

MINUTES
Old Leake Parish Council Meeting
October 9 2024

Public Forum

3 members of the public were present. Updated on deteriorating road conditions on Cowbroads, HGV's burst water pipes and excessive amounts of traffic. This issue had been passed onto BBC and LCC previously.

Councillors Present

Councillors, David Dickason, Guy Bull, Sandra Pickett, Paul Skinner and Susan Nutman.

Also in attendance:

Boston Borough Councillor John Baxter
Parish Clerk Joann Greer

1/10/24 Opening Comments from the Chairman

Due to the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Councillor Dickason acted as Chair. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2/10/24 Apologies for absence and reasons given

Apologies from Councillors Pickett and Ashton were noted and accepted. No apologies or communications were received from Councillor McCulloch. Community Member Walter Seekamp also sent apologies.

3/10/24 Declarations of interest in accordance with 2011 Localism Act

No declarations were made.

4/10/24 To not

e reports from representatives of outside bodies

Detailed reports were emailed to all Councillors from LCC Councillor Skinner, and BBC Councillors Baxter and Butler.

5/10/24 To note CCTV updates & image requests

No requests were made.

6/10/24 To receive a report from the Recreational Area Working Group, resolve actions and expenditure for issues raised:

- a) Washdyke – A spring closing mechanism is to be installed at the gate, the meadow is to be cut back and the hedgerow to the left of the park is also to be cut back.
- b) Furlongs – the climbing cone is to be repaired; additional matting and gate repairs have already been requested.
- c) Enos Wood – is to be visited by a qualified tree surgeon to develop an annual maintenance schedule to assist with the budget setting for 2025 – 26.

7/10/24 Draft notes of the meeting held on 4 September 2024 resolution to adopt

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved by those in attendance at the last meeting to accept the notes as the minutes.

8/10/24 Financial Matters:

a) Resolution to approve payment of accounts as listed

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

| Person / Company to be paid | Invoice No | Details | Amount |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------|--------|
| Employee Costs | 24/25 - 043 | October Salary/Pension/ HMRC | 942.52 |
| Clerk Expenses | 24/25 - 044 | October Travel/Giff/ ZOOM/Stamps | 193.88 |
| Mr M A Johnson | 24/25 - 045 | October Litter Picker | 150.00 |
| K & P Services | 24/25 - 046 | October Enos Wood & Washdyke Caretaker | 94.75 |
| ARK ICT Solutions Ltd | 24/25 - 047 | October Monthly Antivirus payment | 11.22 |
| BT Broadband Community Centre | 24/25 - 048 | October Monthly Broadband Payment | 51.96 |
| PKF Littlejohn | 24/25 - 049 | Annual Audit | 378.00 |
| Royal British Legion | 24/25 - 050 | Poppy Wreath Donation | 50.00 |
| Clerk | 24/25 - 051 | Quarterly Allowance | 40.00 |

b) To note the bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation as of 2.08.24 of £66808.43 was noted.

c) To note the conclusion of the Annual Audit

The audit was signed off by the external auditor with no further action required.

d) To consider project budget requirements for the 2025 - 26 financial year

Councillors were asked to consider potential projects and services to be included in the next financial year for the first budget meeting in November.

9/10/24 Highway Matters:

a) Receive issues requiring maintenance / repair

No new issues were raised.

10/10/24 Planning Matters:

- a) **Planning Application B/24/0375 Approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping and scale) reserved for lateral approval for the erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings) at Aingarth, Chapel Road, Old Leake, PE22 9PP**

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved to support the matters.

- b) **Planning Application B/24/0370 Demolition of 3no. existing agricultural buildings and erection of 3no. dwellings at Bank House Farm, Hobhole Bank, PE22 9RX**

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

- c) **Planning Application B/24/0392 Proposed extension to form additional accommodation at 83, Church Road, Old Leake PE22 9NS**

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

11/10/24 To receive feedback from the first YMCA youth project

Successful promotion of the new Monday evening service led to 16 people attending. The Clerk is to meet with YMCA to highlight other areas in the parish that may lead to further developments.

12/10/24 To consider the request for a skate park in the village by a resident and resolve action

The requested was considered. Due to the complex nature of introducing a skate park a feasibility study group was set up to gather information identifying need, location, planning, design and funding. Councillors Dickason and Skinners, BBC John Baxter and Mrs Reeson are to start the group with an aim to approaching OLPC when the information is available.

13/10/24 To consider a request for possible funding for the warm hub

The request for funding was considered, however the Council required further details including costing before they could make a decision.

14/10/24 To consider a request for funding from CAB

The request was noted. Councillors resolved to invest any funds they have available go direct to village services currently operating within the parish.

15/10/24 To consider the consultation document from BBC on the gambling policy

Councillors comments for the survey included no additional gambling facilities were needed in the town, from slot machines to betting shops. Concerns were raised regarding gambling addiction.

16/10/24 To note general correspondences not addressed on this agenda & respond if required

A request from a resident regarding a lack of playground equipment at Furlongs Lane for 0 - 2-year-olds was noted. Councillors stated the current provision for outdoor equipment was adequate for this age group.

17/10/24 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting in November

The November meeting date was set as Wednesday 13 November.