

MINUTES of the MEETING of LEAVENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at The Village Hall, Leavenheath.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: A resident enquired about ash trees as she had noted the Tree Wardens were taking an interest. R Cowell explained that the condition of the village ash trees were being monitored in view of the well reported risks to ash trees generally. This was one of the topics covered at recent training for Tree Wardens. Another resident explained concerns about the large amount of money being held in reserves and urged more expenditure for the good of the village. The Chairman asked him to email his specific points and confirmed this was timely as budget is considered in December.

APOLOGIES: B Sadler and J Finch.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nothing was raised.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 3rd OCTOBER 2018: These were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: The Chairman reminded members that the Clerk had provided information between meetings on our insurance cover in respect of volunteers. The Chairman also out-lined the items both our District and County Councillors had taken away last time.

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 a meeting at Highways following the last Parish Council. The Chairman agreed to follow up with J Finch - **Action Chairman**.
- 3) Public Open Space clearance - As a result of the persistence by J Jenkins the area was cleared, however, some encroachment of grass on the cycling surface remained. J Jenkins had asked for further support and the area will be swept back hard. It was agreed for members to inspect and raise their observations at future meetings.
- 4) Bench on Wildlife Walk - it was agreed to go ahead and contribute our agreed £500 towards this joint venture with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust - **Action Clerk**.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr J Jenkins attended and confirmed concern had been expressed regarding the delays with Refuse Collection for various contract and staffing reasons. The District Council were working hard to resolve. The Konings application should go before Committee before the end of January. Various workshops are being held about the CIL payments and a pop up office is intended at Hadleigh Library to give local access for residents.

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 on the 4 crimes recorded in August, 3 of which at the Golf Club.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr J Finch was unable to attend but had issued a report ahead covering Mid Suffolk Home First, which is provided by the County Council had been rated at Outstanding. There is a call for family carers to share their views. The County

Council are now consulting over budget for next year as considerable savings are required. Parents are urged to have their say in the school admissions consultation.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report had been issued ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. The Clerk was thanked for sharing various communications during the month including correspondence relating to the Refuse delays.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING/ HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY: Members discussed the meeting held earlier with Paul Bryant from the District Council on the subject. Following discussion, it was agreed to arrange a Meeting in the Village Hall for the New Year to test the views of the Village for a Neighbourhood Plan and the level of participation towards forming one. R Bellenie, D Kingham, C Morgan and S Whitelaw agreed to arrange the Village Meeting - **Action.**

HIGHWAYS: There was nothing new to report.

FINANCE: The bank balances as at 7th November 2018 were **£39219.18** in the Community Account, **£15407.68** in the Reserve Account making a total of **£54626.86**.

The Risk Assessment Policy was discussed and approved. A donation of £150 was agreed in response to the request from Sudbury Citizens Advice for financial assistance - **Action Clerk to arrange payment at the December Meeting.** Information was awaited in respect of the dog bins, so this was agreed as an Agenda item for December - **Action Clerk.**

The following were authorised for payment: -

Chq 101528	409.24	D K Hattrell	Clerk's Salary
Chq 101529	97.20	Inland Revenue Only	Clerk's Deductions
Chq 101530	163.96	SCC Pension ACC	Clerk's Pension
Chq 101531	194.40	Tree & Lawn Co Ltd	Village Green (VG)
Chq 101532	126.00	Anglia Inspection Serv.	Playgd Inspection - VG
Chq 101533	13.11	P Mortlock	Expenses
Chq 101534	15.00	R Cowell	Tree Warden Training
F/T	500.00	Suffolk Wildlife Fund	Contribution for bench

Total **£1503.91**

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES : Reports were given from the Village Green, Village Hall and Footpaths. The Playground Inspection had taken place. The hedge cut had been ordered at the Village Green. The meeting was reminded that expenditure has been committed in respect of benches and dog bins. The Christmas Cinema showing planned at the Village Hall is proving popular.

IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE: Nothing was raised.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: The Chairman out-lined arrangements for Remembrance. Further support for the Tree Wardens was being sought. The meeting closed at **9.09 p.m.**

Planning Meeting on 7th November 2018

The following decisions were confirmed by the Planning Authority: -

A) **DC/18/03514** - The Old Bakery, Honey Tye - Listed Building Consent had been granted to repair and re-decorate entrance door.

B) **DC/18/04617** - Land West of Keebles Barn - Amendment to the roof drawings had been approved.

C) **DC/18/03594** - 49 Wrights Way, Leavenheath - New extension and conservatory - Planning Permission had been Granted.

The following were discussed:-

1) **DC/18/03942** - Rose Hill Farm, Honey Tye - A response was issued between meetings to comply with the deadline. This was an application for agricultural workers dwelling, cattle shed, hay barn, workshop, machinery store and new access via Cawley Road. The Parish Council Objected.

2) **DC/18/04851** - 21 Rowans Way, Leavenheath - Application for a two storey rear extension. This application was being considered between meetings.