**MINUTES of the MEETING** of **LEAVENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at The Village Hall, Leavenheath.

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**: Nothing was raised.

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

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Nothing was declared.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 7TH JUNE 2017:** These were accepted as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** The Chairman is still investigating information from other Parishes on Community Lifts to Medical appointments.

UNRESOLVED ITEMS LIST: The same items remain as last month 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

By way of an update it was confirmed that the parcels of land under point 3 were transferred and the payment to the Parish Council for their upkeep traced in past Minutes.

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:** District Cllr J Jenkins was unable to attend and no report was provided. The Chairman and B Sadler attended the Babergh Town and Parish Liaison Meeting. The Chairman explained the topics discussed including public access and planning. It was agreed to include an Agenda item for September of "The Babergh New Strategic Plan" - **Action Clerk.** 

**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:** A report had been provided from County Councillor J Finch covering the new commercial Ipswich Park and Ride, details of the surfacing works in the County, the Tour of Britain stage 6 in Suffolk 8th September, educational awards and details of a new Research School. Outstanding Parish Council items to raise with J Finch included the A134 crossing, the broken 30 mph sign, Community Speed Watch and the school pick up point - **Action J Finch.** 

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The report had been issued ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. The Chairman spoke of the proposed changes to ward boundaries and therefore

reduced numbers of District Councillors. It was agreed to respond to the Consultation confirming we have looked at the possible options and appreciate the knock on effect on other Parishes and feel Leavenheath has a natural link with Nayland due to services used - **Action Clerk to respond**. Clerks and Councils direct was put into circulation.

**HIGHWAYS**: There was nothing to report.

**FINANCE:** The bank balances as at 5th July 2017 were £26478.28 in the Community Account, £15350.66 in the Reserve Account making a total of £41828.94.

## The following were authorised for payment: -

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1458	437.27	D K Hattrell	Clerks Salary
1459	95.40	Inland Revenue Only	Clerk's deductions
1460	160.76	SCC - Pension ACC	Clerk's Pension
1461	385.00	Stoke by Nayland Club	V Green
1462	291.60	Tree & Lawn Company	V Green
1463	54.00	Leavenheath Village Hall	Hall Hire
F/Transfer	489.60	Tree & Lawn Company	VGreen-betweenmeetings

Total £1913.63

**REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES:** Reports were given from the Village Green, Village Hall, Circular Paths and Community Woodland. No actions were agreed by the Parish Council.

**IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE:** Nothing was raised.

**REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS**: Nothing was raised requiring action.

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## Planning Meeting on 5th July 2017

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

- A) Permission had been granted for side and rear extensions at Norton Villa, 14 Nayland Road B/17/01085/FHA
- B) Permission had been granted for a single storey rear extension at 19 Hawthorn Way B/17/01048/FHA
- C) The application to change the use and conversion of agricultural buildings at land At Gedding Hall, Nayland Road, Assington had been withdrawn B/17/00123.
- D) Permission was granted at 24 Oaklands

The following application was discussed:-

**B/17/03117** - Konings, Hill Farm, Brick Kiln Hill, Polstead - Application to extend production premises, canning line, warehouse space, apple processing and juice storage including parking, landscaping and drainage - It was agreed for P Mortlock to draft a suitable response for approval. The agreed response was as follows: -

Leavenheath Parish Council has no objections.

However, we are in close proximity to Dedham Vale AONB, and all vehicular movements pass through our parish. We therefore strongly commend that the agreed traffic movements (314 HGV pw predicted in the 2007 approved application), are adhered to, if not less, and will not be raised in future applications.

On another note, to stop non-updated sat navs directing large vehicles down Stone street/ Brick Kiln Hill, that signage is updated and perhaps multi lingual before the turning.