

**MINUTES of the MEETING of LEAVENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at The Village Hall, Leavenheath.

**PRESENT:** P Mortlock (Chairman), C Morgan (Chaired the Meeting), R Cowell, S Whitelaw, L Parker (District Cllr) and J Finch (County Cllr).

**PUBLIC FORUM:** There were no public present.

**APOLOGIES:** D Kingham, R Bellenie and D Hattrell (Clerk). The Chairman took the Minutes.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** R Cowell declared an interest in the Gabriella, Kingsland Lane application.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 4TH SEPTEMBER 2019:** These were accepted as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** Nothing was raised.

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

1) The Lake Walk - Progress was being chased regularly. Activity was previously observed, however, stopped. The Chairman and R Cowell visited the Golf Club to seek an update. The work was close to completion, however, no recent progress observed which led volunteers to stop working in the vicinity. No progress observed since last meeting, so it was agreed to chase again.

2) A134 Crossing (Royston Wood/Plough Lane) - J Finch achieved agreement to yellow backed signage subject to the cost of around £1250 being met by the Parish Council. This had been agreed and the order is progressing, however, we do not have a completion date at this stage. The landowner has agreed to cut back obstructing gorse. The yellow backed signage has been ordered, so J Finch agreed to chase completion.

3) Speed on Stoke Road - J Finch had raised the issues with County Council Engineers previously. They did not see this as priority. It was agreed to continue to monitor and raise concerns. J Finch had been asked to forward the policy in respect of changing speed restrictions. J Finch clarified that unless serious accident data shows a need, the County Council will not create new speed limits.

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:** L Parker attended and reported that the question of whether to re-name the District Council from Babergh to South Suffolk would be debated on 22nd October. The reason is to attract more inward investment. The estimated cost for rebranding...signs, vehicle, paperwork, logos, would come to at least £10k. The Joint Local Plan Consultation is now closed and moving forward. R Cowell asked for comments on feedback regarding our Neighbourhood Plan. L Parker shared good news that free swimming this summer led to 12% of under 17s in Babergh using pools. 3,200 at Sudbury and 1205 at Hadleigh which helps toward goal of making the district healthier/green initiative. A visit to Great Blakenham incinerator to be arranged with J Finch.

**POLICE REPORT:** There was no report, however, P Mortlock had provided a link showing our crime figures that can be accessed from our website. S Whitelaw reported on the crimes ongoing since September which are showing on the site which include 2 local reports of burglary and theft.



## Planning Meeting on 2nd October 2019

*The following decisions was advised from the Planning Authority:-*

A) **DC/19/02817** - Rose Hill Farm, Honey Tye - Planning Permission had been granted for erection of agricultural workers dwelling, cattle shed, hay barn, workshop and machinery store with new vehicular access via Cawley Road.

B) **DC/19/03943** - 15 Bramble Way - Consent was granted to reduce protected oak tree to previous pruning points.

C) **DC/19/03159** - Rose Hill Farm, Honey Tye - The discharge of Condition 10 (Prior to slab level: mitigation to be agreed) had been approved.

D) **DC/19/02832** - Leavenheath Farmhouse, Locks Lane - Planning Permission had been granted for a replacement dwelling following demolition of existing.

The following applications were discussed: -

1) **DC/19/03689** - Gabriella, Kingsland Lane - Erection of garage. The Parish Council had **No Objections**.

2) **Joint Local Plan Consultation:** A response had been issued ahead of the deadline following liaison between members and the District Councillor between meetings.