



**Minutes of the meeting of the Leverington
Parish Council, held in the Leverington Village Hall, Gorefield Road on Tuesday 28th June 2022.**

Finance and Projects Meeting.

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. Opening remarks.

1.1 Welcome and to accept apologies.

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Ms. R.Collins (holiday)..

1.2 M-VAS Unit.

The unit is flashing 30mph and not 40mph. The Advice received is to contact the manufacturer.
County Councillor S.King volunteered to make the contact on behalf of the Council.

1.3 Meeting with S.Nicholson. *Councillor J.Downes report.*

Meeting took place on Friday 17th June at 0900hrs. Present Councillors Downes, Keymer and Ward

1.3.1 Proposed lay-by to West of Foal Ground Gate.

Mr Nicholson explained that this was not a feasible proposition as the width of verge between Road and hedge was too narrow to support a lay-by. Other thought was to remove part of hedge and build parking space in Foal Ground, this would require a dropped kerb and drainage to take water away from road. Planning Permission would also need to be sought. The other problem would be that as it abuts to public highways it could be used by residents and passing vehicles including HGV's.

1.3.2 New Leverington Village Signs.

A PFHI form needs to be completed and sent to Cambridgeshire Highways.

1.3.3 Crossing Signs from School to Playground.

This is not feasible as there is only a pedestrian footpath on one side of Church Road. Also, the Chicane is not a crossing point. The sole purpose of its installation was to slow traffic.

2. To accept Declarations of Interest.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. To agree minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2022.

Left until the next meeting.

4. Matters arising. *Not included in agenda items. For information only.*

- 4.1 Councillor Keymer has installed the Council Jubilee plaque on the pillar in the Foal Ground.
- 4.2 The extension water supply in the cemetery is completed.
- 4.3 No requests for any further action with reference to the Electoral Boundary.

5. County and District Councillor reports.

No district report.

The County Council report was sent to all councillors and is copied at the end of these minutes.
The County Councillor agreed to report that all public footpaths in Leverington needed attention.

FINANCE

6. Financial report.

6.1 To receive the monthly update on the accounts.

It was reported that Barclays Bank will be closing in September. Other arrangements need to be made regarding paying in cheques.

Current Account

Date	IB/Ch	File	Item	
			Opening balance	55685.68
			No receipts	0.00
			Payments:	
12.05.22	IB	13	Leverington Village Hall (Hire)	48.00
16.05.22	IB	14	Stephenson Smart (PAYE)	252.00
26.05.22	IB	15	L.Bennett (web site)	25.00
"	IB	16	L.Hill (Bench painting)	180.00
"	IB	17	Playsafety (Annual inspection)	231.00
"	IB	18	TAM Engineering (tags)	306.00
"	IB	19	B.Stevens (water)	675.00
"	IB	20	Community Heartbeat (Defib at T T Club)	2695.00
01.06.22	IB	21	Stephenson Smart (PAYE)	36.00
			Closing balance	51237.68

No change in the Cemetery and Reserve Accounts.

The invoices and payments were scrutinised and confirmed by Councillors B. Baker and R. Cropp.

6.2 Presentation of the Accounts.

6.2.1 The Accounts had been compiled and prepared by the clerk and internal audited by S. Kierman of Whitings. The Council looked through all aspects of the accounts.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2021/22.

6.2.2 Annual Governance Statement 2021/22. Section 1.

The Council agreed the statements which the chairman duly signed.

6.2.3 Annual Governance Statement 2021/22. Section 2.

The Council agreed the figures. The Statement was signed and dated by the chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

6.3 Financial Regulations.

Councillors had not the Financial Regulations to hand. Left to the next meeting.

6.4 Risk assessments.

Councillors had not the Risk Assessments to hand. Left to the next meeting.

6.5 Internal Auditor.

S.Kierman of Whitings is happy to continue as Internal Auditor. However, the fee for next year will be £300 plus VAT. The Council agreed to accept the terms and to ask Mr. Kierman to continue as Internal Auditor.

6.6 Signatories.

The Council confirmed its approval of the signatories of the Leverington Parish Council accounts.

6.7 Asset Register.

The Internal Auditor has advised that, for the purpose of the accounts, the depreciation of assets should be shown. However, for the insurance purposes, a current value should be known. Councillors Cropp and Keymer volunteered to look at the assets for depreciation purposes and report back to the council.

6.8 Allotment rents.

The rents to October 2022 were confirmed at the council meeting on 22.03.22.

6.9 Grant applications to Council.

None received. (Note request at 11.4).

6.10 Cemetery fees and charges.

The cemetery fees and charges were confirmed at the council meeting on 24.05.22.

PROJECTS.

7 Playground.

7.1 Closure.

Due to the dangerous state of the pirate ship, the playground had to be locked for Health and Safety reasons.

7.2 Disability discrimination paper.

Not completed. The chairman requested a copy of the paper.

7.3 Quotes for play equipment.

For the purposes of the Grant submission, four quotes had been acquired. The council resolved to confirm the acceptance of the quote from Online Playgrounds.

7.4 Grant Aid

The clerk reported that a grant toward the provision of playground equipment was confirmed with the Council match funding. This clarified the purchase of three items for the playground, two of which will replace the tower and ship. Councillors Cropp, Downes and Keymer volunteered to demolish the remaining parts of the ship.

7.5 Gate removal and re-siting.

GLW Engineering has this in hand.

7.6 Information sign.

The Council resolved to purchase a large sign when the new equipment was installed, showing that the playground is provided by the Leverington Parish Council.

8 Village benches.

Illustrations were sent with the agenda. The council resolved to purchase 3 benches, design Bavarian, for locations at Perry Road, Crown Close and Mountbatten Drive. The form had been sent to Highways Department for approval.

9 Village entrance signs.

A possible design for the entrance gates to Leverington had been sent to all councillors. The council chose the gate required and resolved to ask for gates at village boundaries i.e. Siting at Leverington Common to replace sign near Haddons Fruit Farm, boundary at car park of Blues (formerly West End) and Gypsy Lane further down A1101 the boundary for the Parish.

10 Village Sign.

No update received.

11 Defibrillators.

11.1 Parson Drove Lane defibrillator.

Installed at the Table Tennis Club on 28th June 2022. Available for anyone. This is a Parish Council defibrillator and will be monitored by Councillor Downes.

11.2 The defibrillator at the school.

Invoice paid. The chairman is liaising with the school as to when it can be erected on the outside wall.

11.3 Defibrillator at 1 Maysfield Close.

The request from F.Manley that the Council takes over the annual fees for the defibrillator at 1 Maysfield Drive was discussed. The council helped out last year with the fee and it had caused problems with the auditor and caused confusion at Community Hearbeat as the invoice was addressed to F.Manley. The

council could not reclaim the VAT. The council resolved to make a grant of £150 toward the annual fee for 2022.

12 Jubilee bench.

No further correspondence has taken place. Other enquiries have been made. The cost of purchase had escalated. Further debate required.

13 Foal Ground Family Park.

13.1 Work required.

13.1.1 Tree works. D.England to be asked to remove.

13.1.2 Spraying. D.England to be asked to deal with the spraying.

13.1.3 Matting at zip wire. D.England may have some pieces left from the cemetery car park.

13.1.4 Gate entrance. To be surfaced with concrete when the public chairs are installed.

13.2 Disability Discrimination paper.

Still to be completed.

14 Flag.

The parish flag is torn. The council resolved to get it repaired.

15 Web site.

There are a number of items now in the Latest News tab.

16 Development.

F/YR22/0587/F

Erect a single-storey extension to existing changing room building at Leverington Sports and Social Club, 47 Church Road Leverington Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 5DE. *Council comment: No objections*

F/YR22/0643/F

Erect a 2-storey rear extension at Cromdale 23 Bank Drive Leverington Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 1PX

Council comment: Not in keeping with surrounding area. Adverse impact on Leverington House to the rear which is a listed building. Numerous trees to rear subject to TPO's. Impact on neighbouring properties re outdoor space being overshadowed.

F/YR22/0711/F

Erect a single-storey side extension to existing dwelling and alterations to front wall at Bank Lodge Roman Bank Leverington Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 5AR. *Council comment: No objections*

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

Withdrawn

F/YR22/0690/VOC

Variation of conditions 15 (Plots 2 and 57), 20 (Plots 119-122) and 29 (list of approved drawings) of planning permission F/YR17/0304/F (Erection of 221 dwellings....) - amendments as per Schedule of Changes at Land East Of 88 Sutton Road Leverington Cambridgeshire. *Council comment: No objections*

F/YR22/0748/F

Erect a part single-storey part 2-storey extension to rear of existing dwelling at Two Bees Roman Bank Leverington Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE13 5AR *Council comment: No objections.*

17 Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm. Next meeting 26th July 2022.

Report from County Councillor S.King, sent to all Councillors before the meeting.

Please see below. Unfortunately the local highways officer is on leave this week and he was not able to respond to my request for updates before he left. As I am now fully recovered from COVID, I will be coming tonight and I hope to be there for most of the meeting. As always, if anything arises at any time with which I can help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With my very best wishes,
Simon
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Leverington Common LHI

As the last update I received was on 19/5, I spoke to the Team Leader of the Highway Projects Team and stressed again that the parish council is not prepared to contribute more than the £1,500 previously agreed and I have received this: *"I chased up the Leverington Scheme on 24/6 after our site meeting, and I am waiting on feedback regarding this. As soon as I have it I will let you know, apologies for not getting this to you as yet"*

A1101 / B1169 LHI

As the new project officer is not yet in place and the plans have not been drawn up, I have been unable to pursue moving the new 30mph limit to the north of Sutton Rd Tyres and not at 104 Sutton Rd as proposed.

Ringers Ln potholes

I was unable to get an update from the local highways officer before he went on leave.

Leverington Common patching near Tam Engineering

As I received this complaint, I asked the local highways officer to inspect it: *'the repairs along Leverington Common near Tam Engineering. Driving from Fendyke corner, to Wisbech St Mary, the 3rd patch is absolutely awful'*

Local Highway Improvement Member Review

Following the concerns expressed by several parish councils, including Leverington, a review will begin on 8/7 and end in September. Please let me know of any improvements you would like me to propose as I have been appointed to the review team. Its terms of reference are to:

"Review the current LHI process end to end and recommend changes where appropriate to H&T Committee. This will include consideration of best practice and innovative approaches to managing the LHI programme.

The LHI budget has increased to £820,000 for 2022/23 from £807,000 in the previous year.

The application timescale proposed for LHI applications for the 2023/24 programme, is as follows:

- *Application window opens – Monday 3rd October 2022*
- *Application window closes - Friday 18th November 2022 at midnight*
- *Feasibility studies undertaken – December 2022 to March 2023*
- *Panel meetings – March to April 2023*
- *Report to committee including prioritised list for approval - June 2023*
- *Programming, design, and consultation with applicants - July 2023 to February 2024*
- *Pricing and construction – March 2024 to July 2024"*

Church Rd and Gorefield Rd in front of St Leonard's Church

As I have received complaints about the state of these roads, I have requested information on possible options to improve it once the Sports and Social Club have completed their construction work.

Illegal removal of the Roman Bank kissing gate

Please see the photos below. I have received this from the local Rights of Way officer:

"I will need to pay a site visit to assess the damage, to clarify what repairs need to be done"

Sutton Bridge Update

I have received this from Lincolnshire County Council:

"Works to repaint the A17 Cross Keys Swing Bridge at Sutton Bridge are now well beyond the halfway mark and are continuing at pace. LCC and partner Contractors have put in a huge amount of work in shifts around the clock to bring the 1897 structure's paintwork up-to-date with a fresh, glossy finish. Now that the scaffolding has been dismantled, passers-by will really be able to see the difference. The new coats of paint applied to the structure are in keeping with the heritage of the bridge and its Grade II listing. A large quota of refurbishing and repairing the below-road part of the structure has also been completed with the turret, turntable and pump room now getting attention. The next phase of works moved onto the eastbound road and footpath. Safe pedestrian access across the bridge will be maintained throughout. During the last round of overnight closures, we also carried out some essential maintenance works to the A17 roundabout surfacing including potholes and gullies on the in the immediate area. By doing these works at this time we were able to take advantage of the quiet roads to complete a series of repairs that will benefit the local community. Working on the road at the same time that the closure is also in place for the bridge repair has meant that we were able to advance the maintenance work on this stretch of the A17 ahead of schedule. We have found that traffic management across the past few weeks has been challenging at times and we are sorry for the local area frustration and disruption, this may have caused. We are continuing to work with our traffic management contractor to try to alleviate the issues as best we can for not only at peak times, but throughout the rest of the day. Thank you to the local residents and road users for their patience and for the goodwill that they have shown towards the traffic management operatives. The programme for the works is scheduled to be completed 1st July 2022.*

Regards

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