

LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Borough Cllrs Manning & de Whalley and 2 members of the public.

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

2. PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:

A parishioner advised that they had attended the Ashwicken Lakes presentation in December and was concerned at the lack of information regarding the traffic survey that took place during lockdown and the effect on traffic, especially Church Lane.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – none COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none

4. 4.1 Approval of circulated Minutes from the meeting on 2nd of February 2021 – proposed by JE, seconded GM, motion carried.

4.2 Matters arising:

Proposed Wellness Centre: Cllr Manning advised that the planning application had been returned as not validated. More information was requested from the applicant and planning are currently 14 days behind.

Village Hall drive and car park: JE advised that he had contacted 3 contractors and awaiting their quotations with importance from the gate, then road, followed by car park.

Anti-Social Behaviour: This has already started with motor cycles out again at Glosthorpe Manor on private land, racing from 10am to 4pm last Sunday. ABL had downloaded the borough noise app and downloaded the noise to the Borough website but no response as yet. Cllr Manning will take this up with the head of the department as he knows them and mentioned that he will advise when the next police forum will be held. AP raised the point that we have no authority but continue to make reports and nothing gets done. GM raised that we are not getting the support from the Police and we need the proposed strategic meeting with all parties as soon as possible and to include the Police superintendent. As this issue had been a priority for the police over the last 2-3 years now with a total lack of action to date.

It was agreed that our priority was not being addressed and the zero tolerance approach was lacking. ABL mentioned the meeting last summer with Simon Bailey but nothing since and a lack of follow up and further meetings.

The clerk reported that the proposed meeting with Lee Anderton, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Williamson had been requested and had been advised that Andy Litter from the Fire & Rescue would be leading on this, and an initial meeting with Mr. Bacon was taking place this coming Friday and this could then lead to the next meeting including parish councillors and Mr. Williamson.

Speedwatch: Good response to date with 5 volunteers and forms to be completed and returned to the Clerk.

5. PLANNING:

Planning to consider: -

6.1 2 TPO's on Brow of the Hill due to storm damage.

6.2 AB update on SIL 01 was ongoing and not yet approved. The next Sibelco general meeting will be on the 18th of March and he will be attending.

6. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

Cllr. Manning – Confirmed that the Norfolk County Councillor and the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner elections will be taking place on the 6th of May and postal voting should be considered due to the current Covid situation. The Census is on the 21st of March and key Borough panel committees have been reinstated for time critical issues only at this time. No update on when food collections will take place again and to continue to use black bins.

Cllr. de Whalley – the electoral regulations department will ensure that all polling stations are covid safe and registrations for postal voted can be made up to the 20th of April. The Local Development Plan Review has been delayed for another 2 months and now due in June for an 8 week consultation period. Further discussions taking place next week including the proposed Wellness Centre.

The budget meeting took place on the 25th of February and the proposed Wisbech incinerator had been opposed and the Guildhall project was now under the creative hub.

Nothing received by Cllr. Middleton yet again.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 Parishioners emails– Clerk advised that the replacement grit bin had been purchased and installation due within the next 2 weeks

The Ashwicken Conservation Group email was discussed and given the support of the parish council.

7.2 The Voice – Clerk to provide an update of this meeting and the planning application for Ashwicken Lakes if received in time. More interaction with other parishes is required.

7.3 Policy reviews - the new Information Audit and Risk Management policies were approved.

8. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CLERK:

8.1 JE - SAM Warden: report within the next 2 weeks as delays due to weather. Unit will be back on East Winch Road next.

8.2 JE – Village Hall: to remain closed.

8.3 JE/ABL- Play Areas: risk assessments for Village Hall play area sent to the clerk. A review of the play equipment required as some replacements are required.

ACTION CB

8.4 GM – Bus Shelters: Clerk to find out if the wooden shelters require preservative treatments.

ACTION CB

- 8.5 AP – Fen & Brands Wood: the field has been ploughed and check on the footpath required.
- 8.6 AB – Water on B1145 at Bawsey – concerns that this is not under control and could still flood. AB will continue to monitor.
- 8.7 AB – Neighbourhood Watch/SNAP – warnings and fines issued to people breaking the stay at home restrictions.
- 8.8 JL – Footpaths – JL had sent out an updated comprehensive report on footpaths and highways. Concerns with flooding and highwater tables.
- 8.9 JL – Highways – as above with reports to county regarding potholes and frost damage to the road surfaces.
- 8.10 CB – Clerk update – The village sign requires more work than initially thought and SD will check and advise. CiLCA update with 24 of the 30 units now completed and awaiting assessment.

9. FINANCE

- 9.1 The February Bank Reconciliation, payments & receipts, bank statements had been sent out to all councillors. Approval proposed by JL and seconded by AB. Motion accepted.
- 9.2 Payments for March, proposed JL, seconded AB and motion carried. as sent out to all councillors. NOTE with the year end 31.3.21, there will be more payments due and Clerk to send these out by 28.3.21 for approval. It was agreed that the staff costs to be paid by standing order from April to February, thus giving March for any amendments. Proposed JE, seconded AB and motion carried.
- 9.3 Statement of Account:
Current balance was £10,296.91 as at 28.02.21 as on bank reconciliation.
- 9.4 A request for a donation from Citizens Advice had been received and a £25 donation was approved by AP, seconded GM and motion carried.

10. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Receive updates on Wellness Centre.
- b. Receive updates on anti-social behaviour and speeding.
- c. Receive update village hall car park refurbishment.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting scheduled would take place on **Tuesday 6th of April 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 8.47pm