

MINUTES
Old Leake Parish Council Meeting
13 March 2024

No members of the public were present.

Councillors Present

Councillors, Chairman Frank Pickett, Tom Ashton, Susan Nutman, Sandra Pickett, David Dickason

Also in attendance:

Community Member Walter Seekamp
LCC Councillor Paul Skinner
Parish Clerk Joann Greer

1/3/24 Opening Comments from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2/3/24 Apologies for absence and reasons given

Apologies were noted and accepted from Councillors Julian Crouch, Nigel McCulloch and Guy Bull.

3/3/24 Declarations of interest in accordance with 2011 Localism Act

No declarations were made.

4/3/24 To note reports from representatives of outside bodies

Lincolnshire County Councillor Paul Skinner informed the Council about a recent walk around the parish which was conducted with a highways officer. Issues with the school and medical centre parking were observed, LCC officers are hopeful the situation can be addressed with a suitable solution. The request for a zebra crossing near the primary school was also recorded.

The school bus stop at Commonsides is currently in the system and may take up to 24 months to be implemented.

Councillor Skinner stated he will follow up any fixmystreet reports if reference numbers are provided.

Boston Borough Councillors Baxter and Butler were unable to attend the meeting but sent the following information. They held a Councillors on tour event at either end of the village to listen to people's concerns. The main concerns were the passing places on route to the fishing lakes are insufficient and the signage still not been put up. WFDB were thanked after they provided pumps to the Green Lane area after recent prolonged heavy rains.

Councillor Baxter is now a governor at the primary school, and both councillors have taken part in community events including bingo calling and litter picking.

Overgrown brambles have been cut back by LHP at Mayflower Gardens and trees are scheduled to be maintained on Church Road.

5/3/24 To note CCTV updates & image requests

No images were requested.

6/3/24 To receive a report from the Recreational Area Working Group, resolve actions and expenditure for issues raised in the reports:

- a. **Washdyke** – The entrance area had been built up and covered with tree bark.
- b. **Furlong** – no further issues
- c. **Enos Wood** – Further tree works are due next month

7/3/24 Draft notes of the meeting held on 14 February 2024 resolution to adopt

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to accept the notes as a true record of the meeting and accepted as the minutes.

8/3/24 Financial Matters:

Resolution to approve payment of accounts as listed

- a) It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to approve the payments as listed.

Employee Costs	23/24 - 088	March Salary/pension/ HMRC	927.30
Clerk Expenses	23/24 - 089	March travel/Giff/ allowance	56.40
Mr M A Johnson	23/24 - 090	March Litter Picker	150.00
K & P Services	23/24 - 091	March Enos Wood & Washdyke Caretaker	84.00
ARK ICT Solutions Ltd	23/24 - 092	March Monthly Antivirus payment	11.61
BT Broadband Community Centre	23/24 - 093	March Monthly Broadband Payment	46.74

b) To note the bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation on 29/2/24 of £64847.28 was noted

c) To appoint the internal auditor

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to appoint Sarah Nash from Taxing Times as the 2023-24 internal auditor

9/3/24 Highway Matters:

a) Receive issues requiring maintenance / repair

The primary school have reported serious problems with parking around drop off and pick up times. The request for a zebra crossing on Old Main Road was highlighted again. The parish council had reported these issues previously to Highways, Councillor Skinner assured the OLPC the matters were recorded and in the system. As well at the school bus stop matters at Commonsidge.

b) Receive Reactive Speed data and consider action

Councillor McCulloch was unavailable to present the data

10/3/24 Planning Matters:

a) To note the LGA & PAS Planning information

The information was noted

b) Application No:B/24/0094 change of use from a paddock to a dog exercise yard at land northeast of Fellands Gate.

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to support this application

c) Application B/24/0009 to erect a single-story side extension Highbury, Hampton Lane

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to support this application

11/3/24 To receive an update of the YOUNG PEOPLES PILOT PROGRAMME

The YMCA team has started the events which have been attended by approximately 10 participants at each session. More sessions are scheduled with feedback questionnaires for the parish council. A full report will be available after the conclusion of the pilot programme.

12/3/24 To receive an update regarding the Meadows and possible parking solutions

Councillors Frank Pickett and Susan Nutman met with the LHP representative on site. It was confirmed the medical centre staff could park at the back of the facility. With regards to the grassy area being used for parking it must first be established who owns it. It was suggested all organisations get involved in this potential project for the best outcome.

13/3/24 To note the Flood Resilience programme

Information regarding flooding issues in the area was noted including a multi organisational meeting to be held with Matt Warman MP on 22 March at the Community Centre.

14/3/24 To note general correspondences not addressed on this agenda & respond if required

A request for a donation towards the upkeep of the grounds of St Mary's church was received after the distribution date of this agenda, therefore it will be an agenda item at the March meeting.

15/3/24 To set the date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting was set for Wednesday 10 April 2024.

**Wednesday 10 April 2024
7.00 pm
Old Leake Community Centre**