

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

PRESENT: B Rowe (Chairman), H Bonnar, C Morgan, R Cowell, P Mortlock, S Whitelaw, D Kingham, R Bellenie, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Jenkins (District Cllr) and 1 member of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM: Nothing was raised

APOLOGIES: B Sadler and J Finch.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nothing was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 3RD JANUARY 2018: These were accepted as a true record subject to an amendment to the title of the Planning document as "2011 Planning Priorities Document".

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Quotes had been obtained in respect of the wooden barrier at the entrance to Sweet Briar Close from Wrights Way. The work will proceed in accordance with the approved quote of £250.

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

- 1) The Lake Walk - R Cowell reported that the Golf Club are hoping to have the work completed by the Spring
- 2) Community Speedwatch - It was agreed to invite the Police Representative to the Annual Parish Meeting
- 3) Noticeboard at Honey Tye - P Mortlock confirmed quotes were being obtained
- 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. It was agreed to issue a chase up - **Action Clerk.**
- 5) Church Path Ditch - it was agreed if a response is not received by the month end the Clerk was to issue a reminder to the owner - this had been sent.
- 6) Public Open Space clearance - this has been reported to the District Council and action was awaited. It was agreed to issue a chase up - **Action Clerk.**

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr J Jenkins is no longer the leader of the Council. The New Leader is planning a Referendum in respect of merging Councils. Work continues on budget. J Jenkins has been appointed the independent Chair of the Suffolk Public Sector Leaders. She continues to monitor developments in respect of the Konings application carefully.

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: 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 report that the new white lines on the A134 particularly at the junction with the High Road are breaking up - **Action Clerk.**

FINANCE: The bank balances as at 6th February 2018 were **£32342.33** in the Community Account, **£15373.08** in the Reserve Account making a total of **£47715.41**. It was agreed to use the new up to date model of the Financial Regulations as a starting point. H Bonnar agreed to amend and then send to the Clerk to circulate ahead of the March Meeting for approval - **Action H Bonnar and Clerk.**

The following were authorised for payment: -

1485	440.91	D K Hattrell	Clerks Salary
1486	102.20	Inland Revenue Only	Clerk's deductions
1487	150.00	Pete Irving Tree Services	Tree Work
1488	35.00	Suffolkbiz	Website Training

Total **£728.11**

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES : Reports were given from the Village Green, Village Hall, Footpath Warden and Tree Wardens. The Village Hall are looking for a new Treasurer and their AGM is scheduled for 14th May. Various work had been carried out to the Village trees both planned in respect of the clearance opposite Kingsland Lane and as a result of the recent stormy weather. Reviews of the condition of trees, refurbishment of owl nesting box was carried out and a proposed new flowering crab apple was being considered away from the Play Area on the Village Green.

IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE: A comment was made about potential removal of the hump as you enter the Village Hall Car Park. It was commented that recent high winds has spread various litter and members were grateful to Parishioners who had taken the trouble to clear. Some members were keen to organise a Village litterpick.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: It was agreed for the working group to review the Standing Orders in the same way as the Financial Regulations. The most up to date model will be used with modifications. The amended document will be sent to the Clerk in good time for circulation ahead of the March Meeting - **Action Working Group.** Favourable comments were made about the clearance of the pavement adjacent to the orchard on High Road/A134. This was prompted by a report from a resident between meetings which was followed up by the Clerk to the landowner. It was agreed for the Clerk to check the availability of the Village Hall for the Annual Parish Meeting potentially on Tuesday 29th May - **Action Clerk.**

The meeting closed at **9.12 p.m.**

Planning Meeting on 7th February 2018

The following decisions were confirmed by the Planning Authority: -

DC/17/05305 - 32 Bramble Way, Leavenheath - Permission had been Granted to demolish existing conservatory and construct a single storey rear extension.

The following were discussed:-

- 1) DC/17/06251** - Land at Stoke Road, Leavenheath - This application for a two storey dwelling had been considered between meetings to comply with the deadline. No Objections subject to the use and access implications.
- 2) DC/17/06254** - The Lion Public House, Honey Tye, Leavenheath - this application for Change of Use from Public House to Residential was considered between meetings to comply with the deadline. No Objections providing it does not become a development of multiple dwellings.
- 3)** The approved work at Beachams Farm has led to complaints in respect of the re-construction of the track. This is in Stoke by Nayland Parish.
- 4)** In respect of the Planning Priorities review it was agreed for the planning working group to update the planning points. R Cowell and D Kingham will update the overall document with the intention of working towards a review at the Annual Parish Meeting.