LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8th of NOVEMBER 2021 FROM 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr Andy Parker (AP) (Chair), Cllr. Adrian Bramwell (AB), Cllr Jason Ess (JE), Cllr Jon Large (JL), Cllr Andy Blatch (ABL), Cllr Graham Mathias and Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk. County Councillor Jim Moriarty (JM), Borough Cllr Michael de Whalley (MdW) and 1 member of the public.

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

2. PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:

A parishioner from Gayton Road, Ashwicken voiced concern at the 3 serious accidents in the last few months, one being a fatality, with the road being used as a race track on occasion. AP advised that we appreciated that there were issues, and we were trying to get things right with the traffic project. Key points were the increase in HGV's and speed limits.

JL updated the parishioner on the traffic meeting held in September with Highways present and the process including survey and follow up costs.

MdW raised the additional traffic to and from the proposed Wellness Centre would make the situation worse including the B1145.

3. a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -

Cllrs Colin Manning and Stuart Dickerson

b. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

JE regarding planning application for 46 Brow of the Hill

4. Approval of the Circulated minutes from the meeting held on the 11th of October 2021

Acceptance proposed JE, seconded AB and motion accepted by all present.

5. Matters arising:

5.1 Ashwicken Lakes – MdW advised that the agents had met NCC regarding footpath/bridleway recently.

5.2 Follow up on the Traffic Meeting – funding from the Road Safety Community Fund to be applied for via Cllr Moriaty with maximum of $\pounds 10k$. Proposed GM, seconded JL and accepted by all present. ClL funding would also be available for the CCTV and car park but not the traffic project - MdW

5.3 Neighbourhood Plan – grants from Borough are available up to £9k and the stages
and further information to be sent out by the clerk.ACTION CB
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5.4 Update on the Bird Boxes – Clerk reported that 4 in Brands Wood, 3 in the Churchyard and 6 on Leziate Fen. It was agreed to donate £50 towards the cost of making the boxes. Proposed ABL, seconded JE and accepted by all present. JE returned. Page on the website now set up by the clerk.

5.5 Village Hall CCTV – this can be part funded by the CiL fund and clerk to forward application form when available.

5.6 Playground maintenance update – JE advised that the painting had been completed and the replacement swings are on order and within the allocated funds.

6. PLANNING:

Planning to consider: -

6.1 Ground and first floor extensions to Poachers, 46 Brow of the Hill – JE left the meeting, and it was agreed to support this application. proposed AB, seconded JL and accepted by all.

6.2 Appeal: 21/00017/REF Zeon House, 62 East Winch Road. Our original comments remain against the original application.

7. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

7.1 Cllr. de Whalley -

CIL funding and the Wellness Centre already discussed. There is a new councillors community grand scheme of £1000 available to community groups (not parish councils) for community benefit. Applications welcome from £50 to £1000 and if successful must be used within 12 months. Ends 31.3.22 As we have 2 borough councillors the parish can benefit including village hall.

The museums committee hoard of 98 x 2000 year old Iceni coins are to be displayed and the British Museum would like to display part of Seahenge in 2022 as part of their Stonehenge exhibition.

The Guildhall Project continues with a national lottery heritage fund bid next year.

7.2 Cllr. Moriarty -

Litter picking - the Borough Council are investing in this with the collection of bags and tackling the increase in fly tipping. The Road Safety Community Fund applications have to be with County by 30th of November.

A bus service improvement plan is under discussion, Avian Bird Flu is on the increase and the free trees project were discussed.

A request was made for Cllr Moriarty to help with pushing highways to cut back the overgrown tree at Glosthorpe Manor as it is now in the road and the school signage is covered by overarowth. ACTION JM

GM suggested that some tree planting takes place on the Ashwicken Lakes. A decision on any tree requests needs to be made by the 27th of November with a decision on the 17th of December. MdW advised that volunteers to help plant could be available.

JL to discuss with a local arborist. ACTION JL

8. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 The Voice – as discussed earlier JL to provide an article on Neighbourhood Plan interest.

8.2 Parish Partnership Scheme 21/22 – No application to be placed.

8.3 ASB – clerk had received notification of human faeces found on a footpath.

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9. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CLERK:

- **9.1** JE SAM Warden: no reports but the Speedwatch locations have been approved and training can now progress.
- **9.2** JE Village Hall new committee member on maintenance and quotes for the works had been received.
- **9.3** JE/ABL- Play Areas: tree at Glosthorpe as previously discussed.
- **9.4** GM Bus Shelters: no problems but the road sign was still propped up against the Church Lane shelter.
- **9.5** AP Fen & Brands Wood: no problems.
- **9.6** AB Neighbourhood Watch Lots of information lately and being sent out upon receipt. Agreed no response to their ASB request.
- 9.7 JL Footpaths updated report sent out earlier today. A report of night snooping.
- **9.8** JL Highways as above. JM requested a copy.
- 9.9 CB Clerk update 2022 meeting dates sent out and advised of holiday from 30th November to 6th December. A letter to be written to Sibelco requesting help for the potholes in the car park.

ACTION JL

10. FINANCE

10.1 The October Bank Reconciliation, payments & receipts, bank statements had been sent out to all councillors. Approval proposed by AB and seconded by GM. Approved by all present.

<u>Statement of Account:</u> Current balance was £13,871.10 as at 31.10.21 on the bank reconciliation.

10.2 Payments for November proposed AB, seconded JE and approved by all present.

10.3 The Draft budget and precept for 22/23 was discussed, following a meeting of the finance team. Due to 2 years of expenditure on the play areas, 22/23 needs to be a year of consolidation and build up of reserves. A 4% increase on the precept was included along with an increase in contractors charges, public sector salary increase and costs of the village sign to be considered for final draft.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. Receive updates on Ashwicken Lakes planning application.
- b. Receive updates on the Traffic Project.
- c. Neighbourhood Plan
- d. Budget & Precept to be approved for 22/23

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting scheduled would take place on Monday the 13th of December from 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm