

MINUTES of the MEETING of LEAVENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at The Village Hall, Leavenheath.

PRESENT: B Rowe (Chairman), B Sadler, P Mortlock, C Morgan, H Bonnar, R Bellenie, D Kingham, S Whitelaw, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Jenkins (District Cllr) and J Finch (County Cllr).

PUBLIC FORUM: No residents were present.

APOLOGIES: R Cowell

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nothing was raised.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 7th NOVEMBER 2018: These were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: The Chairman referred to correspondence confirming the High Road hedge was due to be cut within the next 20 days. She thanked all those involved in chasing progress including R Cowell for providing photographs, the Clerk for reporting again on-line following the Chairman's inspection and copying in James Finch who then chased the department concerned.

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

- 1) The Lake Walk - Progress is being chased regularly.
- 2) A134 Crossing (Royston Wood/Plough Lane)- J Finch had been following up but was running out of ideas. It was agreed for the Clerk to write again to J Finch and County Highways seeking resolution as the intention was to make the presence of pedestrians and cyclists obvious to motorists to encourage careful driving passed the crossing point. This has not been achieved. The Highways department have incurred costs doing work which did not meet the brief. The Parish Council has not been invoiced and the whole situation was unsatisfactory - **Action Clerk.**
- 3) Bench on Wildlife Walk - our contribution of £500 was paid between meetings and ideas for the plaque were sent to Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr J Jenkins attended and confirmed the balance of monies has been paid back originally allocated to feasibility of the Sudbury Relief Road. The Relief Road is no longer being pursued. Civil Parking enforcement was being pursued. The potential for charging for car parking in Sudbury had returned to the Agenda.

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 reported 4 crimes listed for the Parish for September on the website.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr J Finch attended and confirmed the Sudbury by-pass was not being taken forward and junction improvements were being considered. The Most Active Community Award winners were announced. Support to Suffolk Communities to be more energy efficient has been praised. Construction of a building for Suffolk archives is underway in Ipswich. New publicity is on Suffolk Fire and Rescue vehicle encouraging recruitment. Local Health and Care are working in a more coordinated way in Suffolk and North Essex. Their newsletter keeps people informed.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report had been issued ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. It was agreed to keep the Street Lights the same over the Festive period - that is going off at midnight - **Action Clerk.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING/ HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY: Plans for the public event at the Village Hall were progressing and it was likely to take place on Tuesday 19th February. A

draft leaflet was discussed. D Kingham agreed to invite potential speakers - **Action D Kingham** - including Lee Parker, District Cllr and Carroll Reeve, Lavenham Parish Council. J Jenkins also agreed to say some words on the night.

HIGHWAYS: The Chairman had a report from a resident of an overgrown boundary hedge abutting Wrights Way. It was from a Hawthorn Way property and it was agreed for the Clerk to report on-line - **Action Clerk**.

FINANCE: The bank balances as at 5th December 2018 were **£37839.38** in the Community Account, **£15413.08** in the Reserve Account making a total of **£53252.46**.

It was reported that dog bins and benches had been ordered as agreed. 3 further dog bins, 2 at Harrow Street and 1 in The Old Road were being considered. All agreed a suitable new location in Harrow Street away from properties.

Budget and Precept for 2019/20 was discussed and a Standstill Precept as far as residents were concerned was agreed at £19430. It was agreed to include an Agenda item for January of "Village Asset Reserves and Community Infrastructure Levy Income".

File Storage Costs were considered and it was agreed for the Village Hall Committee to consider in the first instance whether lockable Filing Cabinet space could be provided in the Committee Room.

The following were authorised for payment: -

Chq 101535	409.04	D K Hattrell	Clerk's Salary
Chq 101536	97.40	Inland Revenue Only	Clerk's Deductions
Chq 101537	163.96	SCC Pension ACC	Clerk's Pension
Chq 101538	273.60	Bowman & Son	Village Green (VG)
Chq 101539	150.00	Sudbury Citizens Adv	Donation
Total	£1094.00		

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES : Reports were given from the Village Green, Village Hall and Tree Wardens. The Village Hall car park was being re-stoned with assistance from the Community Payback Scheme. The Village Green have been considering what can be done about the dog fouling issue and were putting a notice in LSPN. The Playground Inspection results have been discussed and action is taking place as a result. From the Tree Wardens report work continues to assess the condition of protected Ash trees. Further volunteers are encouraged to assist with the care of trees in the village.

IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE: Nothing was agreed.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: It was suggested that ideas about future Play Equipment could be sought within a Housing Needs Survey. A walk is being planned between Christmas and the New Year from Stoke.

The meeting closed at **9.05 p.m.**

Planning Meeting on 5th December 2018

The following decisions were confirmed by the Planning Authority: -

DC/18/05182 - Land West of Keebles Barn - Discharge of Condition Reports confirmed that Conditions 4 and 5 (Landscaping) had been Approved.

The following were discussed:-

1) **DC/18/04851** - 21 Rowans Way, Leavenheath - Erection of a two storey rear extension. Observations between Meetings were reported. There were No Objections.

2) **DC/18/04926** - Leavenheath Farmhouse, Locks Lane, Leavenheath - Application for side and rear single storey extensions, a front porch and alterations to fenestration. Observations between Meetings were reported. There were No Objections.

3) **DC/18/05156** - Orchard Farm, Locks Lane, Leavenheath - Application for first floor and two storey extensions, balcony and replacement roof and erection of detached cartlodge. Consideration was still being given by the Planning Group.