

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

PRESENT: B Rowe (Chairman), B Sadler, H Bonnar, C Morgan, R Cowell, S Whitelaw, D Kingham, R Bellenie, D Hattrell (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM: The Applicant for the Lion change of use application into residential attended. He explained the considerable attempts they have made to make the business a success and their final decision to close the pub. He asked for the Parish Council to support his decision in relation to the Planning Application. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank him for all the service he has given to residents during the time the pub was open. The Christmas tree collection point at the Village Hall was discussed and posters have been put on notice boards. The damaged wooden barrier at the start of Sweet Briar Close was chased. It was noted P Mortlock was seeking quotes. The Defibrillator training session had been arranged and the Parish Council will cover the cost of the hall. The Chairman agreed to organise refreshments. The Village Hall will look at erecting signs directing people to the Defibrillator in an emergency. The resident did not consider providing more lighting in the vicinity to be important. The Leavenheath sign on the A134 has still not been leveled.

APOLOGIES: P Mortlock, J Jenkins and J Finch.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nothing was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 6TH DECEMBER 2017: These were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Responses were awaited in respect of Church Path ditch and the Public Open Space path from Maple Way to the A134. The recent re-location of the school bus stop away from road junctions was discussed in response to a complaint from a parent. Following discussion, members agreed the re-location should remain - **Action Clerk to respond to the parent.**

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

- 1) The Lake Walk - R Cowell confirmed discussions were on-going with the Golf Club.
- 2) Community Speedwatch - it was agreed for the Clerk to find a contact at either the County Council or Suffolk Police to liaise directly with the volunteers - **Action Clerk.**
- 3) Noticeboard at Honey Tye - P Mortlock is obtaining quotes.
- 4) A134 Crossing - Royston Wood/Plough Lane - members had observed some progress but the changes are still not complete and no communication has been forthcoming.
- 5) Church Path Ditch - it was agreed if a response is not received by the month end the Clerk is to issue a reminder to the owner - **Action Clerk.**
- 6) Public Open Space clearance - this has been reported to the District Council and action is awaited.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr J Jenkins was unable to attend and it was reported that she is no longer the Leader at the District Council. A new Leader was to be elected. She is monitoring developments in relation to the Konings application and will confirm as soon as the Planning Meeting is scheduled.

POLICE REPORT: There was no report, however, P Mortlock had provided a link showing our crime figures that can be accessed from our website. P Mortlock had provided a report of the December crimes which are now showing on the website. These included 3 burglaries near Honey

Lane which are under investigation. There is a link from the website to the Suffolk Free Press report of the Harrow Street burglary. A shredded large lorry tyre was observed at Honey Tye.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr J Finch was unable to attend due to sickness absence and no report was provided.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk went through the latest items of correspondence. No actions were agreed which were not covered under other Agenda items.

HIGHWAYS: It was agreed to include the new notices of road closure link in the report to LSPN and on the website - **Action Clerk and P Mortlock.**

FINANCE: The bank balances as at 3rd January 2018 were **£32951.44** in the Community Account, **£15369.92** in the Reserve Account making a total of **£48321.36.**

The Precept form to the District Council for the next Financial Year was duly signed. This provides for an increase of 1.5% to residents giving a total Precept of £19461. This resolution was made at the December Meeting.

The working parties to review the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for approval by full Council on or before the March 2018 Meeting were agreed as follows: -

Standing Orders - C Morgan, R Cowell and S Whitelaw

Financial Regulations - H Bonnar, D Kingham and R Bellenie

The Clerk will provide the up to date model formats - **Action Clerk.**

The following were authorised for payment: -

1482	470.91	D K Hattrell	Clerks Salary
1483	102.20	Inland Revenue Only	Clerk's deductions
1484	36.00	Leavenheath Village Hall	Hall Hire

Total **£609.11**

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES : Reports were given from the Village Green, Village Hall, Footpath Warden and Community Woodland. It was agreed for the Chairman to circulate the regular comprehensive footpath reports from our Footpath Warden - **Action Chairman.** Our Footpath Warden continues to be pro-active in getting matters resolved.

IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE: Nothing was raised.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: The updates to the website were noted. It was suggested we review our 2011 Plan document and there was interest in getting involved in this process. It was agreed to include as an Agenda item for February leaving members further time to review the existing plan ahead of the discussion - **Action Clerk.**

The meeting closed at **8.40 p.m.**

Planning Meeting on 3rd January 2017

The following decisions were confirmed by the Planning Authority: -

DC/17/03299 - 29 Edies Lane, Leavenheath - Permission had been Granted to vary conditions 2 and 3 of application B/15/00975.

The following were discussed:-

- 1) **DC/17/06251** - Land at Stoke Road, Leavenheath - This application for a two storey dwelling had only just been received and was being reviewed by the Planning working group.
- 2) **DC/17/06254** - The Lion Public House, Honey Tye, Leavenheath - this application for Change of Use from Public House to Residential had only just been received and was being reviewed by the Planning Working Group. The points raised in the Public Forum were noted.
- 3) Rachel Bellenie volunteered to join the Planning Working Group and this was agreed with immediate effect.