

MINUTES of the MEETING of LEAVENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7.00 p.m. at Leavenheath Village Hall and by Video Conferencing.

PRESENT: P Mortlock (Chairman), R Bellenie, D Kingham, T Smith, S Whitelaw and 2 members of the public attended in person and 1 via video link. R Cowell attended via Video Link.

PUBLIC FORUM: Nothing was raised as the members of the public were observing the meeting.

APOLOGIES: were received from C Morgan, Richard Cowell and Y Roder.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: T Smith declared an interest in relation to the Platinum Jubilee Events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2ND MARCH 2022: These were accepted as a true record

FINANCE: The Bank Balances as at 1st April 2022 were £47369.63 in the Community Account and £15510.06 in the Rate Reward Account making a total of £62879.69.

Members considered a donation towards the **Platinum Jubilee Events**. T Smith gave a brief synopsis of what was required from the Parish Council. He has applied for multiple grants for and on behalf of the Jubilee Committee. The applications to the Arts Council and the National Lottery were unsuccessful as both over-subscribed, but small grants were obtained from ASDA, Babergh District Council, SALC and a local Door Company in Leavenheath. D Kingham agreed to look at the conditions of the District Council grant. Following discussion it was resolved for the Parish Council to **contribute £1500** with any surplus going towards the Village Green Playground upgrade.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: The date was set as 31st May 2022 in the main hall as cubs/scouts are on half term holiday. The event will need advertising and reports will be sought from Village Organisations and Representatives.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS : T Smith reported on the young volunteer who is walking all the footpaths and reporting back to T Smith with pictures and spread sheet. He has also offered to continue to help beyond his Duke of Edinburgh Award. R Cowell reported on cycle paths project and is looking for support before he goes to Kimberly Dye at Babergh District Council for advice. A query would be raised as to why we have 2 gates and 2 bunny hops at Royston Wood footpath end before the A134. All supported this query.

The meeting closed at **8.15 p.m.**