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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd OF FEBRUARY 2021 FROM 7.30PM VIA REMOTE ACCESS.

PRESENT: Cllr Andy Parker (AP) (Chair), Cllr. Adrian Bramwell (AB), Cllr Graham Mathias (GM), Cllr Jason Ess (JE), Cllr Jon Large (JL) and Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk.
Borough Cllrs Manning & de Whalley and 2 parishioners.

- 1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Dickerson due to previous commitment– approved.
- 3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – AP re planning applications at 52 Church Lane.
- 4. PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:**

A parishioner had provided the parish council via the clerk an update on feedback from parishioners who had not been updated on the change of venue, not had appointments confirmed or even requests acknowledged, for the proposed Wellness Centre public meeting in December 20. The planning application was still awaited.

A parishioner raised the continued problem of speeding on Brow of the Hill and concern that when spring/summer comes, the anti-social behaviour will commence again. A suggestion of double yellow lines by the lakes was mentioned along with seasonal parking similar to that in Hunstanton which runs from Easter to October. The clerk to find out further information on this.

ACTION CB

- 5. 5.1 Approval of circulated Minutes from the meeting on 1st of December 2020**
– proposed by JE, seconded AB, motion carried.

5.2 Matters arising:

Proposed Wellness Centre: As discussed above, the planning application is still awaited. JL will lead our submission when the application is received, with support from all councillors. It was mentioned that there could be multiple applications. Cllr Manning stated that the planning department can only look at the proposal in front of them and Cllr de Whalley added that the planning personnel were trained in line with the National, Local & Neighbourhood Plans.

JL advised that the application would be very wide ranging with a large amount of information to digest. The original plans have changed as shown at the December presentation including the construction traffic via Gayton. Cllr de Whalley confirmed that this was on the Gayton Parish Council agenda for tomorrow.

Cllr de Whalley stated that he had not heard from Peter Elms since December. GM raised the question of multi-applications could be difficult to put together, similar to a jigsaw with no picture to follow.

CIL funding: It was decided to go ahead with an application for the Village Hall drive and car park. JE will head this up and register our interests for the £10k bank. Support from the clerk and also it was noted that some play equipment will require replacing.

Anti-social behaviour and Speeding: As discussed under parishioners open forum, concerns were raised regarding the anti-social behaviour starting in Spring/Summer. Cllr Manning attended the police briefing in December and they are open to ideas and the opportunity to raise issues is encouraged. SNAP meetings will be held again online.

The Clerk had made contact with Mr. Bacon and PC Anderton regarding setting up a meeting to discuss anti-social behaviour and Mr. Williamson to be asked if he would like to attend. Clerk to contact all with a couple of dates. ACTION CB

We have accumulated a substantial amount of information which can be used for any briefing notes etc.

6. PLANNING:

Planning to consider: -

6.1 Single Storey Rear extension & alterations at 91 Gayton Road, Ashwicken – full support.

6.2 Retrospective planning for works to extend stables/workshop and static caravan at 52 Church Road – supported but old caravan to be removed asap and static caravan must be non-residential.

6.3 Change of use from agricultural to dwelling at 90 Church Lane – clerk to send out more information and decision to be made by 5th February.

6.4 Change of use from agricultural to commercial at Red Gate Farm, Chilver House Lane – open enforcement file open with Planning Enforcement.

7. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

Cllr. Manning – local flooding issues were raised in Gayton and Pott Row. The Corn Exchange is now a vaccination hub. Most panel meetings are on hold as staff have been allocated to other duties. The Police precept meeting agreed a 5.68% increase = £14.94 extra on a band D property. There are now 1700 officers in Norfolk which is the highest number ever and more staff are manning the 101 calls. The May elections are still going at the moment, but a delay would be preferable.

Cllr. de Whalley – the elections could be a problem due to Covid 19 as officers are dealing with the Covid 19 response. The running of the polling stations and counting are concerning, and additional people would be needed. Direct canvassing is not permitted. Mr Bacon is working with the environmental agency and the Norfolk rivers trust re routing of water from his land via a new reed bed.

The budget meeting was limited to 2% max increase. The 2021 census is going ahead in March and awaiting the handbook – clerk to send copy to both. ACTION CB

The High Street Fund failure and Guildhall refurbishment mentioned with the Towns fund to go ahead. The Parkway development has been postponed and a Biodiversity & Climate Change Cabinet working group has been set up with first meeting this Thursday. Local Plan consultation due this Spring.

Nothing received by Cllr. Middleton yet again.

8. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 **Parishioners emails**– Clerk advised that an email had been received regarding replacement of the damaged grit bin and to go ahead to replace was given.
- 8.2 The same parishioner raised speeding issues on East Winch Road and had concerns that an accident could happen as pedestrians were in danger. Changes to speed limits had to have several months of data showing speeding and the clerk advised that it can take several years and costs to the parish council for a speed survey would be more than whole budget. JE advised that the current speed data was in line with the limit and the clerk stated that a speed watch requires a minimum of 6 volunteers and there was a waiting list for training etc.
- 8.3 **The Voice** – No edition in February. Clerk to provide a summary for March edition.

9. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CLERK:

- 9.1 JE - SAM Warden: SAM report as previously provided.
- 9.2 JE – Village Hall: to remain closed.
- 9.3 JE/ABL- Play Areas: risk assessments for Village Hall play area sent to the clerk.
- 9.4 GM – Bus Shelters: No reported issues.
- 9.5 AP – Fen & Brands Wood: advised no issues.
- 9.6 AB – Water on B1145 at Bawsey –no flooding reported but rising steadily.
The water is down to rain fall not drainage. Concerns as to the gully's off the road draining into the lake and the removal of trees leading to less water being absorbed. The solution would be a pipe under the road.
- 9.7 AB – Neighbourhood Watch/SNAP – new newsletter available.
- 9.8 JL – Footpaths – JL had sent out an excellent and comprehensive report on footpaths and highways.
- 9.9 JL – Highways – as above. Floods on Holt House Lane from erosion due to water from the fields. JL to look at the lake outlet as it could be blocked.
- 9.10 CB – Clerk update –Village Hall sign to be replaced this Friday. Attended GDPR training recently which was excellent and an information audit to be set up. A warning was given to councillors using business emails as a request via Freedom of Information Act could lead to all emails being made available.

10.FINANCE

- 10.1 The January Bank Reconciliation, payments & receipts, bank statements had been sent out to all councillors. Approval proposed by AB and seconded by GM. Motion accepted.
- 10.2 Payments for February, proposed JL, seconded AB and motion carried. as sent out to all councillors.
- 10.3 Statement of Account:
Current balance was £11,81.93 as at 31.01.21 as on bank reconciliation.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. To discuss CIL funding for village hall car park refurbishment.
- b. Receive updates on Wellness Centre.
- c. Receive updates on anti-social behaviour and speeding.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting scheduled would take place on **Tuesday 2nd of March 2021** at 7.30pm for an Ordinary Parish Council meeting. NOTE at time of writing, this meeting will be via remote access and parishioners are welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

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Signature

Date