



**Minutes of the meeting of the Leverington Parish Council, held in Leverington Village Hall on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

*Agenda sent to councillors 22.09.21*

*No Public Forum was required.*

**Present:** Councillors B.Baker, Ms. R.Collins, R.Cropp, J.Downes (Chairman), R.Keymer, Mrs. S.Ward.  
County Councillor S.King, District Councillor C.Seaton. Clerk B.Boyce

**1. Welcome by the chairman.**

- 1.1 To receive apologies.  
Apologies received from Councillor B. Beales (travel difficulties), District Councillor S.Clark.
- 1.2 To receive any Declarations of Interest on agenda items.  
No interests declared.
- 1.3 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021.  
(Items 1.3 allotments; 5.2 Chairman's allowance and 9.8 special project have been added as requested). *Sent to councillors 25.08.21.* The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 1.4 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021. *Sent to councillors 21.09.21*  
The minutes were signed and agreed as a true record.
- 1.5 Matters arising not included in agenda items. *For information only.*  
Cards have been sent to the retiring councillors S.Barton and B.Kidger thanking them on behalf of the council for their time and energy given to the Parish of Leverington and to the Council matters.  
Council vacancy notices are now in notice boards.
- 1.6 To confirm Standing Orders. *Sent to councillors 21.09.21*  
The Standing Orders were confirmed and signed by the chairman.
- 1.7 Update on LHI Traffic Calming Scheme, Leverington Common.  
The repricing will soon be complete and then it will be moved to public consultation.
- 1.8 LHI joint letter from parishes to Cambridgeshire County Council.  
The letter referring to the allocation of LHI projects was tabled. **The Council agreed** that the Chairman should add his signature as the representative of the council.

**2 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.**

- 2.1 Fenland District Council  
Councillor Seaton reported that possible boundary changes will take place to make equal wards.
- 2.2 Cambridgeshire County Council  
Councillor King said that the Council is now meeting at the new Shire Hall at Alconbury.  
A topic of interest to the parish was that the police will no longer enforce parking restrictions

and it will be up to district councils. Signage has to be replaced therefore it will be at least twelve months before any change takes place.

To stop undesirable vehicles accessing Roman Bank, a 'kissing gate' is to be installed.

Councillor King added his appreciation of retired councillors Barton and Kidger for the work they did for the parish.

The chairman asked Councillor King to take forward to county, that the double yellow lines along Church Road need renewing.

### 3 To receive a Financial report.

#### 3.1 Current Account

|                 |        |    |                          |          |
|-----------------|--------|----|--------------------------|----------|
| Opening balance |        |    |                          | 53482.24 |
| No receipts     |        |    |                          |          |
| Payments        |        |    |                          |          |
| 16.08.21        | DD     | 31 | E.On                     | 268.70   |
| 18.08.21        | 101749 |    | J.Downes (C.Donegan)     | 60.00    |
| 19.08.21        | IB     | 33 | Leverington Village Hall | 42.00    |
| "               | IB     | 34 | A1 Signs (litter)        | 66.00    |
| 26.08.21        | SO     |    | B.Boyce                  | 569.33   |
| 03.09.21        | IB     | 35 | T.Moore (cem.ladies)     | 130.00   |
| Closing balance |        |    |                          | 52346.21 |

#### 3.2 Cemetery Account

|                 |    |   |         |          |
|-----------------|----|---|---------|----------|
| Opening balance |    |   |         | 72753.58 |
| Receipts        |    |   |         | 0.00     |
| Payments        | IB | 1 | B.Boyce | 21.66    |
|                 |    |   |         |          |
| Closing balance |    |   |         | 72731.92 |

The invoices and bank statement were scrutinised by Councillor Cropp and each invoice signed.

#### 3.3 Purchase of Cards.

Blank cards had been purchased with the village sign and church photograph on the front, for use for any council purpose.

#### 3.4 Donation to Street Pride (Hi visibility wet weather clothing).

**The council resolved to donate £265.00 to Street Pride** for the purchase of hi visibility wet weather clothing.

#### 3.5 Audit. Conclusion of audit, external auditor report and apology letter for clerk, sent to councillors 25.09.21

The council accounts for 2020-21 had been subjected to an intermediate audit, more in depth. Two queries arose. They were both forwarded to the Internal Auditor.....

1. The registration of Leverington Parish Council with HMRC. This had been resolved.
2. The inclusion of the War Memorial in assets. This will be addressed in the accounts for 2021-22.

### 4 Playground.

#### 4.1 To receive an update on repairs (sent to councillors 22.09.21)

The multiplay has been removed. The repairs are still outstanding.

#### 4.2 Letter from S. Fisher. Sent to councillors 22.09.21

There has never been any talk about wanting to get rid of the playground for parking. The S & S Club may use the unused bit of old tennis courts if there is a need but the playground is not an issue. He is happy to meet whenever is convenient. **The council agreed** that a meeting should be scheduled and the clerk will contact Mr. Fisher for a suitable date.

4.3 Replacement equipment.

This will be discussed at a later meeting.

4.4 Letter from M.Warren.

A letter to the chairman was noted by the council.

## 5 Foal Ground Family Park.

5.1 Report of work required.

Hedge line needs attention as there are plants missing. **The council resolved** to ask Mr. England to insert new plants.

Right hand corner nettles have been sprayed off, so this area can now be grassed.

**The council resolved** to ask Mr. England to complete this project.

5.2 Quotes for proposed aerial runway.

The Council looked at three quotes i.e., £11,376.00 all included, £8181.00 plus installation, safety measures and VAT and £8240.00 plus installation, safety and VAT.

**The Council resolved to accept the quote for £11,376.00** but would like to query the necessity of safety matting included in the quote.

## 6 Leverington Parish Cemetery.

6.1 Report of work required.

The dyke needs Flail mowing, the earth mound removing, bark inlay continued and graves levelled and seeded. **The council resolved** to ask Mr. England to carry out these projects

6.2 Letter from owner of C 056 burial plot (reference removal of vases from grass).

*Sent to councillors 22.09.21.* The spiked vases are not suitable for a lawn cemetery. The owner had signed that she had read the Rules and Regulations stating that nothing should be put in the grass area – only on the plinth, and would abide by them.

6.3 Weekly maintenance. *Breakdown sent to councillors 25.09.21*

Councillor Cropp said that the ladies were doing a good job in keeping the cemetery tidy and clean. **The council agreed** that work should cease during the winter months – from October to the beginning of March. The tap is to be adjusted to take a hose pipe that the council will buy to facilitate the watering of plants.

6.4 Access problems.

The drainage board had broken the handle on the gate and had left clods of mud on the tarmac. The nearness to the commission drain of the benches and flagpole had been queried.

Time 9.00pm.

Two items were allowed by the chairman.

Item 12. Memorial cleaning for Remembrance Sunday.

The council did not think this was required.

Item 13. Development

### **F/YR21/0959/F** 9 September 2021

Erect a 2-storey rear extension and raise roof pitch throughout (to create a first floor), involving partial demolition of rear of existing dwelling at The Patch Roman Bank Leverington Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 5AW An application for planning permission has been received in respect of the above.

*Council comment:* No objections

**F/YR21/1023/F** 20 September 2021

Erect a 3-storey 5-bed dwelling and 1.4 metre high (approx) post and rail fence and gates at Land South East of Seafeld Barns Gull Lane Leverington Cambridgeshire An application for planning permission has been received in respect of the above

*Council comment: Over development*

**The chairman closed the meeting at this point. The agenda will continue at the next meeting.**

**Meeting closed 9.03 pm.**

**Next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**7 Village Sign.**

Two quotes to consider. *Three papers sent to councillors 25.09.21*

**8 Web site.**

Contract for monthly unlimited updates. 3 quotes.

**9 Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

No replies received from parishioners as to an event.

Suggestions from previous celebrations....

- A) Donations to all clubs toward their events.
- B) Commemorative items to school children.
- C) Plant a tree/trees. Extract from former councillor's notes.

**10 Operation Bridges.**

Notes from the Working Party meeting. *Sent to councillors 21.09.21*

**11 Allotments.**

Invoices sent out for year 2021-22. Inspection required.