



**Minutes of the meeting of the Leverington Parish Council, held in Leverington Village Hall on  
Tuesday 22nd February 2022.**

*No Public Forum was required.*

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

**1. Welcome by the chairman.**

**1.1 To receive any apologies.**

Apologies received from Councillor Collins (illness), District Councillors C.Seaton, S.Clark.

**1.2 To receive any Declarations of Interest on agenda items.**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**1.3 To agree the minutes**

Meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022. *Sent to councillors 07.02.22*

Due to a word being in the wrong context, the minutes were left in abeyance until the next meeting.

**1.4 Communication from FDC.**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) and Fenland District Council. briefing on 16 March at 18.00 hours virtually by Microsoft Team on the current electoral review of Fenland. Log in details from the chairman.

**1.5 Communication from Councillor Bob Wicks, FDC.**

With reference to a Military Covenant. The Council resolved not to sign up to a covenant.

**1.6 Further correspondence from the solicitor. *Sent to all councillors with the agenda.***

Referring to the boundary line between the Foal Ground Family Park and no. 107a and b Leverington Common. The Council confirmed the decision made at the last meeting i.e. 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.

**1.7 Cambridgeshire County Council.**

Chairman's meeting with chairman of CCC is on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.

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

**2.1 County Councillor S.King.**

**2.1.1 A full report was sent to all councillors by Councillor King before the meeting. Item for consultation:**

*"Within the next two weeks, the Projects Team will prepare a reduced traffic calming scheme, costing no more than £15,000, for consideration at the Parish Council meeting on 22/3. This means Leverington Parish Council would have to contribute no more than £1,500".*

As the council has asked for a speed limit reduction to 30 mph (*minute 13.1, 25.01.22*), a site meeting will be arranged by Councillor King and the council agreed to the preparation of a plan for consideration.

**2.1.2 Other responses.**

Ringers Lane footpath. Junction markings and diversion signage at Rising Sun, dead trees in Dowgate have all been reported and will be addressed.

- 2.1.3 The LHI Sutton Road/Dowgate proposed speed limit.  
Still to be discussed by county. The County Council has agreed an additional £400,000 for more 20mph speed limits.
- 2.1.4 Staff vacancies.  
The Council has 68.5 vacancies, of which 54.5 are in Highways Project delivery.
- 2.1.5 Sutton Bridge.  
A project to repaint the A17 Cross Keys Swing Bridge at Sutton Bridge will cause some traffic disruption.

2.2 District Councillors.

No report. It was noted that Councillor Seaton was to investigate the 106 money from planning in this parish and others is used for Fenland purposes only.

**3. To receive a Financial report.**

General Account

Date	File		Item	Amount
			Opening balance	46,795.47
Receipts				
01.02.22		DC	D & B Gibbons (allotment dep. & rent)	41.00
				46836.47
Payments				
19.01.22	62	DD	Eon	510.39
28.01.22	63	IB	L.Bennett	65.00
28.01.22	64	IB	SLCC	134.00
28.01.22	65	IB	Community Heartbeat	151.20
02.02.22	Sub.	IB	Friends of Leverington Church	400.00
				45575.88

Cemetery Account

			Opening balance	75,867.72
Receipts				
12.01.22	DC	17	Dignity Funerals Barnard	2000.00
01.02.22	DC	18	O.Templeman	860.00
				78727.72
Payments				
10.01.22	IB		Complete Weed Control	4650.60
Closing balance				74077.12

(N.B. Invoices due: zip wire installation, Playground repairs, Village sign, Plaque, Queen's seat, solicitor plus Normal expenditure i.e. light, PAYE, clerk's salary. Web update.

Payments checked by J.Downes and B.Baker. Finance and invoices due were noted by the council.

3.1 Request from Table Tennis Club for purchase of a defibrillator.

Application form sent with agenda. This will be reviewed in the new financial year meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 due to no more grant funds available in this financial year. For all applications, The applicants need to be informed of the annual maintenance fee and the monthly checks.

3.2 PAYE.

Accountant is in contact with HMRC with reference to clerk's PAYE. No salary or expenses received since September 2021.

**4. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.**

- 4.1 Following the suggestion of a decorated house and children's competition in the minutes of 25.01.22, item 10.3, volunteers were asked to form a working party to put together details. There were no volunteers therefore the competitions will not take place.
- 4.2 The plaque to be fitted on the pillar in the Foal Ground will show the councillors in office at this time.

#### 5. Allotments.

As no communication has been received from Mr. Bywater regarding rent or return of key, the allotment has been let to Mrs. A.Gibbons of Leverington.

#### 6. Parish benches.

Report noted. No problems.

#### 7. Parish Cemetery.

- The 'Opening' board is still to be attached to the noticeboard by RH Developments.
- Councillor Collins has ordered 2 white standard roses.
- Tam Engineering has the numbering of Phase Four in hand.
- The noticeboard uprights have been changed from green to black.
- Ashes interment of Mr. Bryan Lakey took place on 11<sup>th</sup> February.

#### 8. Defibrillator and kiosk.

All defibrillators Inspected and report noted.

#### 9. Development.

The following plans have been received:

##### **F/YR22/0115/TRTPO**

Works to 2no Beech, 1no Horse Chestnut, 1no Oak 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 problem as long as tree surgeon's recommendations are followed.*

##### **CCC/21/215/FUL**

Location: Land North of Barton Road, East of Gadds Lane And West of The Still, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, PE13 4<sup>TH</sup>. Planning Act 1990.

Proposal: Erection of a single storey 60 place SEMH social emotional and mental health school for pupils in KS3 and KS4 11 to 16 years, with associated vehicle and pedestrian access, formal sports pitches and amenity space, car and cycle parking, vehicular drop off area, landscaping, and associated ancillary works together with the provision of a footpath and associated highway works, creation of a new access to The Still for agricultural vehicles, and demolition of existing residential farmhouse and barn.

*Council comment: Not all cars will use the Wisbech St. Mary Road as this gets very congested at school times due to the grammar school. Cars will travel through Gadds Lane to Leverington Common and on to Wisbech. There are no parking places along the stretch of Gadds Lane. This is a lane and the width is for one vehicle only which will cause a safety issue. Cars will be meeting agricultural machinery along this stretch and pulling off the road is impossible. Vehicles will have to back until they find a gateway. At the end of Gadds Lane, Leverington Common end, is a children's playground. Gadds Lane has to be crossed to access it. The council is very concerned this is a serious safety issue.*

##### **F/YR22/0126/F**

Change of use of existing public house (A4) to a house of multiple of occupation (HMO) (Sui-Generis) for up to 12 persons and erect a 1.2m high front boundary wall, involving demolition of existing garage and removal of chimneys at The Six Ringers Public House 47 Gorefield Road Leverington Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 5AS. An application for planning permission has been received in respect of the above.

*Council comment: PARISH COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDING REFUSAL FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:*

1. Not in keeping with village location.

2. Access on a three-way bend.
  3. Insufficient parking. There are 10 parking spaces. This will lead to parking on either Gorefield Rd. or Ringers Lane increasing the accident risk. Numerous accidents have occurred on the bend. Wall of 57 Gorefield Road has been demolished on several occasions.
  4. Waste and litter problem.
  5. Anti-social behaviour and noise issue.
  6. Will devalue neighbouring properties.
  7. Lack of Public transport.
  8. Could set a precedent for future HMO's in a quiet rural location
  9. Planning permission had been granted for a 4-bedroom family dwelling.
  10. Lack of attempt to sell as a Public House.
  11. The plans show no form of emergency escape from upper floor in event of fire or other mishap.
  12. Not within reasonable walking distance of WISBECH which goes against Design and Access Statement.
  13. Outside communal space is fully visible from public footpath and highway as all at front of building, also only about 5 metres in depth and if used by all residents and visitors for outdoor functions could lead to complaints re noise etc. Also is this sufficient space for 12 residents. This proposed development does not adhere to.....
  - a. LP1 Sustainable development
  - b. LP2 facilitates health and wellbeing of Fenland residents.
  - c. LP6 Employment, tourism, community facilities and retail.
  - d. LP12 Rural area development
  - e. LP14, LP15 and LP16.
- It is noted that Leverington is a limited growth village and as such under LP3 small amounts of development could be encouraged, however, a development of this nature falls outside this remit.*

**F/YR21/1538/F** 15 February 2022.

Erect a single-storey extension to side of existing dwelling at 6 Walton Road  
Leverington Cambridgeshire PE13 5AJ. *Council comment: No objections*

**TO NOTE:** A query referring to an erected mobile home in Mays Lane, has been resolved as the owners may be using this during the erection of a dwelling.

#### **10. Foal Ground Family Park.**

All equipment in good order. The zip wire is now in place.

#### **11. Highways.**

- 11.1 Leverington Common council proposal of 30mph.  
*See County Councillor's report.*
- 11.2 30mph proposal along Sutton Road.  
*See County Councillor's report.*
- 11.3 Installation of the M-VAS Unit.  
Specialist tools are required to erect the unit. The procuring of these is in hand.

#### **12. Memorials and Noticeboards.**

No problems reported.

#### **13. Village Sign.**

Waiting for the art work for approval.

#### **14. Street Lights.**

- 14.1 Numbering.  
A map and itemised list of streets and numbers is now required. Councillor Beales will enter on to the map. The clerk will hold a list.
- 14.2 Council phone.  
In hand. The best signal provider is being investigated.
- 14.3 Parish Office space.

Still under investigation.

**15. Playground.** *Councillor Keymer.*

15.1 Noticeboard.

Now erected. The old one needs to be removed.

15.2 Grant application.

An application for a grant toward new equipment has been submitted.

15.3 Repairs.

FLP will be carrying out remedial work this week.

**16. Close of Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 8.24pm

Next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.