

MINUTES of the MEETING of LEAVENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at The Village Hall, Leavenheath.

PRESENT: B Rowe (Chairman), P Mortlock, B Sadler, C Jackson, D Hattrell (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: H Bonnar, R Cowell, C Morgan, H Bonnar and J Jenkins (District Cllr).

PUBLIC FORUM: P Mortlock was praised for his Chairing of the Annual Parish Meeting. Concern was expressed that hedges are encroaching walkways and a reminder was suggested for Community News. The lack of Parish Council Noticeboard on the Village Hall was mentioned. The verge needs cutting to the right as you exit the High Road onto the A134. Another resident had attended to observe as she was considering putting herself forward to join the Parish Council.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nothing was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 4TH MAY 2016: These were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: P Mortlock thanked the ladies who organised the refreshments at the Annual Parish Meeting.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr J Jenkins was unable to make it as she was attending the Suffolk Show. She had sent her congratulations to P Mortlock for the way he Chaired the Annual Parish Meeting at short notice. The Government has now stated that there are to be two Deals on the table, one for Cambs and Peterborough and one for Norfolk and Suffolk. The Suffolk Leaders had met the day before to put new figures forward and the Norfolk Leaders were meeting that day. Andy Wood, the MD at Adnams is now the independent Chairman of the combined Leaders Group and is very much in touch with the Ministers. At Babergh, a Deputy Chief Executive, Lindsay Barker is now in place. They will advertise for the new Chief Executive as soon as possible as Charlie Adan leaves at the end of July.

POLICE REPORT: A recent Police Report had not been provided.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Councillor J Finch was unable to attend and no report was provided.

CORRESPONDENCE: The report had been issued ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. The Chairman discussed the Babergh Alliance of Town and Parish Councils. It was agreed not to be involved in that alliance at this stage.

HIGHWAYS: C Jackson reported on a series of small pot-holes on the A134 on the Sudbury bound side between the High Road and Hare & Hounds. The T Junction awareness sign on the A134 between the Hare and Hounds and the 1st turn towards Assington is obscured by vegetation. The speed limit sign coming into Leavenheath from Assington is also obscured. The meeting was reminded about the grass obscuring vision at the High Road junction mentioned in the Public Forum. It was agreed for the Clerk to report all of these items - **Action Clerk.**

FINANCE: The bank balances as at 1st June 2016 were **£24191.15** in the Community Account, **£15289.81** in the Reserve Account making a total of **£39480.96**. Approval was made to pay for the

Village Green Insurance renewal up to £600 between meetings. The End of Year Accounts & Audit Submission were agreed for the Year Ending 31st March 2016.

The following were authorised for payment: -

1384	503.35	SALC	Subscriptions
1385	419.66	D K Hattrell	Clerk's Salary
1386	93.60	Inland Revenue	Clerk's ddtns & ERS NIC
1387	153.59	SCC - Pension ACC	Clerk's Pension
1388	275.00	Stoke by Nayland Club	Village Green
1389	35.00	Spingold Design & Print	APM Expenses
1390	5.64	Mrs L Collin	APM Expenses

Total £1485.84

CIRCULAR PATH PROJECT: There was nothing to report but it was agreed to keep on the Agenda for future meetings.

COMMUNITY WOODLAND: It was reported that Royston Wood is well used by the Scout Group and was attracting an abundance of wildlife. The AGM for Rowley Wood was held and bird boxes were being sold to attract funding. The owl boxes are still occupied but not with owls.

VILLAGE HALL: B Sadler reported on the Village Hall AGM and confirmed healthy finances. The next major project is the kitchen and the digital cinema continues to bring a good return.

VILLAGE GREEN: P Mortlock confirmed the Village Green AGM was held and the breakdown of expenditure was given. It was noted that use of drones in the vicinity requires landowners permission.

IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE: Nothing was suggested.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: C Jackson had spoken to the property owner adjoining the grass area in front of the boundary wall facing the High Road between the Village Green and Wrights Way. He had asked the landowner if he would arrange for the inspection pit to be filled and this had been agreed.

The meeting closed at **8.20 p.m.**

The following was discussed: -

B/16/00550 - 27 Bramble Way - Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions.

Whilst there were No Objections so far, there were still members of the planning working group who hadn't reviewed the application. It was agreed to delegate a response to the planning working group