

**MINUTES**  
**Old Leake Parish Council Meeting**  
**10 April 2024**

One member of the public was present with traffic issues around Cowbroads Lane and the entry to the fishing lakes. All the issues were noted but had already been recorded by the Parish Council in previous months and followed up with Lincolnshire County Council.

**Councillors Present**

Councillors, Chairman Frank Pickett, Tom Ashton, Susan Nutman, Sandra Pickett, David Dickason, and Nigel Mc Culloch

**Also in attendance:**

LCC Councillor Paul Skinner  
Parish Clerk Joann Greer

**1/4/24 Opening Comments from the Chairman**

The Chairman, Frank Pickett, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2/4/24 Apologies for absence and reasons given**

Apologies were noted and accepted from Councillors Crouch and Bull, Community member Walter Seekamp and Borough Councillors Baxter and Butler.

**3/4/24 Declarations of interest in accordance with 2011 Localism Act**

None were made.

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

Boston Borough Councillors Baxter and Butler forwarded a comprehensive list of issues they have been dealing with in the parish including BBC budget set and Council Tax Bills sent out. Help available through Council Tax Support Scheme. Some events coming up World's strongest man and food market.

FIX MY STREET. Residents complained about Sea Lane and written to Cllr Skinner. Potholes reported near Water Tower.

WATER PROBLEMS. Cllr Pickett and Ashton as well as Cllr Skinner attended with us. Many residents spoke and action to be taken.

Pode Lane has been fixed. Duke Street to be sorted by LHP and LCC. Green Lane and Commons side pumps to be fixed. Survey to be carried out.

LOCAL RESIDENTS QUERIES-Noisy Cockerill down Caleb Hill Lane. Councillor Butler is looking into the matter.

FELLANDS GATE-Now open . Resident has written to Cllr Skinner about traffic and roads. Also about road signs as none put up yet. They state increase in traffic.

Also that Heavy Vehicles causing problems at Commons side.

PRIMARY SCHOOL E MAIL TO CLLR SKINNER. About zebra traffic and traffic control. They have received an acknowledgement.

LITTER PICKING. A litter picking session identified lots of tyres thrown in a dyke which have now been removed.

**STREETLIGHTING** This has been discussed with the Leader and Section 151 officer and they are to send a full reply covering issues that have been raised and official response. Apologies for delay.

A meeting is to take place with the new Property Services Officer to discuss staggered conversion of street lighting.

Councillor Skinner reported the conclusion of the LCC financial year, scam e mails doing the rounds. The Young Voices campaign is recruiting new volunteers plus information on the children’s learning alliance and natural education charity going forward.

**5/2/24 To note CCTV updates & image requests**

No requests were made.

**6/4/24 To receive a report from the Recreational Area Working Group, resolve actions and expenditure for issues raised in the reports:**

- a) Washdyke – The car park area has now been re-opened.
- b) Furlongs - All Ok on the report.
- c) Enos Wood – All OK on the report

**7/4/24 Draft notes of the meeting held on 13 March 2024 resolution to adopt**

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

**8/4/24 Financial Matters:**

**a) Resolution to approve payment of accounts as listed**

Person / Company to be paid	Invoice No	Details	Amount
Employee Costs	24/25 - 001	April Salary/pension/ HMRC	927.30
Clerk Expenses	24/25 - 002	April travel/Giff/ stamps	36.40
Mr M A Johnson	24/25 - 003	April Litter Picker	150.00
K & P Services	24/25 - 004	April Enos Wood & Washdyke Caretaker	46.75
ARK ICT Solutions Ltd	24/25 - 005	April Monthly Antivirus payment	11.22
BT Broadband Community Centre	24/25 - 006	April Monthly Broadband Payment	46.74
Freddie Faulkner	24/25 - 007	April Tree Works	100.00
ICO	24/25 - 008	Data Protection Fee	35.00
LALC	24/25 - 009	Annual Membership & Training Package	658.06

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

**b) To note the bank reconciliation**

The bank reconciliation at 29/02/2024 £64847.28 was noted

**c) To consider increasing the budget for the new laptop including software to £1500**

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to increase the budget.

**c) To consider a request for a donation towards the upkeep of the grounds at St Mary's Church**

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to donate £1300 towards the grounds upkeep of the church.

**9/4/24 Highway Matters:**

**a) To consider the complaints from residents regarding traffic issues and pedestrian safety accessing the fishing lakes and resolve action**

This issue was covered in the public forum. LCC have been informed of the situation.

**b) Receive issues requiring maintenance / repair**

Signs and leaner rails have been damaged and are missing in places.

**c) Receive Reactive Speed data and consider action**

The signs are unable to provide information via Wi-Fi. The Clerk is to get the cables to Councillor McCulloch to enable data retrieval.

**10/4/24 Planning Matters:**

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to support all 3 listed planning applications.

a) **Planning Application B/24/0109** Demolition of existing porch and replace with a larger porch at Lynbrook, Main Road PE22 9LH

b) **Planning Application B/24/0112** Replacement of existing outbuilding with new outbuilding at Bradshaws Cottage, Moat Lane PE22 9JR

c) **B/24/0148 Willow Tree Barn, Hurns End**

**11/4/24 To consider the response from Boston Borough Council regarding footway lighting insurance and resolve response**

A full written response was not received prior to this meeting.

**12/4/24 To consider the proposed 3-year upgrade streetlighting plan and resolve expenditure**

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to budget £10k per annum towards the upgrade of the lightning.

**13/4/24 To receive an update on the completion of the YOUNG PEOPLES PILOT PROGRAMME and resolve future plans**

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to continue to provide the service for the young people of the village. The Clerk is also to look into the option of additional activities during school holidays.

**14/4/24 To receive an update regarding The Meadows and possible parking solutions**

Further discussions are to be held with LHP after Councillors Pickett and Nutman attended an onsite meeting.

**15/4/24 To note general correspondences not addressed on this agenda & respond if required**

Councillor Nutman agreed to attend the next Parish Liaison meeting with Boston Borough Council on 17 April.

**16/4/24 To note the parish council's corporate email address system and instruction for use**

The information was noted. Full instruction on how to access individual e mails will be sent out to Councillors.

**17/4/24 To set the date and time of the next meeting**

The next full council meeting is set for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, following the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30 pm.