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## PARISH ASSEMBLY

Held in the Leverington Village Hall, Gorefield Road on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Parish Councillors B.Baker, Ms. R.Collins, R.Cropp, J.Downes (Chairman), Mrs. S.Edghill,  
Mrs. S.Ward. Clerk B.Boyce.  
Parishioners Mr. & Mrs. F.Manley, Mr. & Mrs. J.Davis, Mr. & Mrs J.Kierman, Mr. C.Wood.  
Visitor B.Barber.

1. **Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council, J.A.Downes.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced the councillors present.  
Apologies were received from Parish Councillors B.Beales and R.Keymer. Also received from District Councillors C.Seaton, S.Clark and County Councillor S.King

2. **Parish Assembly 2022**

The minutes of the Assembly held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were signed as a true record at the Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. *LGA 1972, Sch 12 par 41 (1)/*

3. **Items arising from the minutes of the meeting:**

The Chairman will report on the action taken in connection with the items brought forward from the minutes:

The Accounts.

No action required.

Defibrillator and noticeboard locations.

Locations now in Leverington Letter and on the web site.

M-VAS Unit.

The unit is up and working, however the battery has to be changed frequently and may not be running constantly.

Dog bins.

Lack of emptying reported to FDC.

Parking along Church Road.

No action required.

4. **Chairman's Report.** *Attached.*

The Annual Report will be on the web site and in the noticeboards.

## 5. **The Leverington Parish Gateways.**

The Chairman expanded on this item with details of the actual area of the Parish and the Gateways location that Cambridgeshire County Council wish to erect. These do not encompass the properties extending to The Chase and those along the Sutton Road including Pearling's Lane and all properties up to the River Bank. A 'flyer' was given to those present asking for support of all groups and organisations to get the rightful parish boundaries instated.

## 6. **Open Forum.**

Items brought forward:

### 6.1 The proposed mega incinerator.

Another consultation is to be held regarding the compulsory purchase of land.

The chairman keeps in touch with V.Bucknor, the Campaign Coordinator of WisWIN – Wisbech Without Incineration.

### 6.2 Lack of Police presence.

Reported crimes are going unheeded. There are no neighbourhood policing teams now. A councillor urged the parishioner to keep reporting on line and sending photographic evidence and eventually a reply will be received.

### 6.3 Parking

There are cars parking on the pavement making pedestrians walk into the road.

This is dangerous but there seems that nothing can be done to stop the practice.

The double yellow lines need refreshing.

### 6.4 Fencing at the former public house

Junction of Ringers Lane and Gorefield Road. The erected fencing has the telegraph pole inside the fencing. The chairman will mention this to the Fenland District Councillors.

## 7. **Close of Meeting.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The evening concluded with refreshments and informal gatherings.

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023

**From the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor J.A.Downes.**

Following on from my 2021/22 report, I can now confirm that the 30mph speed limit is operational on Leverington Common.

With the new development of 221 dwellings on Sutton Road we have this year applied for the speed limit on A1101 from Harecroft Road to Bailey and West on Sutton Road, to be lowered to 30mph this year. It has gone out to consultation and should be in force later this year.

2022 saw the Platinum Jubilee of our late Queen Elizabeth II.

The Council decided that it would mark the occasion by erecting a new Village Sign to replace the existing one which was 45 years old. The old sign if it could be renovated would be placed in The Foal Ground.

It was also decided to place a bench in the Parish Cemetery Rose Garden.

This became a memorial bench following Her Majesty's passing.

Thank you to all of the Village Residents who contributed to the cost. Both sites were visited by Steve Barclay our Member of Parliament, who congratulated The Council on what he said was a magnificent tribute.

This year we were able to obtain a grant from Mick George Foundation and Section 106 money from Fenland District Council. This enabled us to replace The Multi-Play and Pirate Ship and add a Roundabout in Church Road Playground.

The Foal Ground got a Zip wire and Toddler Swing.

This time of year, sees your New Council Tax Bills. You will all have noticed that the Parish Precept has been increased this year for the first time in three years. This is mainly due to the uncertainty surrounding power bills for our street lights. We are presently coming to the end of a three-year fixed price contract with our provider this June. The increase works out at approximately 5pence per week for a Band B Property. An increase which seems an entirely reasonable price to pay to keep the Village lit. Our costs over the past three years have worked out at an average 67 pence per week per light (All are now LED).

This year sees District and Parish Council Elections, please remember in order to vote at polling stations you will need Photographic ID.

At the time of writing this report I understand that Brian Beales has decided not to offer himself for re-election. Brian has been a Leverington Parish Councillor for 15 years and prior to this spent 10 years with a Parish Council in North Norfolk.

I have served with Brian for nearly 10 years and personally thank him for his support and knowledge he has imparted to me.

I wish Brian, Sylvia (and the dogs) all best wishes for the future.

My thanks also go out to my Fellow Councillors and the Parish Clerk for their help and support over the past year.

J.A.D.

Did you know that Leverington parish extends from Fendyke Lane, up to just past The Chase ? Yes, The Chase is part of Leverington and residents there are proud to be Leveringtonians.

From The Chase, all along both sides of the Sutton Road and up to Gypsy Lane and the River bank is part of Leverington. This includes Peatlings Lane, up to Malvern Terrace and the river and the new building estate of over 220 homes that are being built.



**The Parish Council has pride in our Parish and wants to show anyone passing through, that THIS IS LEVERINGTON, so why is it that Cambridgeshire County Council has erected a huge board on the Sutton Road welcoming everyone to Wisbech and why cannot Leverington have a name Gateway the other side of The Chase ? The County Council believes that Leverington starts at Dowgate Road near the traffic lights and is willing to put one there.**

If someone put a notice halfway down your garden path showing the way to their house, would that be acceptable ? and if the planners said that you could only put your house name or number on the back door, is that alright too ? Is it just a simple little sleepy village that doesn't care ?

The Parish Council needs everyone in the Parish to show their pride and support them in their endeavours to show the County Council and Fenland District Council that this is a serious issue. It is time to take a stand.

So, how can you show your support ? Petitions don't work. Many of you belong to a group or Society that meets in Leverington. Would you put the issue on your agendas and make a resolution of support ? The Parish Council Welcomes all comments and needs your support.

Send your comments to the Parish Clerk on [leveringtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:leveringtonpc@gmail.com) and they will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and passed to the County Council and Fenland District Council. Please support your parish and council.

