



LEZIATE & ASHWICKEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 15th of SEPTEMBER 2023 FROM 18.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Adrian Bramwell (AB), G Mathias (GM) and Michael de Whalley (MdW)

Co-opted: Victoria Kempley (VK), Bal Anota (BA) and Andy Blatch (ABL)

The Parish Clerk (CB)

Borough Councillors Michael de Whalley and Bal Anota

Two members of the public present.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** – AB proposed MdW which was seconded by GM. MdW elected as Chairman for this meeting only.
2. **CO-OPTION** - Victoria Kempley, Bal Anota and Andy Blatch were co-opted onto the parish council, proposed by AB, seconded by GM and all in favour.
3. **The declarations of interest were witnessed by the clerk and the Register of Interest and Election spending for the 3 co-opted councillors were received.**
4. **WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIRMAN**
5. **PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:**

The issue of anti-social behaviour and vehicle parking was raised on Brow of the Hill with people going to Bawsey County Park. Parking over residents' drives, on the pavements and double parking have caused considerable problems again. Threatening behaviour and abuse has taken place causing concerns for the safety of the elderly and young people. Pushchairs and wheelchairs have been forced onto the road as the pavements have been blocked. Copies of emails and pictures to be sent to the Clerk who will pass onto the councillors.

County Councillor Jim Moriarity is still working on restrictions with Highways and both our Borough Councillors will follow this up with Jim. It was agreed that we should try and get a police officer to attend a meeting again and also put any updates on The Voice and website.
6. **a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –**

Cllr Moriarty - holiday

b. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

None
7. **Approval of the circulated minutes from the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 19th of May 2023, and the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on the 15th of August 2023.**

Proposed GM, seconded AB and all in favour who attended both meetings.
9. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - 9.1 Traffic Project update – as discussed under item 5.
 - 9.2 Playground fencing – clerk advised that the work would start on the 18th of September.

10 PLANNING: to consider: -

10.1 Applications –

23/01495/F – conversion of outbuild into an annex (retrospective) at Elm Tree Farm, Leziat Drove. It was agreed to object to this application as considered not subservient, separate dwellings therefore not an annex and agree with the concerns raised by Highways

21/01810/NMA_1 – as no documents showing on the planning portal, unable to make any comment. Clerk to request information and extension to comment deadline.

ACTION: Clerk

10.2 Decisions –

23/01024/F | REMOVAL OF CONDITION 1 AND VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 21/02375/F: Alterations and Extensions and Construction of Outbuildings | Foxburrow 73 East Winch Road Ashwicken King's Lynn Norfolk PE32 1 1NA - PERMITTED

10.3 Enforcements – no new reports

ABL advised that Zenon House had reinstated the chain link fence and the property was for sale. It is hoped that the new owners are made aware of the details.

ABL advised that the reported water/jet skiing at Ashwicken lakes came under the 28 day temporary use. The clerk advised the same reason was given for the Jet Ski championship held at Bawsey 2/3 September.

11. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Anota – Following a complaint from a resident regarding broken footpath outside 70 Brow of the Hill, overgrown verges on Station Road and increased traffic in the Commercial Hub between Sibelco and the railway line, Cllr Anota had attended a site visit with Andy Wallace from Highways. The footpath and verges will be scheduled for work.

A site visit to be arranged with Andy Wallace, Jim Moriarty and MdW regarding the complaints on summer parking issues.

Cllr de Whalley -

The Local Plan has been put forward for examination and there is still 5 weeks for comments. Confirmation that the settlement hierarchy has changed back to give us small village/hamlet status.

A community to be selected for the Fast Followers Project and the Net Zero Communities Project which looks at selecting a roadmap to net zero could commence with Downham Market. The Norfolk Climate Change Partnership is for corporate and districts across Norfolk to reduce carbon footprint and include climate changes.

Cllr de Whalley has joined the Conservancy Board at the Port Authority and the IDB/Water Alliance.

Cllr Moriarty –

Continuing to chase Andy Wallace for progress on the parking.

DIY Waste at Recycling Centres

On Sunday 18 June Government set out its plans on how DIY waste at recycling centres is going to be addressed via *'changes that will be brought in to force this year'* (details here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/council-diy-waste-charges-abolished> and here [Summary of responses and government response - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#))

Further clarity from Government is awaited on the implementation, detail and timing of its proposal, **which importantly is not a ban on charging** but is instead a limit on what should be accepted for free from householders.

The County Council has been charging for DIY waste at recycling centres for over 20 years and in 2018 removed a weekly free allowance of one 80 litre bag or one item a week from householders.

As it stands the new Government proposal is likely to specify that, in relation to small-scale projects undertaken by householders, there would be:

- *'free disposal of DIY waste up to two 50L rubble bags (or one bulky or fitted item no larger than 2,000mm by 750mm by 700mm, the approximate size of a bathtub or shower screen)'*
- *'at a frequency of 4 visits per household over a 4-week period'*

Government has clarified that new funding will not be provided to councils to deal with the extra costs of this change to legislation, with DLUHC deciding *'that local authorities that currently charge householders to dispose of DIY waste will be required to absorb any associated costs'*.

12. Correspondence/Communications:

12.1 items for the next edition of The Voice – it was agreed to give an update on the parking issues, request for Speedwatch volunteers, thanking Sibelco for filling in the potholes in the car park and thanks to Jason Ess for his work on the Parish Council.

12.2 Repair of Noticeboards – clerk and AB

12.3 Parking – as discussed under item 5

12.4 Local Development Plan – as discussed under item 11

12.5 Settlement hierarchy - as discussed under item 11

12.6 Request for records and searches made on behalf of the Parish Council by J. Large – Clerk to make contact. ACTION Clerk

12.7 AB raised the recent levelling up and regeneration document – at 54 pages it takes some reading but concerned that Highways, Climate Change and NHS capacity were not mentioned. Borough Councillors to raise these points. ACTION BA/MdW

13. Finance:

13.1 Bank reconciliations, approval of payments, bank statements and payments/receipts for May, June, July & August 23. Proposed BA, seconded GM and all in favour.

13.2 Payments for June, July, August & September (to date) to approve. Proposed GM, seconded by AB with all in favour.

13.3 Qtr. 1 review – under budget – proposed GM, seconded by AB with all in favour. Clerk advised that Qtr.2 will reflect the cost of the replacement fencing.

14. Reports and updates from Parish Councillors and Clerk:

14.1 Clerk's Report – all policies and procedures updated in August. Playground fencing going ahead next week, and they will fit the memorial bench. Playground signage for both site requires updating and clerk gave examples. It was agreed to go ahead with the quote of £32 plus VAT and posts for the Village Hall playground and ABL offered to laminate A3 signs for Glosthorpe location. Clerk to place order and email ABL notice. ACTION:ABL/Clerk

14.2 SAM Unit – ABL will contact Jason to arrange collection and check battery. ACTION ABL

14.3 Play Areas – VK offered to check the Village Hall playground and ABL will check the Glosthorpe site. Clerk to email the check lists. ACTION:VK/ABL/Clerk

14.4 Bus Shelters – A complaint from a resident has been received regarding vehicles parking in the lay-by of the shelter on the B1145 by the junction with East Winch Road, which is forcing the bus to stop in the road. This will be monitored to see if it takes place at a particular time. GM reported that the shelter by the Bawsey boundary has a board "kicked in" and clerk to ask Mr. Jones to repair/replace. ABL was thanked for his work on this shelter and strimming by the noticeboard next to the school.

14.5 Fen & Brand's Wood – no update.

14.6 Footpaths – AB raised the issue with FP29 meeting with at East Winch Road – a digger has caused problems and the footpath sign is just propped up, not back in position. To be reported again via the NCC website. There is also a very rusty main hole which could be dangerous and no footpath. Trenches were dug but just left and require filling in.

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – please advise the clerk 7 days before the next date

Churchyard Maintenance, Parking,

16. The next Meeting will start at 6.30pm on the 10th of November 2023

The meeting closed at 20.30

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Signature

Date

Payments for approval June 2023:

C Boyden	Salary	252.16
C Boyden	Expenses	20.00
HMRC	PAYE	164.00
Village Hall	June payment	16.00
Paddy Jones	Ground works	344.98

Payments for approval July 2023:

C Boyden	Salary	252.16
C Boyden	Expenses	44.80
HMRC	PAYE	164.00
Village Hall	July payment	16.00
P Jones	June invoice	412.46

Payments for approval August 2023:

C Boyden	Salary	252.16
C Boyden	Expenses	34.90
HMRC	PAYE	164.00
Village Hall	August payment	16.00
P Jones	July invoice	469.66
Play inspection company	Annual inspection	175.08
Wix Domain	Annual subscription	15.24 (paid clerk)
Wix website	Annual subscription	108.00 (paid clerk)

Trade Sacks	For litter collection	330.00 (paid clerk)
Litter picker	For litter collection	24.95 (paid clerk)
Hi Vis clothing	For litter picker	30.97 (paid clerk)

Payments for approval September 2023

C Boyden	Salary	252.16
C Boyden	Expenses	34.90
HMRC	PAYE	164.00
Village Hall	September payment	16.00
P Jones	August invoice	163.43
ECS	September invoice	16.50
ICO	Annual Data Protection Fee	40.00