

Old Leake Parish Council Meeting
11th September 2019
MINUTES

In Attendance:

Councillor David Norton, Councillor Frank Pickett, Councillor Tom Ashton, Councillor John Baxter, Councillor Ian Money, Councillor Anne Hawthorn and Councillor Julian Crouch.

Lincolnshire County Councillor Paul Skinner was also present.

Public Forum

A member of the public requested a salt bin to be relocated.

1/9/19 Opening of the meeting by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all Councillors and guest speakers to the meeting.

2/9/19 Apologies for absence and reasons given

Apologies were received from Councillor McCulloch due to work commitments.

3/9/19 Declarations of interest in accordance with 2011 Localism Act

No declarations were made.

4/9/19 To receive a presentation from Janet Clarke from Community Lincs regarding the scope of the position of an Old Leake Rural Isolation key worker

Janet explained the background of Community Lincs dating back from 1927. They have vast experience working in communities and supporting community buildings, good neighbourhood projects and help source funding and facilitate governance of community groups, one of their main objectives is to instil sustainability in any community project.

She explained that Community Lincs could conduct scoping exercises from a blank canvas, however much of the foundation work for Old Leake has been identified through the Rural Isolation Programme.

If the Parish Council are interested in the services offered by Community Lincs they are requested to write with details of the work they wish to be included. Community Lincs will then be able to produce terms of business.

5/9/19 To note the report from the Police Liaison Officer

The following list of incidents was reported by PCSO Kym Rayment:

4 incidents of anti-social behavior-Old Main Road, Church End, Church Road and Vicarage Gardens.

6 incidents of criminal damage-Church Road, Furlongs Lane, Moat Lane, Old main Road, Church End and Sandygate Crescent.

4 incidents of violence-Pode Lane, Sandygate Crescent, Main A52 and Hawthorn Road.

5 concern for safety-2x St Mary's Way, 2x Hawthorn Road and Hurns End.

3 traffic offence-Wicken Lane, School Lane and Tilia Grove.

2 suspicious circumstances-Hampton Lane and Hunstan Lane.

1 road traffic collision-Vicarage Gardens.

6/9/19 To note reports from representatives of outside bodies

Councillor Baxter sent an update from the last community Centre meeting via e mail to Councillors. There was also a request for a bin area outside near the entrance which would be dealt with later in the agenda, Youth Club update and a Comedy Club event was also mentioned.

A request for a Parish Councillor from the CCTV group was also invited to attend the next community centre meeting - Councillor Pickett will attend.

Councillor Money reported the Speed Watch Campaign had been out and recorded 60 speeding vehicles over a one-month period during 4.30pm – 5.00pm time slot. He highlighted the difficulties in recruiting volunteers. The Council agreed to look at a programme to encourage residents to take part in volunteering opportunities within the parish as a future agenda item.

Councillor Money also stated the Neighbourhood Watch village scheme would probably be drawing to a close due to lack of interest in the village.

7/9/19 To note CCTV requests

No requests for images were made, however the CCTV engineer has been called to investigate a beeping coming from the recording device. Councillor Pickett will meet the engineer on site.

8/9/19 To consider the RoSPA reports and resolve action and expenditure

The reports had been previously e mailed out to Councillors.

There were no high priority issues raised.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved to complete the list of minor repairs suggested in the RoSPA report for Furlongs Lane.

Washdyke Lane minor repairs are to be addresses as part of the refurbishment programme for the park.

9/9/19 To accept the playgrounds and Enos Wood monthly check sheets and action any repairs

No further items were identified for both play areas that were not covered by the RoSPA report.

10/9/19 To consider the draft notes of the meeting held on 10th July 2019 and resolve to adopt

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved to accept the note as the minutes.

11/9/19 Resolution to approve the payments of accounts

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

12/9/19 Highways matters: items requiring maintenance or repair

Highways have repaired most of the potholes throughout the village.

13/9/19 Planning matters

- a) B/19/0223 Seven Acres, Skipmarsh Lane – application to vary conditions. The Parish Council had no comments to make.
- b) B/19/0239 Land to the west of Chapel Road – outline application for 2 x dwellings. The Parish Council supported this application.

- c) B/18/0456 Blue Bungalow appeal. The Council previously objected to this application due to over development of the site. They did not have any additional comments to make.

14/9/19 To elect members of a working group to set the job description of the Rural Isolation Key Worker & desired projects and outcomes

Councillors Baxter, Hawthorn and the Clerk were elected to form this Working Group.

15/9/19 To receive a report from the Enos Wood working group, resolve any actions and set expenditure if required

An update was provided by Councillor Crouch, the following budgets were proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved for the continued development of Enos Wood: Crowders £125, rustic seating logs £200, bark for paths £220.

Councillor Baxter had been awarded 30 saplings from the Woodland Trust after entering a competition.

Details to reinstate of an original pond identified in the wood would be discussed at the October meeting.

The Clerk is also to correspond with a resident regarding falling leaf debris.

16/9/19 To receive a report from Councillor Hawthorn's visit to a local resident and resolve any action

Councillor Hawthorn reported she had visited a resident of the village who had expresses concerns regarding events taking place on a regular basis at his accommodation block.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved to arrange a meeting between the Parish Council, the resident and the housing association to draw attention to the issues.

LCC Councillor Paul Skinner would investigate the occupancy criteria from the Lincolnshire Housing Partnership.

17/9/19 To consider a report from the Washdyke Lane Working Group and agree the format for the future development of the area, resolve actions and the budget

Councillor Crouch and the Clerk were disappointed that the contractor had not started the wildflower meadow before the September meeting. It was agreed if the work was not started by the following weekend the process to kill the grass off and sow the seeds would have to be postponed until the spring.

Fencing quotes were proving difficult to obtain even after meeting contractors on site, however quotes would be sourced for the October meeting. The hawthorn tree and overgrown hedgerow at the entrance to the park are scheduled to be removed.

18/9/19 To consider the ethical standards report and resolve any actions

Councillors had read through the previously e mail report. There were no comments or actions.

19/9/19 To elect a Councillor to apply for the BBC Standards Sub Committee

Councillor Ashton is already a member of the Committee in his role as a Borough Councillor. Councillors Money and Crouch expressed an interest, the Clerk is to send an application form out to them.

20/9/19 To consider a request from the Community Centre to create a secure bin area

The request to install a concrete base with metal fencing around it for a secure bin location was agree in principle but the location suggested was not suitable as the main electrics come into the building at that point. Councillor Pickett will liaise with the Community Centre to review a suitable location.

21/9/19 To note general correspondences

An invitation to attend the next OLCC meeting was noted along with a request from Fishtoft Parish Council for bank details to send the Rural Isolation grant to, a request from Harlock Alms Houses charity to display vacant accommodation and a copy of the Clerk & Council Direct publication.

22/9/19 Agenda items for the October meeting

Enos & Washdyke progress reports.