



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

No Public Forum was required.

Present: Councillors B.Baker, B.Beales, Ms R.Collins, 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 were received from District Councillors C.Seaton and 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 25th January 2022. *Sent to councillors 07.02.22*
The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
- Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022. *Sent to councillors 05.03.22*
The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
- Matters arising not included with agenda items. *(for information only)*
There were no matters arising.

1.4 Report from the chairman on the meeting with the Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council.

The meeting to discuss the revised proposal LHI for Leverington Common took place on Friday 18th March and proved to be a positive alternative to the previous plans. Councillors had received these plans from the County Councillor on 9th March.

The Chairman reported that the leader was of the opinion that a separate progress of selection should be used for villages and towns to give more transparency, but a lot of the problems was due to the lack of personnel. Reference was made to playgrounds needing an area of 20 mph.

1.5 Yew Trees.

The chairman had received an offer of 8 yew trees. The council agreed to accept the trees.

2. To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

2.1 District Councillor.

No report.

2.2 County Councillor.

Update: the £5 million 'Community Capital Fund' that was intended to build or maintain buildings and facilities, has been partly replaced by the 'Fair Transformation Fund'. New application process still to be finalised.

Councillor King commented on the report given by the chairman (*see 1.3*) saying that he did not agree with the thoughts of the Leader.

Councillors received a full report by e mail from Councillor King before the meeting. This referred to the meeting (1.3) and showed costings of the project, road surface outside Tam Engineering, the chevrons on the A1101 and the Sutton Bridge swing bridge closure. Questions were raised regarding traffic lights, the state of Cromwell Road and the recycling of 40 mph signs.

3 Financial Report.

3.1 General Account.

Date	File	Bank	Item	Amount
			Opening balance	45575.88
Receipts:			VAT return	<u>6833.87</u>
				52409.75
Payments:				
24.02.22	67	IB	Electrical Testing	1440.00
25.02.22	68	IB	Fenland Leisure Products (zip wire)	11376.00
02.03.22	69	IB	L.Bennett	<u>25.00</u>
				39568.75

The clerk reminded the council that £26,000 of this total is already earmarked for purchased items, such as village sign and Queen's Jubilee bench plus solicitor's fees.

3.2 Cemetery Account.

Date	File	Bank	Item	Amount
			Opening balance	74077.12
Receipts	19	DC	Goose 2 reservation plots)	<u>1500.00</u>
Payments			None	
				75577.12

The invoices and balances were checked by Councillors Cropp and Beales.

3.3 Defibrillator for Table Tennis Club.

New proposal: Feoffees Trustees may support the purchase of this defibrillator. If they agree to this, they would wish Leverington Parish Council to apply for the grant and purchase it so the VAT can be claimed and take on the ownership. The Table Tennis Club will be responsible for the cost of providing the electricity and also said they would be able to make a contribution towards the initial cost by making a grant to Leverington Parish Council. *Chairman sent information to councillors 28.02.22*
The Council agreed to this proposal.

3.4 Fenland Leisure Products.

3.4.1 Playground repairs.

The Council agreed to the quote for the playground repairs, with the exception of the tunnel which is to be left as it is for the time being.

3.4.2 Gate.

The quote for a new gate was not accepted. The clerk will write to the S & S Club asking what the position is regarding the gate as it will have to be moved for the 3g pitch.

3.4.3 Multiplay structure. All Sent to councillors 12.03.22)

The council resolved to go ahead with the purchase and erection of the steel multiplay unit, but to wait until the moving of the gate had taken place.

3.5 To review Allotment Plot rents. Sent to councillors 13.03.22

The Council agreed the present rents to continue for the year.

3.6 To review Fees for burials. Sent to councillors 12.03.22

A number of issues had cropped up during the year. The Council resolved to hold a special meeting to discuss all the aspects of Fees and Rules of the cemetery. To be arranged as soon as possible.

3.7 Cemetery maintenance.

The council agreed that maintenance should continue after Easter with two hours per week.

3.8 Parish Basic Allowance.

Councillors received the Basic Allowance for the year 21-22 and signed receipts.

4 Development.F/YR22/0164/F

Erect 1 x dwelling (2-storey 4-bed) and the formation of a new access, involving the demolition of existing dwelling at The Bungalow 91 Gorefield Road Leverington

Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 5AT. *Council comment: Only one concern in that owing to age and construction method and materials used on the old dwelling. Has consideration been given to an asbestos survey being carried out and disposal of existing materials including the wood as this could also contain fungal spores.*

F/YR22/0230/VOC

Variation of condition 8 (finished floor level) relating to planning permission

F/YR17/0304/F (Erection of 221 dwellings....) - to remove flood resilience measures of 500mm above FFL at Land East Of 88 Sutton Road Leverington Cambridgeshire

An application to vary or remove a condition has been received in respect of the above

Council comment: This development is in a flood plain and finished floor levels were set for a purpose.

If a variation is allowed a precedent will be set and as such the other developments in Horseshoe that have the same restrictions will have to be notified and ask if they wish to lower floor levels.

5 Memorial stone – Morling. Copy sent to councillors 13.03.22

The council noted that the dimensions were five inches more than the maximum allowed, therefore refused the application at this time.

6 Footpath.

The direction of the footpath from Horseshoe Terrace to Sutton Road has been changed slightly because of the new development.

7 To receive any items for the next agenda.

No items put forward.

8 Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm. Next planned meeting is the Parish Assembly 5th April, 7.00pm in the hall
Next scheduled council meeting 24th April.