

MINUTES of the MEETING of LEAVENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7.00 p.m. at Leavenheath Village Hall and by Video Conferencing.

PRESENT: P Mortlock (Chairman), C Morgan, R Bellenie, R Cowell, D Kingham, Y Roder, T Smith, S Whitelaw, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr), L Parker (District Cllr) and 3 members of the public attended in person and 1 member of the public attended via Video Link.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: P Mortlock was proposed to continue as Chairman for a further year. He confirmed his willingness to continue in the role and it was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: A resident was concerned about the level of parking on Heathlands whilst the cricket was on-going. He wondered if there wasn't a Village Hall Booking whether the Village Hall Car Park could be used. This was to be followed up.

APOLOGIES: No apologies were made.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nothing was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 13TH APRIL 2022: These were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES: All agreed to continue in the existing roles and sub-committees.

UPDATES FROM COMMUNITY, ORGANISATIONS AND WARDENS ON URGENT MATTERS DURING THE RESTRICTIONS BY COVID 19:

Reports were provided from the Village Hall, Footpath Warden, Tree Warden, Village Green, Community Woodland and from the Police Website.

Village Hall Report

Film Night had returned on the first Saturday of each month and the Village Hall Management Committee were delighted to have everyone back. Upcoming films are shown on the website and in the LSPN. There were lots of new bookings from external hirers over the next few months. They have upgraded the hall broadband connection to Superfast Fibre so anyone wishing to book the hall for meetings/presentations requiring internet connection were asked to contact the booking secretary.

Thanks to Suffolk County Council Plug in Suffolk scheme, they had an electric vehicle charging unit installed in the Village Hall car park. The final electrical connection was to be made in May and then residents and visitors to the village were to have access to two charging points. More details were to follow. The next committee meeting was scheduled for Monday 9th May.

Tree Warden's Report

A quiet month on the tree front, although over the last month or so several trees on the Village Green have been causing a problems for the grass cutters, these have now all been cut back to allow the grass under the trees to be cut. The Leavenheath Tree Nursery is having a stall at the

Platinum Jubilee Event to give away in excess of 200 trees to villagers free of charge as part of the Queens Green Canopy.

Footpath Warden's Report

R Print had provided a comprehensive footpath report showing issues on Footpaths 12,14,16 and 20 to be followed up.

Police Report

The following crimes were reported in February 2022

On or near Park/open Space - SBN Golf Club area

1 x Anti-social behaviour (Includes personal, environmental and nuisance anti-social behaviour)

No crime timeline details for anti social behaviour.

1 x Criminal damage and arson (Includes damage to buildings and vehicles and deliberate damage by fire)

Investigation complete; no suspect identified

Crime on or near Edies Lane

1 x Violence and sexual offences (Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, GBH and sexual offences)

Unable to prosecute suspect

Crime on or near Rowans Way

1 x Violence and sexual offences (Includes offences against the person such as common assaults, GBH and sexual offences)

Unable to prosecute suspect

Village Green Report

No report was given.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr L Parker attended and confirmed the £150 payment to help towards hardship during the increased power charges was being made to those on direct debit. Others would need to apply. As at 26th April, 82 visa's had been granted in Babergh for Ukrainian Refugees. Community Action Suffolk were supporting. A new cabinet was in place following mass resignations. T Smith thanked Babergh DC for a grant towards the Platinum Jubilee. He also advised L Parker that we are setting up a Playground Committee and would like to approach him for assistance. He confirmed he was happy to assist. Finally a complaint was made about weeds near kerbs on the housing estate and L Parker agreed to follow up with Public Realms.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: J Finch (County Cllr) attended later into the meeting and had sent his report in advance covering the National Grid Consultation on East Anglia Green Proposals which are in early stages with the first consultation running until 16th June 2022. This will give the opportunity for early feedback. A Planning application is expected in late 2024. Local face to face meetings are being held. School transport charges were being frozen for over 16's for the coming year. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service delivered vital firefighting kit to Ukraine. The Suffolk digital care project has reached 1000 referrals. A Public Health Film has been released to help prevent suicides. Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions continue. He

sent his apologies for the Annual Parish Meeting. He is working on the flooding issues and has written to a landowner in the first instance. He reminded of Nayland road closures due to drainage works. A comment was made about the lengthy call queuing for Nayland Surgery.

URGENT HIGHWAYS SAFETY MATTERS: Nothing was raised.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATE: It was confirmed that the draft Neighbourhood Plan was submitted. Babergh District Council have confirmed receipt and our Neighbourhood Planning Group have asked for a time-line which was still awaited.

CORRESPONDENCE: On-going correspondence was noted by the meeting. It was agreed to write to Stantons Farms to make them aware about residents concerns about the bird scarer - **Action Clerk.**

FINANCE: The Bank Balances as at 3rd May 2022 are £52656.82 in the Community Account and £15510.20 in the Rate Reward Account making a total of £68167.02.

The following pre-agreed payments were made: -

Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Details
<u>Between Meetings - 25th March 2022</u>			
Funds Transfer	75.00	Magic Iain	Jubilee Booking Deposit
<u>As at 1st April</u>			
Funds Transfer	876.46	Clerk/HMRC/SCC	Staffing costs
Funds Transfer	110.00	Suffolk Cloud	Web hosting
Funds Transfer	88.20	Spingold Design & Print	Pylons Information documents
Funds Transfer	57.75	Leavenheath V/Hall	Hall hire
<u>Between Meetings - 28th April 2022</u>			
Funds Transfer	2240.00	R H Leggett	NP Consultants Fees
Funds Transfer	1671.90	Groundwork UK	Surplus NP Grant re-paid
Funds Transfer	40.00	Jill Dunkley	Jubilee Lottery License
<u>As at 1st May</u>			
Funds Transfer	551.30	SALC	Subscription
Funds Transfer	748.68	Clerk/HMRC/SCC	Staffing costs
Funds Transfer	300.00	Indigo Ross	Jubilee Programs
Funds Transfer	283.33	Stoke by Nayland Club	V Green grass cuts

The End of Year Accounts were discussed and duly approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Clerk will now work on the Audit Submission and preparation for Audit.

MAINTENANCE OF VILLAGE ASSETS: The Chairman and T Smith spent the last few Friday's driving around the village, not only clearing the fallen trees but also checking the village assets and cutting back overgrown brambles around benches and grit bins. The two bus shelters were jet washed and given a good clean (Many thanks to C. Morgan for the use of water and electricity) The Leavenheath Village sign, still requires upgrading, and although only twenty years old it is showing considerable signs of wear and tear, the majority of tiles at the base, is either rotten, broken or crumbling away. The paint on the actual sign is also in a poor state of repair and needs a jet wash and re-paint, this would need a professional to undertake the work. The wooden post has also split and requires treatment. We therefore need quotes from a professional to undertake the

work. R Bellenie agreed to get details of the contractors who provided a Village Sign to Great Horkesley - **Action R Bellenie**.

IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE: R Cowell was arranging an early evening site meeting regarding the Leavenheath Cycling Project. It was agreed for R Cowell to email details to L Parker of whether the 2 gates near the A134 on the Babergh District Council path could be made more cycle friendly. S Whitelaw has asked the Scouts about a litter pick. They would be keen subject to more organising and it was noted they could borrow the equipment.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW: L Parker explained about this review which should be carried out every 10 to 15 years by the District Council. It was in response to requests by a number of Parishes for a review. It is an opportunity for Parishes to ask for changes to help them operate more effectively. He didn't envisage any major changes locally.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: The meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 31st May. The Chairman will lead on raising awareness of the Meeting.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS : T Smith reported on the good news on the Community Speed Watch Program, all the volunteers have now completed the first section of training issued by the Norfolk and Suffolk Police. All the documentation has now been sent to be processed. T Smith went onto report on a new Committee he has set up to look at upgrading the playground equipment and placing a fence around the area. The committee comprises of D Kingham, Phil Goodyer, Nigel Taylor, Emma Appleby and himself. Their first meeting is due to take place on 30th May. Regarding the Leavenheath Parish Council Platinum Jubilee Event, the committee met twice last month, and things are moving along at a good pace, with lots of items and facilities booked. Inaccuracies were reported in the article on the front page of LSPN and discussions will take place to identify the origins and get matters corrected in a future edition. D Kingham clarified that the pylon consultation response was a joint response.

The meeting closed at **8.26 p.m.**

Planning Meeting on 4th May 2022

The following Decisions were confirmed by the Planning Authority: -

- A) Planning Permission had been granted for front porch extension at Hillside, Honey Tye, Leavenheath - **DC/22/00363**.
- B) Planning Permission was granted for rear conservatory at 42 Wrights Way, Leavenheath - **DC/22/00834**.
- C) Consent was granted to reduce crown of 2 oaks by up to 25% at 6 Oaklands, Leavenheath - **DC/22/01349**
- D) Planning Permission was refused for 2 detached dwellings on land adjacent to Plough Lane - **DC/22/00821**
- E) Planning Permission was granted for conversion of conservatory to garden room at Sandy Acre, Locks Lane - **DC/22/01205**
- F) Conditions were approved in relation to wildlife sensitive lighting and agreement of materials at the Site of the Lion, Honey Tye - **DC/22/01123**

The following applications and planning matters were discussed: -

- 1) Application to vary conditions at Elmsea House, Edies Lane - **DC/22/01715**.
There were **No Objections** between Meetings.
- 2) Application for a garden store/ car port and workshop at 5 Kingland Lane - **DC/22/01793**
There were **No Objections** between Meetings
- 3) Application for garden room at Blackthorn Lodge, Stoke Road - **DC/22/01712**
There were **No Objections** between Meetings and the applicants were advised in response to their enquiry.
- 4) Barn conversion and cartlodge at Plough House, Plough Lane - **DC/22/01719**
An extension of time was requested to enable a discussion at this meeting. R Bellenie explained the considerations so far and that highways hadn't responded yet. Information on the drainage was awaited and the proposal was outside the settlement boundary.
- 5) Erection of single storey rear extension at 6 Mayfield - **DC/22/02165**
There were **No Objections** between Meetings.
- 6) Rear Conservatory application at 42 Wrights Way - **DC/22/02275**
Our Planning Group were reviewing and there were no objections so far.
- 7) Any other Urgent Planning items:** Regarding the Oak Cottage application, an extension of time was requested and concerns were forwarded at the time. It was agreed for L Parker to get an update on the progress of the Local Plan. It was noted if our Neighbourhood Plan is passed first then that would take precedence.