



**Minutes of the meeting of Leverington Parish
Council, held in Leverington Village Hall on Tuesday 24th May 2022.**

Present: Councillors B. Baker, B. Beales, Ms. R. Collins, R. Cropp, J. Downes, R. Keymer, Mrs. S. Ward.
District Councillor C. Seaton. Clerk B. Boyce

- 1. To elect the Chairman and signing of the Declaration of Office.**
Councillor Beales proposed Councillor J. Downes and this was agreed by the Council.
Councillor Downes accepted the position of Chairman and signed the Declaration of Office.
- 2. To accept any Declarations of Interest on agenda items and receive any apologies for absence.**
There were no Declarations of Interest. Apologies were received from County Councillor S. King.
- 3. If required, to adjust Standing Orders and confirm.**
The Council confirmed Standing Orders.
- 4. To appoint councillors for Health and Safety Risk Assessment responsibilities.**

Subject	2021	Working party if required (plus 2 or more clls).
Allotments	R. Cropp	
Benches	R. Collins	
Cemetery	R. Cropp, B. Baker	S. Ward
Defibrillator kiosk	J. Downes	
Family Park	R. Keymer	
Highways & Ass. items	J. Downes	
Memorials/Noticeboard	S. Ward	
Village sign	B. Beales	
Paths	R. Cropp	
Playground	R. Keymer	
Street Lights	J. Downes	
Trees		
Northern Highways Panel Police neighbourhood.	R. Keymer B. Baker	
Website	Clerk/ (L. Bennett)	
* Operation Bridges		
2.2 Representatives		
Feoffees	J. Downes	
Village Hall	B. Baker	
Village entrance signs		
Development		
		No Working Parties appointed.

The Councillors agreed to continue with the same responsibilities as 2021.

- 5. Public Forum.**
A Public Forum was not required.

6. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2022.

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

7. Matters arising not included in agenda items. (For information only)

- The trophies and medals were given to the school.
- The coloured paper for the noticeboards has been given to Councillor Ward.
- The boundary changes information was sent to the District Councillor. The clerk printed leaflets for councillors and information has been put into the Leverington Letter.
- A new lock and keys have been purchased for the allotment gate.
- The village sign manufacturer has the wording as council requires. (*minutes 24.05.22, item 14*)

8. County and District Councillors' reports.County Councillor.

S. King had sent a report to all Councillors. It referred to the Leverington Common traffic calming scheme with previous reported data plus an update from the County Project Officer stating that the quantity surveyor had asked for clarification about the proposed new village gates.

District Councillor.

C.Seaton had submitted this Council's views on the electoral boundary changes. An attempt to put council's comments by the clerk and chairman had been rejected and they had been unable to access the site. Councillors were urged to submit their individual concerns.

The clerk had written to FDC on 9th January 2022 enquiring if any money was available and was advised on 19th January 2022 that there was none. A copy of the email will be sent to C. Seaton. The council was advised by the District Councillor that £2000 was available in 106 money.

Councillor Beales expressed concern that children crossing the road from the school to the playground were in danger of traffic. The Council resolved to ask for a 'Children Crossing' sign to be erected. The Chairman will speak to Steve Nicholson of Highways.

9. Finance update.

General Current Account

Date	IB/Ch	File	Item	Amount
Opening balance				57969.82
Receipts				0.00
Payments				
08.04.22	IB	1	Village Hall (Hire)	24.00
"	IB	2	North Level IDB (Drainage)	60.16
13.04.22	Ch	3	R.Collins (Allowance 21-22)invoice with IA	50.00
25.04.22	Ch	4	S.Ward (Allowance 21-22) invoice with IA	50.00
03.05.22	IB	5	Village Hall (Hire)	24.00
"	IB	6	L.J.Bennett (Website)	25.00
"	IB	7	A1 Signs (H&S Playground)	57.60
"	IB	8	J.Downes (Lock & keys-allotment gate)	64.49
"	IB	9	Fenland Leisure (Playground repairs)	432.96
"	IB	10	B.Boyce (Salary)	629.53
"	IB	11	Fitzpatrick Woolmer (Jubilee plaque)	830.40
04.05.22	IB	12	KLWD (Annual hosting fee)	36.00
Closing balance				55685.68

No change in the closing balances on the cemetery account and reserve account at 24.04.22.

10. Playground.10.1 New Equipment.

Councillors Downes, Keymer and Ward plus the clerk met with the FLP Online Playgrounds

representative on Friday 13th May. A plan was put forward for the refurbishment of the playground. (*Sent to all councillors 13.05.22*). Two more quotes are required urgently so that the council can obtain a grant. Meetings with two play representatives are arranged.

10.2 Second Playground Gate.

The gate nearest the 3G pitch is now bolted and locked. The second gate is proposed along the same side but nearer the end fence. The council resolved to go ahead with installing the second gate and delegated this to the clerk.

10.3 Picnic Tables.

It was agreed that replacement of the picnic tables should be delayed until after new equipment is installed.

10.4 RoSPA

The RoSPA Report highlighted remedial work required. This will be addressed when the equipment is installed. The grass growing around the equipment will be sprayed by D. England.

11. Public benches/seats and trees.

Purchase of Public Benches.

A third-party form has to be completed. The council resolved to ask for permission to erect benches opposite the village sign (allotment side) at Perry Road and Mountbatten Drive. A Working Party of Councillors Cropp, Ward and Downes, will look at the proposed sites and confirm. The Crown Close site will be investigated. Exact locations with map are required for the form.

The bench opposite the village hall is freshly painted.

12. Highways.

12.1 Village entrance signs.

Councillors were sent the internet site as used by the County Council for these signs. The Council resolved to ask for village sign gates at Leverington Common, Sutton Road (Opposite Parson Drove Lane) and Dowgate Road. Wording to read 'LEVERINGTON VILLAGE'. The Chairman will convey the wishes of the Council to Steve Nicholson.

12.2 M-VAS Unit.

Now erected and working, but not accurate. Councillor Keymer offered to get it corrected. The Chairman will give Councillor Keymer brackets so that the Unit can be transferred to Sutton Road.

13. Foal Ground Family Park.

13.1 Zip wire.

Complaint received referring to noise and language. The clerk wrote to households that could be affected on Gadds Lane and Leverington Common. Replies received state that there are no problems. The zip wire has been tested for decibels. The result was between 74 and 81 which is the same as a household vacuum cleaner.

From the RoSPA report. The installation conforms to all standards: EN 1176-1:2017, EN 1176-4:2017. The complainant did not attend the meeting. The Council had thoroughly investigated the complaint and found no action regarding the complaint is required.

The council resolved to purchase a 'Children Only' sign to be attached to the zip wire.

13.2 Car Parking. *Councillor Collins*

There is congestion on the road due to insufficient parking space. The council resolved to investigate the possibility of parking. The Chairman will speak to Steve Nicholson.

13.3 Jubilee Plaque for the Pillar.

Councillors were shown the plaque. Councillor Keymer offered to fix onto the pillar.

14 Cemetery

14.2 Water provision.

The recommendation of the Working Party was that the water supply extension should be installed and a 50m hose pipe purchased.

14.3 Phase Four numbering.

Completed.

14.4 Yew trees.

Now planted

14.5 Jubilee bench.

There are problems with the lettering causing a delay. The council confirmed that it wished for the Times New Roman font. Councillor Cropp reported that the two chairs are being scraped by the strimmer and it would be beneficial if a base is laid for each chair when the bench base is laid.

Memorial stones.

The outside rows have a problem with laurel branches covering the stone. The baby memorials are completely covered. D.England will be asked to trim back.

14.6 Cemetery Extension.

The Working Party felt that the extension will not be required for some considerable time and recommended to council that the subject is discussed in May 2023.

14.7 Fees and Rules.

- Fees for 2022 in the earthen section.

One change recommended to the council:

Purchase of a reserved grave space (exclusive right)

Partner of deceased (no change) £750.00

Any other relative and anyone else residing in Leverington or outside £1000.00

If there is any problem with this, the clerk will hold purchase and refer to the council.

- Fees for 2022 in the ashes chamber section.

No changes.

- Memorial stones.

Members looked at the sizes in the Evesham Collection (*the brochure used by the stone mason*)

And recommended two sizes for the council to confirm;

Stone number EC42. HS 27'' x 21' 'x 3''. Base 3'' x 24'' x 12''

Stone number EC43. HS 30'' x 24'' x 4''. Base 4'' x 30'' x 12''.

- Tablets.

No change.

- Forms.

Members of the Working Party each took a form to scrutinise and make recommendations if required.

If there is any request received that differ from council decisions, the clerk will bring onto the agenda.

There were no objections to the recommendations.

15 **Defibrillators.**15.2 Table Tennis Club defib.

Not yet installed.

15.3 School.

The school is willing to have a replacement on the outside wall and will provide the power. The Council resolved to purchase a defibrillator for this site.

15.4 Other locations.

The Working Party for item 11 (benches) will look at possible locations.

16 **Development.**

To note development plans since the last meeting.

F/YR22/0454/CERTLU

Certificate of lawfulness (Existing): Occupation of dwelling without compliance with condition 01 of planning permission F/YR09/0597/F relating to agricultural occupancy at Thorn Hall Fendyke Lane Gorefield Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 4NF *Comments. (sent to Planning May 11th)*

As this property was originally granted Planning Permission with Agricultural Restrictions these should REMAIN IN PLACE

17 **Close of Meeting**

Next meeting 28th June

ADVANCE INFORMATION.

Elections 2023: The first Council meeting after the election must be held within 14 days.

Tuesday, 16th May 2023 is booked at the Village Hall.