

MINUTES of the MEETING of LEAVENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at The Village Hall, Leavenheath.

PRESENT: B Rowe (Chairman), B Sadler, R Cowell, H Bonnar, C Morgan, R Bellenie, D Kingham, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr), J Jenkins (District Cllr) and 2 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM: Residents shared their opposition to 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 it was pointed out that additional employment is no longer being offered. There was concern over a potential creeping development. Konings have refused to invite residents for explanations of the new application.

APOLOGIES: S Whitelaw and P Mortlock.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nothing was raised.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 4TH JULY 2018: These were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: R Cowell continues to liaise regarding the Wildlife Walk Bench and no further information has been forthcoming in relation to lighting for the Defibrillator at the Village Hall.

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 - The scheme wasn't viable in view of the lack of volunteers, so this will come off the Unresolved list - **Action Clerk.**
- 3) Notice boards were purchased and plastic posts were agreed - **Action P Mortlock.**
- 4) A134 Crossing (Royston Wood/Plough Lane)- J Finch has been chasing but confirmed it wasn't a priority.
- 5) Church Path Ditch - A site meeting was being arranged to take this forward.
- 6) Public Open Space clearance - this was an Agenda item.
- 7) It was agreed to add Housing Needs Survey to the unresolved items list.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr J Jenkins attended and confirmed that she didn't agree with the decision to implement the increase to District Cllr Allowances straight away. She felt it should be delayed until after the Elections. The Boundary Commission hadn't finalised the new ward boundaries. There have been further changes to the Cabinet. The preferred option for the former HQ at Corks Lane was proceeding to Planning. The 5 Year Land Supply is now in place.

POLICE REPORT: There was no report, however, P Mortlock had provided a link showing our crime figures that can be accessed from our website. A new Police Community Engagement Officer had been appointed and had sent an introduction out to all.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr J Finch attended and had provided a report ahead of the meeting covering changes to School Travel in Suffolk, how busy the Fire Service are at the present time, a funding boost for youth employment and Roadworks in the area.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report had been issued ahead of the meeting. The Chairman advised of a forthcoming meeting to discuss the future of the Church.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE PATH: Hedges are still overgrown and grass is creeping from the edges. J Jenkins agreed to chase Babergh Council again as it's their responsibility and whilst it wasn't priority earlier in the year, it is worth another review - **Action J Jenkins.**

HIGHWAYS: There was nothing to report.

FINANCE: The bank balances as at 1st August 2018 were **£33269.02** in the Community Account, **£15392.16** in the Reserve Account making a total of **£48661.18**. It was agreed to purchase 4 new benches and 2 new dog bins for the Village Green. Following consideration of the estimates this was proposed by R Cowell, seconded by D Kingham and unanimously carried. The Parish Council agreed not to proceed to upgrade street lighting to LED.

The following were authorised for payment: -

Chq 101510	416.44	D K Hattrell	Clerk's Salary
Chq 101511	97.20	Inland Revenue Only	Clerk's Deductions
Chq 101512	163.96	SCC Pension ACC	Clerk's Pension
Chq 101513	220.80	SALC	Internal Audit
Total	£898.40		

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES : Reports were given from the Village Green, Village Hall and from the Community Woodland. The Village Green are proposing to remove the rotten ramp from the Playground.

IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE: Nothing was raised.

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

The meeting closed at **9.06 p.m.**

Planning Meeting on 1st August 2018

The following decisions were confirmed by the Planning Authority: -

DC/18/02399 - 27 Bramble Way, Leavenheath - Permission had been granted for single storey rear extensions as amended by 16th July drawing.

The following were discussed:-

- 1) **DC/18/02573 - 94 High Road, Leavenheath** - The Parish Council **objected** in view of the increase in height. The design and materials were considered to impact considerably on the amenity of neighbouring properties. The alterations and scale from the previous application were considered an overdevelopment of site. A response was issued between meetings to comply with the deadline.
- 2) **DC/18/03031 - 20 Oaklands, Leavenheath** - There were **No Objections** to the erection of a first floor extension over existing kitchen and utility room.
- 3) **DC/18/02836 - Hill Farm Application** - It was agreed to write to Konings seeking an evening appointment to ask questions relating to the new application. **Objections** still stand and the working group are refining an appropriate response to the Planning Officers.
- 4) Any other Urgent Planning items. The Planning Priorities document was finalised as points 1-17 with the other material as an annex of supporting evidence.