



**Minutes of the meeting of Leverington Parish Council, held in the Village Hall Gorefield Road
on Tuesday, 27th July 2021.**

No Public Forum was required.

Present: Councillors B.Baker, B.Beales, Mrs. S.Barton, Ms. R.Collins, R.Cropp, J.Downes (Chairman),
R.Keymer, B.Kidger, Mrs. S.Ward. Clerk B.Boyce.
District Councillors C.Seaton, S.Clark

1. Welcome by the Chairman.

1.1 To receive any apologies.

It is important to record the grounds upon which apologies for absence are tendered in case they have to be approved to prevent a casual vacancy arising. (LGA 1972, sch. 12 para 40)

All parish councillors in attendance. Apologies received from County Councillor S.King.

1.2 Police report.

To receive any reports from Councillor Baker.

The problem of the parking during football tournaments was referred to the police. Their response suggested that the council liaise with the Sports and Social Club. The police would not be involved.

1.3 Assets.

The kiosk and defibrillator, benches, memorials and noticeboards all inspected and satisfactory. The dog bins ordered on 25th May will be put in place during August. There had been enquiries for allotments. The council confirmed that the parcel of past garden plots, which had been cultivated and laid down to grass, should remain as a grass area.

1.4 Leverington Letter.

Rota for articles. Councillors Baker, Beales and Cropp volunteered to write articles for Leverington Letter along with the chairman and clerk.

1.5 Emergency Procedures.

Updated and sent to councillors 27.07.21. Inserted in all noticeboards.

1.6 Training.

Councillor Collins reported that she had attended the on-line course and found it interesting.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest on agenda items.

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it. Whether you can remain in the meeting and the extent to which you can participate depends on the type of interest you have.

Councillor Ward declared a non -pecuniary interest in item 16.1 planning application.

3. Minutes.

To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22nd June 2021 (circulated to councillors on 3rd July 2021) be signed as a correct record. (LGA 1972 sch.12 para 41(3)).

The minutes were left in abeyance until the next meeting. Councillors were reminded that any information required for the meeting must be with the clerk ten days before the meeting, otherwise it cannot be discussed.

4. County and District Councils.

To receive any reports from County and District Councillors.

- County Councillor S.King. (by e mail)

Guyhirn Roundabout: following a meeting with Highways England regarding HGVs and the possibility of weight limit restrictions, signs saying 'Unsuitable for HGVs' have been deployed in various locations. Although I am continuing to argue the case for temporary weight limits, due to the required central Government legal process this could take up to three months to implement. The works are scheduled to be finished in six months. The police have also made it clear they will not prioritise weight limit enforcement.

- District Councillor C.Seaton

Spoke of the Highways work taking place at Guyhirn and the road closures and reiterated that highways have no jurisdiction for enforcing no parking regulations. He also spoke of the allowances reform at Fenland District Council. All information about Guyhirn and allowances will be published in the Fenland Citizen newspaper. Incinerator : see item 11.

5. Finance.

To update the financial position as shown.

5.1 Current Account.

Paying in/out	Ch./IB	File	Invoice	Amount
Opening balance				85434.43
Receipts:				
07.06.21	n/a	n/a	Interest	2.34
01.07.21	DC		F.D.C.	5779.00
Payments:				
05.06.21	IB	14	Village Hall (Hire)	48.00
05.06.21	IB	15	MAGPAS (Donation)	1000.00
16.06.21	DD	16	Eon (Street light power)	268.70
20.06.21	IB	17	Anglian Water (cemetery) *	17.93
20.06.21	IB	18	A1 Signs (No metal detecting)	67.20
20.06.21	IB	19	CAPALC (Councillor training-Collins)	75.00
28.06.21	SO	n/a	B.Boyce (June)	569.33
29.06.21	IB	20	LKWD (annual domain reg)	36.00
29.06.21	IB	21	Burch Drawing Serv. (Cem map) *	50.00
29.06.21	IB	22	Whiting & Ptns (PAYE)	118.01
29.06.21	IB	23	Heartbeat (defib @ Maysfield Dr.)	162.00
29.06.21	IB	24	Com.Weed Control (Foal Ground)	1470.60
				87333.00
Transfer			To reserve (play equipment)	30000.00
Closing balance				57333.00

5.2 Cemetery Account

Opening balance			72303.58
Receipts:			
07.06.21	Deposit	Hewitt memorial	150.00
07.06.21	"	Sharpe added base	150.00
16.06.21	DC	W.Kent for Cousins memorial	150.00
Payments			0.00
Closing balance			72753.58

Councillors Beales and Cropp scanned invoices and payments and Councillor Barton the bank statements. All transactions confirmed correct.

The question of the Chairman's allowance arose, as shown in the Accounts from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, as it showed £2000 as the allowance and not £1000 allowance plus expenses.

6. To confirm times for inspection of assets.

Subject	Contact	Comment (Inspection)
Cemetery	R.Cropp	Every week
Playground	S.Barton	Every week
Allotments	B.Kidger	Once a month
Paths	R.Cropp	Various once a month
Benches	R.Collins	Once a month
Family Park	R.Keymer	Every week
Kiosk & defibs.	J.Downes	Once a month
Notice boards	S.Ward	Once a month
Memorials	S.Ward	Once a month
North Area Police Forum	B.Baker	When called plus issues
Highways & ass. items	J.Downes	Frequently /when required
Street Lights	J.Downes	Once a month
Village sign	B.Beales	Once a month
Website	B.Kidger	When required/monthly
Village Hall	B.Baker	Report to council meeting
Feoffees	J.Downes	Report to council meeting

The timings were confirmed. Inspection reports should be submitted once a month.

7. Operation Bridges. Councillor Kidger

7.1 To assess the arrangements carried out by the council at the death of The Duke of Edinburgh.

A working party of Councillors Barton, Beales, Kidger, chairman and clerk will assess and report back to the council.

7.2 Council arrangements for the Platinum Jubilee.

- Tree planting.

The council resolved to earmark £500 for a tree to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. The chairman will investigate availability of different trees and report back to the council.

- Pillar plaque.

The council resolved to add a plaque to the pillar in the Foal Ground with current councillor names, to commemorate the Jubilee.

- Celebrations.

The subject of celebrations will be muted in the Leverington Letter to see if there is any response.

8. Church Road Playground and associated items. Report received 15.07.21

To debate and take action on the following points from Councillor Barton:

8.1 Weeds.

D.England, Complete Weed Control has sprayed weeds.

8.2 Litter.

Street Pride has offered to clear rubbish more frequently

8.3 Repairs

Playmaintain met with Councillors Downes & Keymer on 25th June. Despite e mails and numerous phone calls, no quote for remedial work has been received. The council resolved to ask Fenland Leisure Products. The clerk will contact the company.

8.4 Future plans.

The official plans for the 3g pitch are yet to be received, consequently the parish council cannot confirm as to whether the playground will stay in situ, be smaller, need to move.

It is imperative that all repairs are completed. As so many derogatory remarks have been made on social media regarding the playground, the council resolved to put a question and answer paragraph in Leverington Letter and the noticeboards. Councillor Barton will give the clerk the gist of the remarks.

8.5 Problem regarding parking during football tournaments.

The police suggest that the parish council should discuss with the S & S Club the problem of parking and come up with a plan. The village hall committee and Sports and Social Club have volunteered to distribute no parking cones to enable easy access along Church Road and to the church. Councillor King had advised this council that cones are available at a cost of £300 plus VAT for 100 cones and that he would contribute to the cost. The council debated the purchase of the cones and concluded that to take part in helping, it would be condoning the actions without first consulting its parishioners and taking into consideration the view of the majority, thus a public meeting should be called as and when necessary.

9 Foal Ground Family Park. Report received 09.07.21

Children and adult equipment all fine. To discuss Items requiring attention and proposed action:

9.4 Nettles and border next to no. 107 need spraying.

Completed by D.England. The logs have also been removed.

9.5 Gate latch needs attention.

If a contractor is found to complete the equipment repairs, this could also be on the list to repair.

9.6 New hedging.

Dead hedging needs replacing. The council resolved to ask D.England to replace in the autumn.

9.7 Litter signs.

In hand.

9.8 Future project.

The council resolved to look into the provision of an aerial runway (zip wire).

10 Cemetery. Report received 13.07.21

A glass container was removed and also an 'England' flag at the head of a burial plot.

To discuss items requiring attention and proposed action:

10.1 Grass quite high and needs cutting.

May have been cut since inspection. It was agreed that Mr. England is asked to give the grass a good feed.

- 10.2 There are many weeds growing in the gravel around the ashes chambers.

D.England has been asked to spray.

- 10.3 Two standard roses in the WW1 memorial area have been eaten by bugs and need replacing.

The council resolved to ask D.England to remove the dead roses and spray those left.

- 10.4 Hedges are growing over the memorial stones and need cutting.

The laurel hedges need a strong cut back in October.

- 10.5 Noticeboard now contains all information.

- 10.6 Mr. Moore, handyman

Mr. Moore's wife and sister will be watering flowers, looking after roses and cleaning benches.
(25.05.21, item 11.3)

11 Proposed Wisbech Incinerator.

The Council has not received any information. District Councillor Clark will send information to the chairman and he will pass to all councillors.

12 Highways, street lights and associated items.

- 12.1 Local Highway Initiatives. 2022-23

Closing date for submissions is 30th September. The council resolved to submit an application for a second M-VAS unit.

- 12.2 Sutton Road speeding problems

A further survey of traffic movement is to be carried out

- 12.3 Update on Roman Bank and anti- social motor bike problems.

A meeting had been held with the land owner, Rights of Way Officer and the chairman.

Unfortunately the police representative didn't make it. A barricade will be installed and the county has this in hand.

- 12.4 Labels required on street lights.

Councillor Cropp had volunteered to help the chairman and this will be carried out imminently.

- 12.5 M.VAS Unit

Similarly, Councillors Cropp and Downes will erect the unit.

13 Councillor allowance.

The full report was sent to councillors on 14th July 2021. Extracts of the Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Fenland Parish and Town Councils can be found at the end of the minutes.

The Council resolved to pay the £50 allowance to councillors.

14 Village Sign.

A quote for the replacement will be available at the next meeting.

15 Website.

- 15.1 New cemetery forms.

The forms now contain information to pay by BACS.

- 15.2 AGAR

Councillor Kidger has inserted the Annual Governance and Accounting Statements as per government requirements.

16 Development.

Planning applications received since the last meeting.

F/YR21/0671/F 24 June 2021

Erect a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling at Fourways 68 Leverington Common Leverington Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 5BW. An application for planning permission has been received in respect of the above.

Council comment: No comment. Sent 29.06.21

F/YR21/0692/TRTPO 24 June 2021

Fell 3no Poplar trees covered by TPO 05/2004 at Cedar Lodge 51 Dowgate Road Leverington Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 5DJ An application for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order has been received in respect of the above. 15 July 2021.

Council comment: Unable to comment as only information on FDC website is an aerial photograph with 3 crosses on it. No application form with details or reason for removal is available. Sent 29.06.21

F/YR21/0808/TRTPO 15 July 2021

Works to 2no Beech and 1no Redwood tree covered by TPO WR/12/2/465/2 at Leverington House Peatlings Lane Leverington Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 1PS

Council comment: No objections. Sent

17. Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Due to some out-standing issues, the council resolved to meet on 24th August.