

MINUTES of the MEETING of LEAVENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at The Village Hall, Leavenheath.

PRESENT: B Rowe (Chairman), R Cowell, P Mortlock, C Morgan, H Bonnar, R Bellenie, D Kingham, S Whitelaw D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr), J Jenkins (District Cllr) and no members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM: No public were present.

APOLOGIES: B Sadler.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nothing was raised.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 5th SEPTEMBER 2018: These were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: The Chairman thanked R Cowell and S Whitelaw for producing a notice for LSPN relating to Church Path Ditch. The Clerk is still to look out our Insurance Policy Wording to remind members of the cover in respect of volunteers - **Action Clerk.**

UNRESOLVED ITEMS LIST: The outstanding items were discussed as follows: -

- 1) The Lake Walk - Progress is being chased regularly.
- 2) Notice boards - plastic posts were purchased and installation has taken place. The Parish Council thanked P Mortlock for his help. This item can now be removed from the unresolved items list - **Action Clerk.**
- 4) A134 Crossing (Royston Wood/Plough Lane)- J Finch had a meeting at Highways the following day and this would feature.
- 5) Church Path Ditch - Clearance carried out by the landowner was excellent and a notice was put in LSPN explaining to residents and seeking cooperation in keeping the ditch clear in the future - It was agreed to remove this item from the unresolved list - **Action Clerk.**
- 6) Public Open Space clearance - J Jenkins followed through with the portfolio holder following last meeting and the area has now been cleared. The Parish Council thanked J Jenkins for the excellent work, however, the original issue was the encroachment of the grass on the cycling surface. The Chairman agreed to research and write to J Jenkins in this respect - **Action Chairman.**
- 7) Housing Needs Survey - See Agenda item.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr J Jenkins attended and confirmed the High Road Planning went through. The development proposal for Corks Lane was due to go to Planners during November. The plans for a replacement Hadleigh Swimming Pool on the same general site had been passed.

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 spoke of 7 crimes on-going since July, 5 of which at the Golf Club.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr J Finch attended and reported that applications are now open for next years' school places. The search is on for Suffolk's most active communities. A new approach has been agreed for the development of specialist education placements in Suffolk. New support is being launched to help those bereaved by suicide. On local

matters J Finch asked for feedback on the school admission process. He had a meeting arranged for the following day with Highways. The items at Leavenheath included the A134 crossing, High Road hedge at Edies Lane and Broad Oaks trees - **Action J Finch**.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report had been issued ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING/ HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY: Members reported on a discussion with District Councillor Lee Parker ahead of the Meeting. Following discussion of the merits or otherwise of the Neighbourhood Plan, it was agreed to proceed to allow the Village to see a balanced view and decide if they want to produce one. Further talks with Babergh District Council Officers will commence leading to an Open Meeting in the Village Hall.

HIGHWAYS: The items had been raised with J Finch earlier in the meeting.

FINANCE: The bank balances as at 3rd October 2018 were **£40725.48** in the Community Account, **£15402.45** in the Reserve Account making a total of **£56127.93**.

The Suffolk Local Code of Conduct was duly approved. This was proposed by H Bonnar, seconded by R Bellenie and unanimously approved. The half year budget review was shared with the meeting and discussed.

The following were authorised for payment: -

Chq 101521	550.00	Stoke by Nayland Cl	Village Green
Chq 101522	414.54	D K Hattrell	Clerk's Salary
Chq 101523	97.40	Inland Revenue Only	Clerk's Deductions
Chq 101524	163.96	SCC Pension ACC	Clerk's Pension
Chq 101525	194.40	Tree & Lawn Co Ltd	Village Green
Chq 101526	50.00	Pete Irving Tree Services	Trees

Total **£1470.00**

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES : Reports were given from the Village Green, Village Hall, Footpaths and from the Community Woodland. The Playground Inspection was due and tenders for grounds maintenance requested. The AGM for the Community Woodland was taking place.

IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE: It was agreed to include dog bins on the November Agenda - **Action Clerk**.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: An old telephone number for the Clerk appears in LSPN under the Village Hall Event section - **Action Clerk to ask LSPN to amend**.

The meeting closed at **9.12 p.m.**

Planning Meeting on 3rd October 2018

The following decisions were confirmed by the Planning Authority: -

A) **DC/18/01617** - Honey Tye Cottage, Honey Tye - Permission had been granted for rear garden workshop.

B) **DC/18/02573** - 94 High Road, Leavenheath - Permission had been granted for outbuilding following removal of existing aviary and shed.

The following was discussed:-

1) **DC/18/02836 - Konings application** - The Planning Working Group issued a response ahead of the deadline. The Parish Council **Objects** to the new Plans.