

MINUTES
Old Leake Parish Council Meeting
12 June 2024

One member of the public was present with traffic issues around Cowbroads Lane. Details of number of vehicles were passed onto LCC Councillor Paul Skinner.

Councillors Present

Councillors, Chairman Frank Pickett, Tom Ashton, Sandra Pickett, Guy Bull and David Dickason.

Also in attendance:

LCC Councillor Paul Skinner
BBC Councillor Callum Butler
Parish Clerk Joann Greer

1/6/24 Opening Comments from the Chairman

Councillor Pickett welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2/6/24 Apologies for absence and reasons given

Apologies from Councillor Nutman and Community Member Seekamp were noted and accepted.

3/6/24 Declarations of interest in accordance with 2011 Localism Act

No declarations were made.

4/6/24 To note reports from representatives of outside bodies

Boston Borough Councillor Callum Butler provided an update on the following: Both Councillor Butler and Baxter have responded to planning requests and have signposted residents on how to make comments on planning applications. Raised several issues with LHP from grass cutting to personal property issues, encouraging businesses and locals to get in touch so that we can advertise local events and activities. Continue to report issues on Fix My street with a varying success rate. It has been agreed that a dialogue be set up between clerks and BBC to save miscommunication and to be more efficient.

At a borough level action is being taken regarding the signs on the former H Samuels jewellers as it is not in keeping with the conservation zone. Action is also ongoing regarding several other properties within the town centre that are looking a little worse for wear.

Boston Borough Council have now purchased the former B and M (Kwik save) building and are currently in the process of undertaking a bat survey.

Cllr Helen Staples has been voted in as the mayor of Boston.

LCC Councillor Paul Skinner updated the Council on the campaign to keep Lincolnshire Growing, the department of education has additional 150 places for pupils with emotional/mental health issues, also details of an improved bus service timetable.

5/6/24 To note CCTV updates & image requests

No images were requested.

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

- a. Washdyke – everything is in order.
- b. Furlongs – some outstanding repairs still need actioning including the self-close gate mechanism.
- c. Enos Wood – a path needs strimming through the vegetation.

7/6/24 Draft notes of the meeting held on 10 April & 8 May 2024 resolution to adopt

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

8/6/24 Financial Matters:**a. Resolution to approve payment of accounts as listed**

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

Person / Company to be paid	Invoice No	Details	Amount
Employee Costs	24/25 - 020	June Salary/pension/ HMRC	927.30
Clerk Expenses	24/25 - 021	June travel/Giff/ stamps/allowance/ink	113.78
Mr M A Johnson	24/25 - 022	June Litter Picker	150.00
K & P Services	24/25 - 023	June Enos Wood & Washdyke Caretaker	94.25
ARK ICT Solutions Ltd	24/25 - 024	June Monthly Antivirus payment	11.22
BT Broadband Community Centre	24/25 - 025	June Monthly Broadband Payment	51.96
Witham Fourth Drainage	24/25 - 026	Drainage Fees	163.96
Taxing Times	24/25 - 027	Internal Audit Fee	100.00

b. To note the bank reconciliation

Current bank account reconciliation as of 3.06.24 was £72556.73

c. To note the conclusion of the internal audit

The internal audit was completed with no issues raised. The council completed the audit paperwork and signed the documents accordingly.

9/6/24 Highway Matters:

- a. Receive issues requiring maintenance / repair – The Gride has a lot of yellow markings on it, preparing for some repairs.

- b. Receive Reactive Speed data and consider action – unfortunately Councillor Mc Culloch was not present to provide any information. The Clerk is to collect the equipment from him.

10/6/24 Planning Matters:

Planning Application B/24/0188 Alteration at Cascade, Church Road – No comments were made.

No Objections to BBC claiming Bridleway at Midgate and footpath at Priory Road - noted

11/6/24 To consider the email request for support regarding Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries, e-bikes, and scooters

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to support this request.

12/6/24 To note a recent court case regarding impact on residents of LED lighting

Councillor Dickason informed the Council of a recent case in Camden where a residents eyesight was affected by LED lighting. Camden Council were taken to court and had to fund the changes to their lighting system.

13/6/24 Consider writing to BBC to mitigate against costs to revert a light back to sodium in such an instance

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to confirm with BBC if such an incident regarding LED lighting was to adversely effect a residents health, OLPC would not be responsible for reverting or changing any village lighting to remedy the situation, and that it would fall to BBC to fund any works.

13/6/24 To consider the street lighting upgrade/maintenance schedule and resolve action

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to confirm the first phase of the repairs and upgrades to the village lighting within the 2024 budget of £10,000.

14/6/24 To note the date of the next parish liaison meeting 10 October 2024 and provide agenda items if necessary

The date was noted. No agenda items were put forward.

15&16/6/24 To consider the request to use the field for a dog show and resolve

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to permit the dog show on the playing field 8th September.

17/6/24 To consider the Rights of Way Survey

The survey was noted

18/6/24 To note general correspondences not addressed on this agenda & respond if required

The Witham Fourth Drainage Board newsletter was noted.

19/6/24 To set the date and time of the next meeting

Wednesday 10th July at 7.00 pm.