



## LEZIATE & ASHWICKEN PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 FROM 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr Jason Ess (JE) – Chair. Cllr. Adrian Bramwell (AB), & Cllr G Mathias (GM)  
Borough Councillors Colin Manning (CM) and Michael de Whalley (MW), Parish Clerk  
No members of the public present.

1. **WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR**
2. **PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:**  
None parishioners present
3. **a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –**  
Cllrs Blatch & Dickerson - holidays
- b. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -**  
None
4. **Approval of the circulated minutes from the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November and notes on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2022**  
Proposed AB, seconded GM and all in favour.
5. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - 5.1 **Ashwicken Lakes:** CW advised that due to issues raised regarding the floating accommodation, flooding issues, impact on the environment and NCC road issues, none of which appear to have been actioned, there was no update from the Planning Officer.
  - 5.2 **Traffic Project:** Cllr Moriarty is to chase Highways for an update and concerns raised that enforcement of any parking regulations could be difficult as BCKLWN has staffing shortages.
6. **PLANNING:** to consider: -
  - 6.1 Applications - None
  - 6.2 Decisions – None
  - 6.3 Enforcement at Red Gate Farm – There is no update available on this and the status is still “pending consideration”.
7. **REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:**
  - 7.1 **Cllr de Whalley -**  
The Local Plan Review examination was discussed and the proposed large development at West Winch was proposed to move to Downham Market or Watlington where rail access was close by. The Settlement Hierarchy : F58 & D21 mentions Ashwicken as a rural village with consideration as a small village/Hamlet. Following the consultation period, the Parish Council should write and confirm our position on this matter.

The mobile library service is to be cut following a review with some locations that are close to main libraries being cut. The new prosperity fund via BCKLWN & Rural England has recently been announced covering aging populations, sustainability, and connectivity.

### **7.2: Cllr Manning:**

The planning committee are now taking retrospective applications into more consideration as these have shown an increase. The defibrillator offer of £1k from the BCKLWN is still available and the forthcoming May elections require a photographic ID for the first time. Next full council meeting is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February with the March one being held on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

The consultation request regarding the County Deal has gone out today and the clerk has passed this onto the councillors.

### **7.3 Cllr Moriarty :**

Main report – appendix 1. (Received 15.2.23)

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:**

**8.1** The Voice – article due tomorrow and to include forthcoming elections, speed awareness scheme volunteers required and broadband speeds.

**8.2** Fencing Repairs – no quotes have been received since requesting them in November and ES to chase.

**8.3** Common Land – JE has checked on this and will send out maps of the area.

**8.4** Repair of both noticeboards – again no quotes have been received.

**8.5** Donation to Age UK – upon checking their accounts and spending, it was decided not to donate.

**8.6** Coronation funding – no information has been received regarding any events planned as yet.

**8.7** Installation of a “fibre feed” on East Winch Road – by footpath 29 – AB advised that BT were checking but no update on any installation.

**8.8** Village Hall CCTV – the quote received and discussed last November requires a top up from the Parish Council which was proposed by AB, seconded GM and all in favour.

## **9. FINANCE:**

**9.1** Bank Reconciliation, payments, bank statements & payments/receipts for December 22 and January 23 proposed by GM, seconded AB and all in favour.

**9.2** Payments for February (to date) approved by GM, seconded AB and all in favour.

**9.3** The retrospective approval of the precept increase of 5% and budget for 23/24 proposed GM, seconded by AB and all in favour.

**9.4** The Qtr. 3 financial review was discussed, and the clerk advised that although we are in a much better financial position than last year, the bank balance of £11,773.96 included the insurance pay out for the fencing damage and a donation from Cllr Moriarty. Review proposed GM, seconded by AB and all in favour.

## **10. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CLERK:**

**10.1** JE - SAM & Speedwatch – SAM –No update on the SAM unit. The Speedwatch team require more volunteers to be able to start up again

**10.2** JE – Village Hall – considering a defibrillator and JE to advise of the £1k available from BCKLWN  
ACTION JE

**10.3** JE/ABL- Play Areas – No problems at either area reported.

**10.4** GM – Bus Shelters – the shelter on the border with Bawsey has had graffiti on the window and clerk to ask Mr. Jones to clean when in the area. ACTION CB

**10.5** SD– Fen & Brands Wood –no report received from SD.

**10.6** Footpaths – Clerk had written to Mr. Wilkinson regarding footpath 29 signage has not been re-installed, but no response to date. JE to contact  
ACTION JE

**10.7** JL – Highways –Clerk advised that the Rangers had been asked to cut back the overgrowth on the wig wag sign by the school plus sign cleaning.

**10.8** CB – Clerk update – May election update regarding the nominations for parish councillor to be received at the council offices by 4pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April. The email with the link for the information had been sent to all councillors.

## **11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- a. Receive updates on the Traffic Project survey.
- b.

**12.** The next Meeting will start at 7.30pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.37