for community assets.

Community buildings that have inadequate & costly heating could potentially be made more energy efficient and CAN are hosting sessions throughout September to talk attendees through solutions available and pitfalls to avoid.

The session is free to attend for any West Norfolk voluntary, community, and social enterprise sector organisation, and is being held twice, once online and once in-person as follows:

- In person – Thurs 12th September from 12.30pm – 2pm
- Online – Thurs 19th September from 6pm – 7.30pm

To book your place on the above sessions, please contact office@communityactionnorfolk.org.uk

Further information can be found through - [Energy Efficiency Measures for Community Buildings \(West Norfolk\) | Community Action Norfolk](#)

Recycling Centre Booking System

From November this year, customers visiting NCC recycling centres will need to book a slot before they arrive. We have recently published some information about this on our website to explain how this will work and why it is being introduced. You can find out more here <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/recyclingcentres>

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