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

PRESENT: Cllr Jason Ess (JE) – Chair for this meeting. Cllr. Adrian Bramwell (AB), Cllr Andy Blatch (ABL), Cllr Jon Large (JL), Cllr G Mathias (GM) and Stuart Dickerson (SD)
County Councillor Jim Moriarty (JM), Borough Cllr & Michael de Whalley (MdW)
Three members of the public present.

1. **WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR** including condemnation of the events in Ukraine and support for those affected.
2. **PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:**
The retrospective planning application ref 22/00280/F for 2 Chilver Farm Cottages was raised by parishioners who raised their objections and total bewilderment that the applicant chose to continue with another application. The Parish Council confirmed their position to oppose this application.
3.
 - a. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –**
Cllrs Parker (personal), Manning and Clerk (illness)
 - b. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -**
None
4. **Approval of the circulated minutes from the meeting held on the 14th of February 2022.** Proposed JL, seconded ABL and all in favour.
5. **MATTERS ARISING:**
5.1 Ashwicken Lakes – A large number of new documents have now been submitted and letters have been sent out to all parishioners who had made comments. MdW advised that he had spoken to the Planning Officer who admitted to being confused by all the recent amount of correspondence and updates and all have to be on the portal but he had not yet gone through all the information. It was suggested to request a further public consultation to help parishioners understand the significant changes. The site notice will go up tomorrow morning with another date quoted of 21days. It is thought that a decision for May was unlikely and would be early summer. AB raised the environmental statement was outline rather than formal and unsure if it had formally been updated. It was agreed that MdW, AB and JL meet up in a few days when they have had the opportunity to look at all the documentation. JM had raised the costs quoted for copies to Borough and confirmed that they are free. The question of availability for parishioners to view hard copies was raised by JL as not everyone has online access.

5.2 Traffic Project—JM still awaiting decision on the funding applied for and hoped for a decision next month The clearway project is still on his list for next financial year funds. JM is raising additional funds for this project by running the 10k Great East Anglia Run (GEAR) on the 1st of May in King's Lynn and all sponsorship will go towards this project.

5.3 CIL fund application – Unfortunately our application for funding of the entrance and car park was refused as we did not obtain enough points. MdW advised that a number of large requests had been placed and smaller parish requests had suffered. The next round is in July.

6. PLANNING:

Planning to consider: -

6.1 Ref: 21/02375/F – alterations and extensions and construction of outbuildings to 73 West Winch Road – some email comments had been sent to the clerk and awaiting final details to send to Planning.

Ref: 21/01221/RM – reserved matters application: development of 7 dwellings and garages and provision of replacement clubhouse, Leziat Park Country Club. Mr. Jordon Cribb, the agent for this application was present at the meeting and the meeting was suspended to allow for a full discussion. The concerns raised by the Parish Council in July 2021, were regarding the size of the clubhouse and the facilities it offered. The clubhouse area had now been increased from 55sm to 127sm with shower facilities, disabled toilets and the responsibility of the maintenance was with the landowner who has a duty to maintain the building and will do so.

A membership scheme will be set up for the clubhouse and it was raised that 4 different clubs including sailing and swimming would be wanting to use the facility. Mr. Cribb will advise on access and security as the anti-social behaviour was raised and it was suggested that the Parish Council forward this as a condition with their comments.

The application will be delegated. It was decided to approve this application with conditions/comments as discussed and all in agreement that JL will word accordingly.

Application Ref 22/00280/F was received after the agenda had been sent out and relates to a retrospective application for 2 Chilver Farm Cottages, Chilver House Lane. This was discussed under item 2 and MdW was asked to call this in. A formal response from the Parish Council is required.

7. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

7.1 Cllr de Whalley –

The QE hospital has reported that urgent and emergency cases have increased in demand during Jan 22 against Jan 21. There is a 92% bed occupancy and still waiting for the rebuild to be long listed. The Borough Councillor fund is still available, and he advised that the village hall should now apply for the full £1000 before it is lost at the end of this month.

The allowances for councillors was mentioned and JM advised that this has gone to the corporate performance panel as the increases did not happen and technically they were breaking the law. An emergency meeting to be held on this.

7.2 Cllr Moriarty -

Sibelco

The Planning Committee at NCC agreed with officer recommendation to tell the Secretary of State that, had we been determining its application for the extension of the Grandcourt Quarry, it would have been refused on the grounds of loss of amenity. Full executive summary appears at the end of this report. I spoke at the meeting and put on record my dismay at the number of lakes now despoiling our part of Norfolk, the residual issues of Anti-Social Behaviour and that it was about time Sibelco began behaving like a good neighbour.

The decision will have no impact on the emerging Waste and Minerals Policy which we should see next sight of later this month or in April.

Mayoralty

The Government has opened negotiations with NCC on the idea of a Mayor of Norfolk based at the County. The question will be initially what powers will be delegated down along with what funding. There will be no matching reorganisation of local government and this will not happen in the short term as the manner of governance at County changed from Committee to Cabinet in recent years and cannot change again due to primary legislation for bidding it. Probably looking at 2025.

Road Safety Community Fund

No news until after the Council's Highways Capital Budget setting Committee meets in the next few weeks but I do know the fund is heavily oversubscribed but more than my fair share of bids are in the running.

A significant investment has been made into the relationship between Norfolk County Council and the rest of the county with £160,000 committed over the next 2 years.

The county council have funded the Norfolk Association of Local Councils (Norfolk ALC) to employ two members of staff who will be dedicated to improving the link between the county council and Norfolk's town and parish councils.

The new roles will help local councils stay up to date on key initiatives and policies that affect them, while ensuring that local voices are heard at a county level. They will also work to raise the profile of Parish Councils across Norfolk and the work they do for their communities.

The funding will also aim to help local councils build their skills and get access to the right information. That might include help with developing a parish plan, writing a funding bid, or reaching a wider demographic in their area.

This help will be in addition to the support the Norfolk ALC already provides which has seen a range of initiatives co-ordinating the Parish and Town Councils in Norfolk.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the support available via the Norfolk Association of Local Councils can visit their [website](#) which holds information, advice and training on a wide range of subjects.

Now the Sibelco Exec Summary:

Report Title:

C/2/2018/2016: Grandcourt Quarry, Leizate Works, Station Road, Leziate, King's Lynn, PE32 1EH

C/2/2018/2017: Grandcourt Quarry, Leizate Works, Station Road, Leziate, King's Lynn, PE32 1EH Date of Meeting: 04 February 2022 Responsible Cabinet Member: N/A Responsible Director: Tom McCabe, Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services Is this a Key Decision? No Proposals & Applicant:

Proposed extension to Grandcourt Quarry for the extraction of industrial sand with progressive restoration to nature conservation (including herb rich grassland, woodland, and lake margins).

Variation of conditions 2, 3, 8 & 9 of permission C/2/2004/2034 to amend the timing of phased working and restoration at Grandcourt Farm Quarry. Applicant Sibelco Ltd.

Executive Summary

Planning permission is sought for an additional area of extraction at Grandcourt Quarry and in a parallel planning application, to vary four No. conditions of planning permission C/2/2004/2034 in-order-to amend

the timing of the working and restoration at the existing Grandcourt Quarry. Application reference

C/2/2018/2017 is to be considered concurrently with application reference C/2/2018/2016 as the two are inherently linked.

There have been three letters of objection received from local residents. Their concerns relate primarily to amenity, flooding, and the need for the extended timescale. Objections have been raised by the Public Rights of Way Team (NCC)37 and the Ramblers Association on the basis of the applications resulting in an unacceptable impact on Public Footpath East Winch 2. The applicant has sought to Appeal against Non-Determination of the Application, therefore, the purpose of the report is to seek the decision of the Planning (Regulatory) Committee should they have been afforded the opportunity to make a formal determination on the application, the decision of the Committee will assist the Council's case to be presented to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the Council's Statement of Case.

The key issues are the principle of development, impacts of the development on residential amenity, visual amenity, progressive working and restoration, and cumulative impact. The environmental impacts of the proposal have been carefully considered through the submission of an Environmental Statement. It is considered that the whilst the proposal is an allocated site for mineral extraction, as submitted the restoration scheme does not accord with the aims and objectives of the plan in particular the requirement of policy DM14 for aftercare and restoration proposals to demonstrate that due consideration has been given to opportunities to improve public access. There are no material considerations which would override the plan.

Furthermore paragraph 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework weighs against approval and the planning applications are therefore recommended for refusal.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services be authorised to:

1. Advise the Secretary of State that the County Planning Authority would have been minded to refuse the Applications for the reason set out in section 11

(Recommendations) of this report.

There was not enough information available to councillors and more briefings were being held to give updates and share of information. Appointing a Mayor of Norfolk has been raised again with little support and nothing will be agreed until before 2025 due to legislation. Covid is not going away, and information continues to be sent out. County Lines are in Norfolk and causing concern.

The Grandcourt quarry expansion was recommended to refuse, and JM attended the meeting at NCC. The issue over the public rights of way was raised and JM will take the chair at the next Sibelco local meeting.

7.3 Cllr Manning – via email- Confirmed we did not get the CIL funding and staffing issues continue with planning.

8. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Norfolk Resilience Form email – for April agenda.

8.2 The Voice – items for the next edition to include key points from this meeting, and clerk email change.

8.3 Free Tree scheme – JL advised that the 10 saplings were starting to germinate, and we should be canvassing the residents of Glosthorpe park as to planting.

8.4 The street sign at Church Lane, Ashwicken has been removed, repaired and now back in place.

9. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CLERK:

- 9.1 JE - SAM & Speedwatch – No SAM data to report. ABL is assisting JE with the Speedwatch and training has taken place. Dates now to be agreed.
- 9.2 JE – Village Hall – quotes for the kitchen work are sought.
- 9.3 JE/ABL- Play Areas – JE had no comments for the Leziate play area and ABL advised that the fallen fencing at Glosthorpe was awaiting repair.
- 9.4 GM – Bus Shelters – GM reported a car seat had been left in the shelter on the B1145 and after contacting Borough, it has now disappeared.
- 9.5 AP – Fen & Brands Wood – nothing to report other than a gate in need of repair as raised by JL and SD to take a look.
- 9.6 JL – Footpaths – report had been sent and will be added to the website. An increase of dog fouling was noticeable and now requires reporting and a team will be sent out to clear. AB asked about the missing sign on footpath 29 and JL advised this had been reported.
- 9.7 JL – Highways – nothing to add.
- 9.8 CB – Clerk update – no additional report.

10. FINANCE

10.1 The February 22 Bank Reconciliation, payments & receipts, bank statements had been sent out to all councillors. Approval proposed by GM and seconded by JS . Approved by all present.

Statement of Account: Current balance was £4573/72 as at 28.02.22 on the bank reconciliation.

10.2 Payments for March proposed AB, seconded JE and approved by all present. It was noted that the dog bin charge for the year was £592.80 and reports that these had not been emptied for a couple of weeks.

10.3 Approve internal auditor -

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Updates on the Ashwicken Lakes planning application
- b. Receive any updates on the Traffic Project.
- c. Neighbourhood Plan to discuss.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING- 11th April 2022 from 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.04 pm