

MINUTES of the MEETING of LEAVENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at The Village Hall, Leavenheath.

PRESENT: B Rowe (Chairman), P Mortlock, C Morgan, R Cowell, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr) and 4 members of the public and 2 representatives in respect of the Konings proposed development.

PUBLIC FORUM: The Parish Council was asked views on a further community training session on the use of the Defibrillator. It was requested that they pay for the hall hire for the event. Members agreed the principle and to fund the hall hire - P Goodyer agreed to make arrangements. Attention turned to the resignation of C Jackson and a neighbour spoke in favour of reinstating him to the Parish Council. The Chairman explained that the resignation stood upon delivery of the letter to her and the procedures in relation to the vacancy would be carried out. High regard was paid to all the good work completed by C Jackson as Parish Councillor. Then a tall tree blocking light and thought to be dangerous in the vicinity of Rowans Way was raised. R Cowell explained the aspects taken into consideration for protected trees. These include safety and the health and balance of the tree. The resident was to contact the Babergh Tree Officer to investigate. It was agreed to consider whether the tree was located on one of the strips of land transferred to the Parish Council from the developers.

A ten minute presentation was then delivered by Konings on their development proposals to be phased over 10 years. The formal plans should be presented from mid June. He explained about the level of vehicle movements which were already approved from an earlier application. The reason for expansion and the specific additions and uses were out-lined. The Chairman explained the vehicle movements were already a concern of Leavenheath residents and questioning followed about the type of vehicles involved. The site is currently leased from Boxford Suffolk Farms. Other aspects covered included the production of electricity from the anaerobic digester, the preservation and use of water, landscaping in view of the proximity of AONB, light and noise issues. A member of the public expressed shock at the scale.

The Chairman opened the meeting and explained the vacancy generated as a result of the resignation and that now the formal process would be followed - **Action Clerk.**

APOLOGIES: B Sadler, H Bonnar and J Jenkins (District Cllr).

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nothing was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 3rd MAY 2017: These were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

UNRESOLVED ITEMS LIST: The Chairman had collated a list as follows: -

- 1) The Lake Walk
- 2) Community Speedwatch
- 3) Parcels of Land transferred from Beehive Estate
- 4) Noticeboard at Honey Tye
- 5) A134 Crossing - Royston Wood/Plough Lane
- 6) Church Path Gate
- 7) Iconfair investigation in relation to the ditch
- 8) 30 mph sign on route from Sudbury

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr J Jenkins was unable to attend and no report was provided.

POLICE REPORT: There was no report, however, P Mortlock had provided a link showing our crime figures that can be accessed from our website. He agreed to report figures at future meetings. However, he warned that the data is not up to date. From the latest figures from March 2017, 3 incidents were in the Parish.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: No report was provided from County Councillor J Finch.

CORRESPONDENCE: The report had been issued ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. The Chairman will attend the Boundary Commission Meeting on 13th June - **Action Clerk to confirm.**

HIGHWAYS: The oak trees obstructing the High Road from the Village Green had been cut back and the cherry trees had been reported to County Highways. Trees obstructing walkers on the Village Green were being resolved.

FINANCE: The bank balances as at 6th June 2017 were **£28861.26** in the Community Account, **£15347.30** in the Reserve Account making a total of **£44208.56**. The principle of circulating leaflets to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting was agreed for future meetings including arranging interesting speakers.

The following were authorised for payment: -

1449	533.73	Aon UK Ltd	V/Green Insurance
1450	468.76	Aon UK Ltd	Parish Council Insurance
1451	432.62	D K Hattrell	Clerk's Salary
1452	95.40	Inland Revenue Only	Clerk's deductions
1453	160.76	SCC - Pension ACC	Clerk's Pension
1454	350.00	Pete Irving Tree Services	Tree Work
1455	275.00	Stoke by Nayland Club	V Green cuts
1456	63.00	Spingold Design & Print	APM Leaflets
1457	3.71	Chilton Office Supplies	Stationery
Total	£2382.98		

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES : Reports were given from the Village Green, the Tree Wardens, Circular Paths and Footpaths. It was agreed for Councillors to report any issues that they identify with the footpaths directly to the Footpath Warden - **Action All**. Members expressed their gratitude to the Footpath Warden for all he is doing.

IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE: It was agreed to issue a polite notice in LSPN for home owners to cut back foliage from their properties obstructing walkways - **Action Clerk**. R Cowell passed on a suggestion of encouraging community lifts to medical appointments. The Chairman agreed to discuss with neighbouring Parishes which have schemes in place - **Action Chairman**.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: P Mortlock confirmed he now has a Barn Owl license.

The meeting closed at **9.00 p.m.**

Planning Meeting on 7th June 2017

The following decisions had been confirmed from the Planning Authority: -

- A) Permission had been granted for a single storey rear extension at The Diamonds, Nayland Road - **B/17/00525/FHA**
- B) Permission had been granted to extend 3 Harrow Street - **B/17/00457/FHA**

The following applications were discussed:-

- 1) **B/17/01116** - 24 Oaklands - Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of an Existing Use - **No Objections**
- 2) **B/17/01085** - Norton Villa, 14 Nayland Road - Application for two storey side and rear extensions and single storey side extension - **No Objections.**
- 3) **B/17/01048** - 19 Hawthorn Way - **No Objections.**
- 4) The Planning Authority have introduced a new electronic system of notifying of planning consultations. It was agreed for the Clerk to check how notification will be issued - **Action Clerk.**