

LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11th of OCTOBER 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 Andy Blatch (ABL) and Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk.
Borough Cllr Michael de Whalley (MdW) and 1 member of the public.

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

2. PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:

None

3. a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

Cllrs Graham Mathias, Colin Manning, and Stuart Dickerson

Special dispensation for Cllr Mathias was proposed by AB, seconded ABL and
unanimously approved.

b. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

None

4. Approval of the Circulated minutes from the meeting held on the 13th of September 2021

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Ashwicken Lakes – The transport report from AB was now on the portal. The
withdrawal of opposition from Highways England only covers the A47 and not the
surrounding roads. Concerns still in place for the Station Road and Gayton Road
junctions. AB advised that the iTransport report was very contradictory in some key
areas.

4.2 Follow up on the Traffic Meeting – funding is being sought for the initial
Highways study/survey of £5-6k which will be refunded if the project goes ahead.
Parking and speed limits were top concerns. Cost of a clearway £25k to £30k.

5. PLANNING:

Planning to consider: -

No new applications.

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

6. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

Cllr. de Whalley –

Re the Wellness Centre, there is no further movement, and he has had an update from Keith Wilkinson advising of an extension in time to the 31st December 2021. A separate meeting of the planning committee would meet in the new year and a member of the parish council, and 2 members of the public can attend with 5 minutes given per speaker. The concerns raised at the Leziate traffic meeting regarding additional traffic and poor infrastructure were most relevant.

Traffic survey click equipment can be loaned from Wisbech.

CIL meeting update now bids in one category to £50k and guidance due out next month. Applications will be due in January 2022 with decisions in March. A further round would be June/July and there is £1m+ left in the pot. No information available if this scheme will continue in the future.

Bids has been submitted on the QE hospital with a total new build on the current car park area seen as preferable and could be build by 2030. It is thought that the current building has a maximum life expectancy of 10 years. AB mentioned that flooding in some areas of the flat roofs is raising concern.

Cllr. Moriarty –

See separate report

7. Julian Moulton – Bird Boxes

Julian gave a presentation on the importance of bird boxes and is seeking permission to put them up in Brands Wood and Leziate Fen. This is a long term project and runs across the UK with a nest record register maintained and at no cost to the Parish Council. Julian is fully insured and has undertaken several risk assessments.

The parish council were in agreement to grant permission to Julian and the clerk to write a letter of authority. A page on the website to be set up.

ACTION CB

8. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Village Sign – Cllr Dickerson now has the oak post and work has commenced today.

8.2 The Voice – clerk to send a report to include request for comments on a clearway, as discussed at the traffic meeting, from parishioners.

ACTION CB

8.3 Parish Partnership Scheme 21/22 – No application this time.

8.4 Village Hall Car Park – The installation of CCTV had been raised and ABL to provide a quote to include broadband.

9. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CLERK:

9.1 JE - SAM Warden: East Winch reports sent out and on the website.

North facing top speed recorded at 69mph but 85th percentile speed was 39.7mph.
South facing top speed 54mph with 85th percentile at 29.7mph.

9.2 JE – Village Hall – Trustee situation to be confirmed and the committee had requested quotes for some maintenance work.

9.3 JE/ABL- Play Areas: nothing to add.

9.4 GM – Bus Shelters: no problems but clerk to request preservative on the wooden shelters.

ACTION CB

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- 9.5 AP – Fen & Brands Wood: no problems.
- 9.6 AB – Neighbourhood Watch – Clerk now working with AB on this, and regular updates will be sent out.
- 9.7 JL – Footpaths – report to follow next month.
- 9.8 JL – Highways – East Winch Road and Church Lane signs have been repaired. Issues with road falling away by the Rectory at Ashwicken, now on the schedule for repair.
- 9.9 CB – Clerk update – Planning Policy updated to include delegated powers for clerk to take emails/telephone comments on planning applications between meetings.
- 9.10 Speedwatch update – JE reported that the suggested locations had been visited and are awaiting approval. Assessments for volunteers are online and then training to follow.

10. FINANCE

- 10.1 The September Bank Reconciliation, payments & receipts, bank statements had been sent out to all councillors. Approval proposed by AB and seconded by ABL. Approved by all present.
Statement of Account: Current balance was £14,671.29 as at 30.09.21 on the bank reconciliation.
- 10.2 Payments for October proposed JE, seconded AB and approved by all present.
- 10.3 The half year review was discussed, and acceptance proposed by AB, seconded JL and approved by all present.
- 10.4 Draft budget and precept for 22/23 to be considered and CB to work the finance team.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Receive updates on Ashwicken Lakes planning application.
- b. Receive updates on the Traffic Project.
- c. Neighbourhood Plan
- d. Draft budget 22/23

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting scheduled would take place on Monday the 8th of November from 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm