

LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13th OF DECEMBER 2021 FROM 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr Andy Parker (AP) (Chair), Cllr. Adrian Bramwell (AB), Cllr Jason Ess (JE), Cllr Jon Large (JL), Cllr Graham Mathias(gm), Cllr Stuart Dickerson (DS) and Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk.

County Councillor Jim Moriarty (JM), Borough Cllr Michael de Whalley (MdW) and 2 members of the public.

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

2. PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:

Concerns were raised regarding the Retrospective application at 2 Chilver Farm Cottages and a very informative handout was presented. There was no change following the initial application and Cllr de Whalley was thanked for his support.

3. a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

Cllrs Colin Manning and Andy Blatch

b. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

None

4. Approval of the Circulated minutes from the meeting held on the 8th of November 2021

Acceptance proposed GM, seconded JE and motion accepted by all present.

5. Matters arising:

5.1 Ashwicken Lakes – JL advised that the winter bird survey was to take place and the shooting/fireworks on the site had now ceased. MdW advised that there was no update regarding footpath/bridleway, and he will chase on the comments date extension.

5.2 Follow up on the Traffic Meeting –JM had put in our application for the Road Safety Community Fund.

5.3 Neighbourhood Plan – CB advised no interest from the article in The Voice and this now deferred to Jan/Feb 22.

6. PLANNING:

Planning to consider: -

6.1 Ref 21/02153/F – 2 Chilver Farm Cottages. This was discussed and our original objections still stand and CB to amend dates and resend. Proposed GM, seconded AB and all in favour. It is understood that enforcement could be imposed.

6.2 Appeal: 21/00017/REF Zeon House, 62 East Winch Road. Our original comments remain against the original application.

7. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

7.1 Cllr. de Whalley –

The Borough Council are offering a more robust anti-fly tipping response service to include non-public land which is next to BC land. The recruitment of additional staff, purchase vehicles and internal staff training due to take place shortly. The re-opening of Sandy Lane was raised by AB regarding fly tipping and if it would be closed again next summer.

The deadline for the Town Fund business case submissions is the end of June with a public consultation. The Carnegie library is still set to move to a town centre location and concern was raised to what happens to the building as given to the public for public use.

7.2 Cllr. Moriarty –

Our request for the trees has been approved and another round will take place for any further requests.

JM advised that planning enforcement was a problem, and a corporate performance panel was meeting in April on this.

Full NCC report – appendix 1

7.3 Cllr Manning –

The borough panel and full council meetings where voting takes place are still being held in the Town Hall in person as legally required but we are certainly using virtual meetings via Teams or Zoom for training purposes and this saves unnecessary travel, reduces pollution and saves mileage expenses.

I attended County Hall on 2 December as a member of the Norfolk Police and Crime Panel where after quizzing the Temporary Chief Constable (Mr Sanford) we unanimously voted in favour of the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposal to elect Mr Paul Sanford (who had been our Deputy CC) as the new CC for Norfolk Constabulary to replace Mr Simon Bailey who had retired in the early summer.

Would parish councillors please encourage residents to take part in the online consultation re the Police Precept for 2022-23 that will be on the PCC website and runs until late January. The maximum that it can be increased without a referendum is 3.59% which roughly equates to £10 extra per annum on a Band D property (just under 20p per week) - properties in lower bands paying less and those in higher bands more. The PCC will take this in mind when he decides on what he feels is the correct amount having listened to public and police views and this will then go before our NPCP in February and we will decide whether we support it or require it changed.

At the recent Planning Committee the panel approved plans for the QEH to build a new building on a staff car park and the subsequent 59 lost spaces being 'found' elsewhere on their estate. At a parish council meeting last week a member of QEH staff who had used this particular car park, asked me what the Borough were doing regarding extra staff parking. They hadn't realised that it's entirely the QEH management/ trustees etc that decide the car park charges and rules for public and staff parking and the only involvement of the Borough is the hospital 'hires' our civil enforcement officers to check vehicles are parked with the appropriate fee paid tickets displayed and in the correct parking bays and subsequently process the Penalty Charge Notices . I assured the lady that we had been informed at Planning by the two senior staff who spoke in favour of the application that alternative parking had been arranged by the hospital.

Your clerk should have been emailed recently re CIL payment arrangements etc.

As a ward member I am awaiting to hear if any eligible group in the ward have yet applied for help from the £1000 community grant that each councillor has to use for the benefit of the community. There are obviously rules and conditions as to who can claim and if they meet the criteria I understand the ward councillor(s) have six weeks to approve any valid claim. It's a new system and no doubt in time , we will all be clearer on how it's working.

8. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 The Voice – Happy New Year notice

8.2 Free Trees – as 7.2

9. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CLERK: DEFERRED TO JAN 22

9.1 JE - SAM Warden – report sent out today

9.2 JE – Village Hall

9.3 JE/ABL- Play Areas.

9.4 GM – Bus Shelters

9.5 AP – Fen & Brands Wood

9.6 AB – Neighbourhood Watch

9.7 JL – Footpaths

9.8 JL – Highways

9.9 CB – Clerk update

10. FINANCE

10.1 The November 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 £9718.17 as at 30.11.21 on the bank reconciliation. It was agreed to transfer £3,000 into the Current Account, proposed AB, seconded GM.

10.2 Payments for December proposed AB, seconded JE and approved by all present.

10.3 The 2nd issue of the draft budget and precept for 22/23 was approved.

Precept of 4% proposed AB, seconded JE and motion accepted by all.

Budget proposed JS, seconded AB and motion accepted by all.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

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

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING- 14th February 2022 from 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm