



**Minutes of the meeting of Leverington  
Parish Council, held in Leverington Village Hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
2022.**

*No Public Forum was required.*

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

**1. Welcome by the chairman.**

- 1.1 To receive any apologies.  
Apologies received from Councillors R.Cropp (illness), B.Beales (transport), S.Ward (illness)  
District Councillor S.Clark.
- 1.2 To receive any Declarations of Interest on agenda items.  
No Declarations of Interest were declared.
- 1.3 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.  
The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 1.4 Matters arising not included in agenda items. For information only.
  - Letter received from Peter Munch of the Table Tennis Club thanking the Council for the donation toward heaters.
  - Reference LHI Assessment Process letter from the 5 parishes via D.Gibbs - the Leader of the County Council would like to meet the Chairs of all five parishes to discuss the issues raised in the letter and she will travel to Fenland for the meeting.
  - Letters regarding allotment plots have been sent to B.Munir asking him to clean the allotment and to S.Bywater asking him to confirm that he has terminated his tenancy.

The matters arising were noted.

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

- 2.1 County Councillor S.King.
  - 2.1.1 Full report shown at the end of the minutes.
  - 2.1.2 A decision was required from the council on the LHI Scheme for Sutton Road traffic calming. *See County Councillor's report, page 7.* The Council is in favour of the proposed 30 mile limit the length of B 1169.
  - 2.1.3 Although the scheme for traffic calming along Leverington Common had been accepted and passed, CCC advised that the scheme was now changed due to costs. *See item 13.1. and County Councillor's report.*
- 2.2 District Councillor C.Seaton.
  - 2.2.1 A response from the council regarding the proposed election boundary changes is still out standing. The chairman and clerk had been unable to access the portal. The response will be given during the public consultation later in the calendar.
  - 2.2.2 Councillor Seaton will investigate the lack of s.106 funds from Fenland District Council to this council for play equipment. The clerk will forward to Councillor Seaton the correspondence from FDC regarding this refusal.

### 3. To receive a Financial report.

#### 3.1 Precept. *Sent to councillors with the agenda.*

To agree the precept. The working party of Councillors Downes, Keymer and Baker met on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The proposed precept was sent out with agenda to all councillors. Remarks were made pertaining to the chairman's allowance and the clerk's salary before the council accepted the figures and set the precept at £56,000.00p.

#### 3.2 Current Account

Opening balance				50,768.97
Receipts				
04.11.21	081		rent	37.00
06.12.21			Interest	1.49
Payments				
08.11.21	1753	51	Cooke (short mat bowls grant)	786.00
11.11.21	IB	52	KLWD (website)	172.80
16.11.21	DD	53	E on (street light power)	268.70
17.11.21	IB	54	Village Hall (hire)	24.00
"	IB	55	Geosphere (parish online)	144.00
29.11.21	IB	56	L.Bennett (website/computer)	105.00
"	IB	57	Table Tennis Club (grant)	843.45
29.11.21	IB	58	Weed Control	1266.00
17.12.21	DD	59	E on (street light power)	260.03
31.12.21	IB		Village Hall (hire)	24.00
31.12.21	IB		Whittings (PAYE)	118.01
Closing balance				46,795.47

#### 3.2 Cemetery Account

Opening balance				75,771.92
Receipts				
05.11.21	IB	13	P.Barnes (Carol Chilvers.int,EROB.res)	2000.00
04.11.21	063	14	Spriggs memorial stone 150 )	
			Lahey tablet 75 )	375.00
			Barnard memorial stone 150 )	
Payments				
17.11.21	IB	3	Poppy Appeal	100.00
01.12.21	IB	4	Weed Control	2179.20
Closing balance				75,867.72

#### 3.3 Request from Village Hall for funding of a defibrillator for the hall.

The council considered the application. It has given a number of grants recently and until the new financial year it cannot grant any further requests. There is one at the school and one at Maysfield Drive - only a few yards from the hall and during the debate it was thought that the other side of the village i.e Sutton Road, and Roman Bank is in need and therefore should be given priority when grant money is available.

### 4. Outstanding items 2021 still to be actioned.

#### 4.1 Street light labels.

Now in hand. Labels showing the light number and reporting telephone number have been attached to most of the street lights by the chairman and will be completed shortly. A map of streets and numbers is now required.

#### 4.2 M-VAS Unit installed.

In hand. Councillor Keymer took the fixing brackets to look at the possibility of implementing the fixture.

4.3 Council phone.

In hand. The council authorised £700 toward a bespoke telephone for the council use by the clerk.

4.4 Parish Office space.

An ongoing search. The council is continuing to investigate possibilities.

*Reports confirmed that the following inspections by councillors during the last month were satisfactory: Benches, defibrillators & kiosk, memorials and noticeboards, village sign.*

**5. Playground. Councillor Keymer.**5.1 To receive an update on repairs and work still required.

Inspection report noted. Repairs are yet to be completed. FLP has advised mid February for repairs and renewals.

5.2 Large play equipment replacement. Design circulated to all councillors 10.01.22

Due to the cost of the large pieces of equipment, this item is on hold. The chairman will look into grant availability from M.George, Recycling.

5.3 Noticeboard replacement.

The new noticeboard will be erected on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Councillors Downes and Keymer will advise RH Developments of the location.

**6 Foal Ground Family Park. Councillor Keymer**6.1 Report of work required.

Inspection report noted.

6.2 Installation of aerial runway.

The excess earth from the installation is to go in the dip. Councillor Keymer will advise at the time. FLP has intimated February installation.

6.3 Boundary dispute including solicitor's correspondence.

The correspondence from the solicitor showed that a large amount of money could be required to take this forward. The opinion of the council was that it would cost too much to continue to pursue the case but needed a conclusion and end to the case. The maps are required from the Land Registry. The council resolved to ask for the fence to be completed along the length in question.

**7 Leverington Parish Cemetery. Councillors Cropp and Baker.**7.1 Proposed car parking.

The working party of Councillors Downes, Cropp and Baker met with D.England at the cemetery on 26.11.21 to look at the proposed car parking site. The plastic netting has been layed and fenced.

7.2 Inspection report as to work required:

- Holly needs replacing at far wall.  
*Councillor Collins to follow up.*
- Dead tree needs removing.  
*Noted. Will be removed at a later date.*
- The last 32 plots need numbering.  
*The clerk will look at numbers required. TAM Engineering to be asked to provide the numbers and apply to plinth.*
- Laurels are all too wide and too high. Encroaching on graves.  
*D.England has been informed. The laurels must be lowered and thinned.*
- 2 new white standard roses required.  
*Councillor Collins will investigate.*
- The noticeboard legs need changing.  
*RH Developments will change legs on 9<sup>th</sup> February.*

- The Council 'Opening' board needs putting on the noticeboard.  
*RH Developments will be asked to secure the 'Opening' board on 5<sup>th</sup> February to new Noticeboard.*
- Shrubs over at the bungalow wooden fence need replacing.  
*Noted. Leave at this time.*

## 8 Village Sign.

A sample of the material has been received. Now waiting for the design layout for council's approval. Quote received and sent with agenda. The council, with the exception of R.Keymer (abstention), resolved to accept the quote and go ahead with the new sign.

## 9. Web site.

All items now updated and everyone operating on a Leverington e mail address.

## 10. Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

### 8.1 Trees.

The donated trees are planted in the cemetery.

### 10.2 Queen's Jubilee tree bench seat.

£1784.00 plus VAT and delivery £135.00. The council resolved to go ahead with the purchase of a seat.

### 10.3 Village celebration.

The council resolved to go ahead with awards for a decorated house/garden and a children's design and colouring competition.

### 10.4 Council plaque.

The plaque for the Foal Ground pillar is in the process of a design and quote.

## 11 Operation Bridges.

No further amendments to plans already in place.

## 12 Allotments.

One tenant has not paid the rent. Correspondence to him has not received a reply. The tenant will be asked to return the gate key. There have been two enquiries for allotments. The council resolved to let the allotment to the Leverington parishioner if the tenant did not respond.

## 13 Highways. Councillor Downes

### 13.1 Update on LHI Traffic Calming Scheme, Leverington Common

*From the County Councillor's report, the projects officer has provided this update:*

*"I recently received the updated cost estimates for the proposed traffic calming scheme and, as promised, here is an update on the currently position.*

*As you are aware the scheme was revised following Road Safety Audit (RSA) recommendations, and given the cost estimate for the original scheme design, I reduced the scope of the scheme to fit the budget available. The Local Highways Improvement scheme funding was £15k plus the Parish's £1.5k contribution, and the Parish subsequently offered a further £10k. If the currently budget stands at £26.5k, there are deductions to be made of approximately £3k for RSA's and Traffic Regulation Orders.*

*The most recent scheme cost estimate I have for the layout shown on the attached plan is £25.4k and this is for **2 physical features only** plus all of the required signing to implement the 30mph limit. I estimate that an additional island (near Woolcroft Close) would cost an additional £6k, but there would be a caveat on the current standard of lighting being satisfactory at this location. I would estimate that a budget of £32k might be sufficient to implement all three features".*

From this report and the County Councillor, the CCC are not prepared to go ahead with what was originally agreed and passed and will only entertain providing two 'physical features' although this council had offered payment of £10,000.

This council is of the opinion that chicanes at each end of Leverington Common would not stop any excess speed along the Common and consequently withdrew from all proposals of two chicanes only. It resolved to point out to CCC that a 30 mile speed limit could still be implemented from Silverstone Cottages to Fendyke Lane.

13.2 Footpath in Ringers Lane.

Reported to Highways. Noted

13.3 Traffic in Gadds Lane and Leverington Common for the school.

Plan ccc/21/215/FUL.SEMH School. This council had not received any information regarding the new school as it is in Wisbech St.Mary parish. However, as well as Barton Road, parents will use Gadds Lane to get to Wisbech. The council pointed out that this Lane is single track with no passing bays and is used by agricultural machinery handlers. At the end of the Lane is the Foal Ground Family Park and the Lane has to be crossed for access causing a safety issue. Correspondence will be sent to Cambridgeshire County Council highlighting these points.

13.4 Traffic Lights fault.

Report sent to CCC Highways. Noted.

13.5 Bin vandalised.

Replaced by FDC. Noted.

13.6 M-VAS Unit (see item 4.2).

Report next meeting.

13.7 A 'road closed' sign.

A sign at the Rising Sun is diverting traffic away from Church Road. The roadworks are in Gorefield and do not affect Leverington. Councillor King will investigate.

**14 Street Lights. Councillor Downes**

14.1 Labels. (see 4.1).

In hand. Report next meeting.

14.2 Street light completion.

The street light in Dowgate awaiting parts has now been completed.

**15 Development.**

15.1 Planning Training Sessions by F.D.C.

These sessions will cover a variety of topics and will start at 11am sharp and last for 30 minutes plus an additional 20 minutes for questions and answers. Please contact FDC for details of how to register to take part.

The sessions will be on the following dates:

13th Jan - Local Plan	17th Feb - Highways	17th March - Conservation
14th April – Trees	12th May - Flood Risk	16th June - Surface Water Drainage
14th July - Environmental Health	15th Sept - Enforcement	
20th Oct – Archaeology	17th Nov – Housing	

15.2 Applications received.

F/YR21/1362/VOC

Variation of condition 5 (condition listing approved plans) relating to planning permission F/YR21/0160/F (Conversion of barn to 3-bed single storey dwelling) to allow for first-floor accommodation and associated elevational changes at Nursery. The Willows Fendyke Lane Leverington Cambridgeshire

*Council comment: No objections*

*Sent 25.11.21 WITHDRAWN*

F/YR21/1361/F 25 Sent to JAD 03.12.21

Erect a conservatory to rear of existing dwelling at 2 Littlechild Drive Leverington, Cambridgeshire PE13 5EG

*Council comment: No objections. Sent 04.12.21*

F/YR21/1364/F Sent to JAD 02.12.21

Change of use of land to holiday accommodation including erection of 2no bell tents, 2no glamping pods and a facilities block and associated works at Land East Of West View Fendyke Lane Leverington Cambridgeshire

*Council comment: No problems. Sent 04.12.21*

F/YR21/1387/F

Erect 3 dwellings (2-storey, 3-bed) at Land North Of 34 Horseshoe Terrace Leverington Cambridgeshire

*Council comment: A summary of comments re Horseshoe Development of 2 x 2 x 3 Bed Semi Detached Properties*

*1) In flood plain 3*

*2) Surface water pond to close to river and also to close to proposed property on land North of Garway, could possibly flood area.*

*3) Turning area at Northern End of Horseshoe removed will cause a problem for all residents as the only parking for all dwellings is on road and as such a turning area is needed.*

*4) Access to development is restricted to single Lane due to on road parking totally impractical for HGV or Readymix Concrete Vehicles (very narrow) They would have to either reverse in or out over full length of Horseshoe Terrace (impracticable)*

*5) Access via Peatlings Lane to Horseshoe Corner West Parade is signed as unsuitable for HGV Traffic. This means all deliveries to site must be via main access point at 88 Sutton Road.*

*6) Streetlight at Northern end of Horseshoe Terrace is removed.*

*It should be noted that this is Parish Council Property and no approach has been made by developers with regards to this action.*

*7) Public Right of way to river bank has been moved.*

*8) Emergency Vehicle access is poor even at present.*

*9) No means of access to plot North of Garway is demonstrated.*

*10) Work has already started as all of hedging etc at Northern End of Horseshoe Terrace has already been removed and Herras Fencing erected*

*In our view if planning permission granted it would be more practical for access to be through the main development. Sent 08.12.21*

F/YR21/1433/F

Erect a single-storey rear extension involving the demolition of existing conservatory, and insertion of a rear dormer roof extension to existing dwelling at 25 Dowgate Road Leverington Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 5DJ  
*No objections sent 16.12.21*

Our ref: F/YR21/1469/F

Erect a single-storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing conservatory at The Hollies 68 Gorefield Road Leverington Wisbech, Cambridgeshire PE13 5AT.

*Council comment: No objections.*

## **16. Close of Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

- *County Councillor's report attached. Page 7.*

County councillor.

### **1. Additional funding for highways, footpaths and drainage**

The previous Conservative administration had allocated nearly £30 million pounds for this. I am delighted that the new Joint Administration have announced they will be continuing this commitment, although they did support my motion on this to a full Council meeting today (25/1)!

### **2. New capital funding for community projects**

The previous Conservative administration had allocated £5 million for these in the previous financial year and again I am delighted that the new Joint Administration intend to include this funding in the budget for the next financial year

### **3. Ringers Ln footpath**

The local highways officer has provided this update:

*"I have not been out to it so will look next time I am out in Leverington."*

### **4. Junction markings at the Rising Sun**

The local highways officer has provided this update:

*"Markings are ongoing."*

### **5. Perry Road and Seafield Road footpaths**

The local highways officer has provided this update:

*"These on the list to be slurry sealed in the new financial year."*

### **6. Dead trees on Dowgate Rd**

The local highways officer has provided this update:

*"Just to let you know that letters have been sent out to three different land owners for the above location, unfortunately this is all I am able to do at present is advise the land owners as the trees are not blocking the highway or causing any visibility issue or width restrictions."*

### **7. Leverington Common LHI**

Because of the delay in implementing LHIs across Cambridgeshire, at the Highways & Transport Committee today (25/1), I requested a report from officers to identify solutions.

As far as Leverington Common is concerned, the projects officer has provided this update:

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### **8. LHI speed limit reduction to 30mph on Sutton Rd**

The projects officer has provided this update from the police:

*"I anticipate no issues with Sutton Road – even without traffic calming, in which case it does make sense to make the entire stretch of the B1169 30mph. I consider the response will be one of 'no objection'"*

Simon King.