

MINUTES of the MEETING of LEAVENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at The Village Hall, Leavenheath.

PRESENT: B Rowe (Chairman), B Sadler, R Cowell, H Bonnar, C Morgan, P Mortlock, S Whitelaw, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr) and 7 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM: Residents shared their concerns regarding the new Konings application. These included the size and dominance of the proposal, the increased height, traffic issues, the increase in car park size and the timing of the application during the holiday season. There was concern about setting a precedent in the AONB and also that this may be part of a series of applications for a creeping development. They advised that the deadline by Planners has been extended until 7th September. They have asked Konings for a meeting to explain their new plans. Some residents have experienced a drop in water pressure. Another resident pointed out that the operation is continuous over 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so the traffic nuisance is relentless. A point was made that other suitable sites exist locally with better transport links and the proposal would need to meet the exceptional circumstances requirement to be passed. The residents attending did not think there was justification to approve the application and they urged objections.

APOLOGIES: R Bellenie, D Kingham and J Jenkins.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nothing was raised.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 6TH JUNE 2018: These were accepted as a true record subject to a minor amendment to the unresolved items list which now reads: 1) The Lake Walk - R Cowell reported that contact continues to be made with the Golf Club in this respect.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: It was noted that the reduction of the trees at Broad Oaks was carried out by the County Council. Further details are being gathered which will be shared with the interested residents. The Housing Needs Meeting is proposed for 7.00 p.m. ahead of the 1st August Parish Council Meeting. The Wildlife Walk bench is being followed up. The Litter pick went ahead successfully with 7 volunteers and the Village Hall was provided free of charge. Further information is being sought regarding potential Defibrillator lighting.

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

- 1) The Lake Walk - Contact continues and P Mortlock will help chase things along too.
- 2) Community Speedwatch - Unfortunately only 1 volunteer has come forward so the scheme isn't viable. It was agreed to inform the coordinators accordingly - **Action Clerk.**
- 3) Notice boards were purchased and posts were agreed for the one for Honey Tye.
- 4) A134 Crossing (Royston Wood/Plough Lane)- nothing was heard - J Finch agreed to follow up.
- 5) Church Path Ditch - A written response had been issued with details of the property at risk and asking them to investigate and nothing further had been received - A chase up had been issued.
- 6) Public Open Space clearance - this was an Agenda item.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr J Jenkins was unable to attend, however, her report was read to the meeting. It stated at the last Council meeting the Members agreed that the Cabinet could look in detail at the Options resulting from the Public Consultation in respect of Corks Lane, Hadleigh with a view to putting the preferred one forward to the Planning Committee. Regarding the Independent Remuneration Panel's suggestions for Members'

allowances which had not been reviewed since 2014, the Council decided to accept their proposal even though a few felt it should be after the next Election when the numbers reduce from 43 to 32 Members and the workload will increase, although the Cabinet workload has considerably increased already. Following the report members of the Parish Council commented that they felt the increased allowance is inappropriate in the current regime.

POLICE REPORT: There was no report, however, P Mortlock had provided a link showing our crime figures that can be accessed from our website.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr J Finch attended and had provided a report ahead of the meeting covering Special Education, the Highways review, Solar Panel scheme and how stretched the Fire Service are at the present time. He will investigate further the A134 crossing and would appreciate any examples/feedback regarding communication with County Highways following on-line reporting.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report had been issued ahead of the meeting. The potential LED Street Lighting upgrades will form an Agenda item once the quotation has been received - **Action Clerk.**

A 15 minute extension was agreed to complete the meeting.

HIGHWAYS: It was reported that the re-location of the bus waiting area for safety reasons has led to some other issues which could be resolved by considerate parking. It was agreed for R Cowell to draft a potential polite request.

FINANCE: The bank balances as at 4th July 2018 were **£37245.64** in the Community Account, **£15389.00** in the Reserve Account making a total of **£52634.64**.

The following were authorised for payment: -

Chq 101501	2923.20	Fitzpatrick Woolmer	Assets - Notice boards
Chq 101502	416.24	D K Hattrell	Clerk's Salary
Chq 101503	97.40	Inland Revenue Only	Clerk's Deductions
Chq 101504	163.96	SCC Pension ACC	Clerk's Pension
Chq 101505	194.40	Tree & Lawn Co Ltd	V Green Maintenance
Chq 101506	71.60	P Mortlock	Cllr travel expenses
Chq 101507	60.00	Leavenheath Village Hall	Hall hire
Chq 101508	14.20	Chilton Office Supplies	Print ink
Chq 101509	0.62	Top Marques Direct Ltd	Spreadsheet Printing
Total	£3941.62		

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES : Reports were given from the Village Green, Village Hall and from the Footpath Warden. It was agreed to include a Finance Agenda item of Village Green benches for the August Meeting - **Action Clerk.**

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE PATH - Condition and Options: This item was deferred until the August Meeting - **Action Clerk.**

IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE: This was deferred to the August Meeting - **Action Clerk.**

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: Nothing was raised.

The meeting closed at **9.17 p.m.**
Planning Meeting on 4th July 2018

The following decisions were confirmed by the Planning Authority: -

A) DC/18/01677 - Land West of Keebles Barn, Leavenheath - The discharge of conditions application for DC/17/03772 was refused in respect of conditions 4 (Landscaping) and 6 (Fencing) and approved in respect of Condition 8 (Sustainability).

B) DC/17/03117 - Hill Farm, Brick Kiln Hill, Polstead - The application to extend production premises was withdrawn.

The following were discussed:-

1) DC/18/02443 - Land north of Keebles Barn from agricultural to garden - This was considered between meetings to comply with the deadline. The Parish Council **objected** due to consistency with another refusal by the Planning Authority (land north of Rose Hill Cottage, Honey Tye) as it is outside the defined built up area boundary and intrudes into open countryside. The scale would have adverse impact on landscape character.

2) DC/18/02836 - Hill Farm, Stoke Road, Polstead - This new application to extend production premises, car parking, landscaping and drainage had only recently been received. Members agreed further investigation was required, however, the firm view was to still object. It was agreed for the Clerk to research with Anglian Water the reported drop in water pressure to nearby properties - **Action Clerk**. P Mortlock will research traffic survey information. The Parish Council Planning Group will draft a response to Planners objecting to the height, increase in traffic and querying water pressure changes. All available research will feed into this process.

3) DC/18/02573 - 94 High Road, Leavenheath - This application for amended description was being considered by the Parish Council Planning Group. They intended to object on the same grounds as before.

4) Any other Urgent Planning items. The Housing Needs Survey Meeting was scheduled for ahead of the August Meeting. In view of the demand for Surveys, it was unlikely to happen ahead of November. Attention then turned to the Planning Priorities. The Consultation period is now complete. Members accepted Priorities 1 - 17. Consideration should now be given to how the "Purpose, Planning Principles and Our AONB" is to be presented. It will form an Agenda item for the August Meeting - **Action Clerk**.