



**Minutes of the meeting of Leverington Parish
Council, held in Leverington Village Hall on Tuesday 26th April 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. District Councillor C.Seaton. Clerk B.Boyce

1. Welcome by the Chairman.

1.1 To receive apologies.

Apologies received from District Councillor S.Clark. Councillors were asked to turn off 'phones.
For information: The Sports and Social Club is organising a Family Fun Day for the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations.

1.2 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

C.Seaton:

Electoral Boundary Changes.

The clerk and chairman had tried to register the council's comments but the given site would not except the Leverington e mail address. C.Seaton offered to send on council comments. The full dog bins issue of not being emptied has been rectified and should no longer be an issue.

S.King:

Councillor King wished to clarify his comments from the minutes of 22.03.2022 that he disagreed with a number of proposals put forward by the Leader of the County Council (see Chairman's report 22.03.22).

The proposed 30-mile speed limit along the A1101 had been to committee and been approved.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Ward declared a non- pecuniary Interest in Planning Application F/YR22/0314 at item 18 on the agenda.

3. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2022. Sent to Councillors 26.03.22

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising not included in agenda items (*for information only*).

None

4. To agree the Notes from the Parish Assembly. Sent to Councillors 09.04.2022

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- *Details of noticeboard sites and defibrillators are on the website, in Leverington Letter and in noticeboards.*

5. Finance.

To note financial report.

5.1 Current Account

Date	IB/Ch	File	Item	Amount
			Opening balance	39568.75
Receipts				
07.03.22	Bank	n/a	Interest	<u>1.13</u>
				39569.88
Payments				
07.03.22	IB		Village Hall Hire	72.00
14.03.22	IB		Complete Weed Control	108.00
17.03.22	IB		HMRC. PAYE	439.20
'''	IB		'''	442.71
18.03.22	IB		Fenland Leisure	2761.44
24.03.22	IB		L.Bennett	25.00
'''	IB		Cambs Acre subscription	57.00
'''	IB		J.Downes	659.09
25.03.22	757		R.Cropp	50.00
28.03.22	755		B.Beales	50.00
'''	759		R.Keymer	50.00
'''	IB		Complete Weed Control	108.00
29.03.22	758		J.Downes	100.00
30.03.22	754		B.Baker	50.00
30.03.22	IB		Fraser Dawbarns. Solicitor's fees	626.80
'''	IB		B.Boyce Council admin from July 21 to April 22	860.80
'''	IB		J.Downes Allowance 01.04.21 to 31.03.22	1000.00
'''	IB		Fraser Dawbarns. Solicitor's fees	1297.20
'''	IB		Salary Sep 21. to March 22	<u>2618.82</u>
			Opening balance April 2022	28193.82

			Opening balance 01.04.22	28193.82
Receipts				
01.04.22	DC		FDC Half precept	28000.00
'''	DC		Wisbech Table Tennis Club	1016.00
04.01.22	DC		Feoffees	<u>760.00</u>
			Closing balance	57969.82

5.2 Cemetery Account

Date	IB/Ch	File	Item	Amount
			Opening balance	75577.12
Receipts				
15.03.22	102		R.King (Morling memorial stone)	150.00
'''	'		R.King (Templeman tablet)	<u>75.00</u>
				75802.12
Payments				
14.03.22	IB		Complete Weed Control	270.00
30.03.22	IB		B.Boyce. Cemetery admin. July 21 to March 22	<u>396.45</u>
			Closing balance	75135.67
			Opening balance 01.04.22	75135.67

5.3 Reserve Account

Earmarked analysis	
Street Lights	32673.60
Play equipment	30000.00
Cemetery extension	25000.00
Contingency	25000.00
Other reserve	<u>12292.35</u>
	124965.95

The invoices and bank statements had been scrutinised by Councillor Baker (signatory) prior to all financial information for the year going to the Internal Auditor.

6. To consider the two proposed defibrillators.

6.1 Table Tennis Club.

Donations toward the defibrillator have been received from the Table Tennis Club £1016.00 and Feoffees £760.00. The Chairman has ordered the defibrillator. It will be easily accessible. It will belong to the Council, power supplied by the Table Tennis Club, the council will pay the annual subscription.

6.2 Leverington Village Hall.

The Hall Committee has requested a defibrillator to be placed outside the hall. To be financed by the parish council, power to be provided by the hall and the Council to look after and pay yearly subscription. The Council debated the whole subject of defibrillators in the parish resulting in five requested or suggested sites for defibrillators. The two now owned by the Council were donated and the Table Tennis Club has now donated the finance for one in Parson Drove Lane. A proposal was put forward that any requests by organisations or groups ought to be partly funded by them - up to half the cost.

The Council resolved to adopt this proposal by a majority of 5 to 2. Councillors Baker and Cropp abstained.

Enquiries will be made as to suitable sites for further defibrillators.

6.3 Insurance.

After instructing the insurers of an additional piece of play equipment i.e. zip wire, the council is advised that insurance will increase by £24.47p.

6.4 Assets left from Picnic in the Park.

This council has a number of medals and trophies left from the last Picnic in the Park.

The Council resolved to offer these to the school.

TO REVIEW ALL ASSET INSPECTIONS.7. **Allotments.** *Councillor Cropp*

No problems reported.

8. **Benches.** *Councillor Collins*

The benches are all in structural good order, however, the bench opposite village hall could do with a varnish or paint. Seats could be beneficial in Peatlings Lane / Mountbatten Drive area/Perry Road.

The Council resolved to make good the bench opposite the village hall and to contact Fenland District Council for permission to erect further parish seating.

9. **Cemetery.** *Councillor Cropp*9.1 Proposal that a water supply is extended midway of the cemetery.

The Council resolved to ask for quotes for the installation of an extension to the existing water supply.

9.2 To discuss Fees and Regulations.

A Working Party will meet to formulate recommendations for the next council meeting.

9.3 To discuss extension.

A recommendation will be put forward from the Working Party.

9.4 Cemetery maintenance (watering, tidying etc).

The two ladies will not be continuing as last year. Mr. M.Ward has volunteered to take this on.

9.5 Donated Yew Trees.

The Council resolved to ask D.England to plant the trees.

9.6 Numbering on Phase 4.

The interment plot numbers for Phase Four are ready to be attached. The Chairman will contact TAM Engineering.

9.7 Maintenance issues.

Laurel needs cutting back each side at least 30 cms.

Noted.

Holly needs replacing at 2nd wall; Rose garden bushes are very poor.

D.England had been informed.

Grass very long and needs cutting. Dead leaves need removing.

The leaves will disappear when the grass is cut. The contractor will be cutting shortly.

10. **Defibrillators.** *Councillor Downes*

Leverington Common and Malvern Gardens both in good order. (Also see item 6).

11. **Foal Ground Family Park.** *Councillor Keymer*

11.1 Children's and Gym equipment, plus zip wire

No problems

11.2 Tree down at rear and large branch from oak tree.

Not a safety hazard therefore will be left for the time being.

11.3 Grass is not being mowed /strimmed around equipment.

Contractor will be cutting shortly.

11.4 Highway barrier damaged.

Comment from S.Nicholson, CCC Highways : *"I have inspected the location today, although the barrier has been hit (minor damage only), it is still safe and fit for purpose".*

11.5 Complaint with reference to zip wire noise and adults using same.

A resident in Gadds Lane is very concerned about the noise emanating from the zip wire usage.

The installing contractor provided a statement saying *"All our products are designed, manufactured and installed to the current health and safety standards covered by EN1176".*

The resident was asked to write to the Council and it was intimated that he would attend a council meeting.

11.6 Algae on picnic tables.

Removed. The bench seat needs painting. The chairman will contact painter for this and one outside the village hall.

The Platinum Jubilee plaque is due by the end of the week.

12. **Highways** *Councillor Downes*

12.1 Leverington signage.

The signs on entering Leverington are either poor or non-existent.

The Council resolved to contact CCC Highways to discuss new gateway signs and to offer to finance them. The chairman will send samples of gateways to all councillors.

12.2 M-VAS Unit.

The unit is now in place near the Foal Ground but not working as the wiring is not correct. The chairman has contacted CCC Highways for replacement wiring.

12.3 Pot holes.

20 potholes are marked for work in Mays Lane.

13. **Memorials and Noticeboards.** *Councillor Ward*

13.1 Noticeboard information.

Coloured paper required to brighten up noticeboards. The clerk will purchase.

13.2 Access to playground noticeboard.

The locks are very stiff and it is difficult to open. S.Ward advised to use WD40.

14 **Village Sign.** *Councillor Beales*

Text on the 'frame' of the new sign

At this time, the text is commemorating the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

The Council resolved by 6 votes to 1 abstention, to ask for the text on the new sign to be Platinum Jubilee 2022 replacing Silver Jubilee 1977. The siting of the old sign to be decided.

15. **Play Ground.** *Councillor Keymer*

15.1 Maintenance work.

Proposals as shown in 48877 sent to councillors 12.03.22 and agreed by the council 22.03.22 has been ordered and processed by FLP (copy sent to councillors 07.04.22).

15.2 New signs required.

The 'No dogs allowed' need renewing. The chairman has two to be erected on the fencing. A new Health and Safety notice has been ordered.

15.3 Gate and fencing.

The S and S Club are looking into council assumptions of provision of gate and fencing. The gate entrance is hazardous and needs attention.

15.4 Replacement picnic tables.

The manufacturers for the provision of new seating will be investigated.

16. **Public Paths.** *Councillor Cropp*

The route of the Horseshoe Terrace to Sutton Road path is to be altered. Map sent to all councillors by the County Councillor.

17. **Street Lights.** *Councillor Downes*

Thank you to Councillor Ward who volunteered to meet the developers to discuss the relocation of streetlight no.1. It will be moved between 1 and 2 metres toward the footpath. The clerk has a list of all numbered poles and this will be passed to Councillor Beales for inclusion on the parish map.

18. **To note development applications.**

F/YR22/0300/VOC

Variation of conditions 2 (materials) and 9 (list of approved plans) of planning permission F/YR21/1371/VOC (Variation of conditions 3 (screen walls and fences) and 9 (list of approved plans) of planning permission F/YR20/1037/VOC (Variation of condition 10 (list of approved plans) relating to planning permission F/YR20/0302/F (Erect a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling)) - to enable change of colour of cladding at Land South of Seafeld Farm Gorefield Road Leverington Cambridgeshire.

Council comment: No comment.

F/YR22/0312/F

Erect 1 dwelling (2-storey 2-bed) involving demolition of garage and alterations to existing dwelling to facilitate a first-floor front dormer extension at 24 Woodgate Road at Land East Of 24 Woodgate Road Leverington Cambridgeshire

Application withdrawn.

F/YR22/0314/F

Conversion of barn to 1 x dwelling (2-Storey 4-bed) at Nursery The Willows Fendyke Lane Leverington Cambridgeshire

Appeal Ref: APP/D0515/W/21/3285114

Land between 16 and 18 Perry Road, Leverington PE13 5AB

- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant planning permission.
- The appeal is made by Mr Darren Boyle against the decision of Fenland District Council.
- The application Ref F/YR21/0316/F, dated 1 February 2021, was refused by notice dated 19 May 2021.
- The development proposed is an infill two-storey, three-bed dwelling on land between No.16 & 18 Perry Road, Leverington, Wisbech, Cambs PE13 5AB.

Decision: *The appeal is dismissed.*

F/YR22/0374/F

Erect 4 x dwellings (2-storey 4-bed) at Land North of East View Ringers Lane

Leverington Cambridgeshire

Council comment: Only one concern that being the proximity of entrance to plots 1 and 2 in relation to the forked junction at Gorefield Road. Other than that - no objections.

F/YR22/0230/VOC

The planning authority and agent has asked if the Parish Council will consider withdrawing their objection as the Environment Agency has no objection to this application.

The Council resolved to withdraw its objections.

19. Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

Next Meeting: THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. Tuesday 24th May 2022