

Old Leake Parish Council Meeting

10th April 2019

In Attendance: Councillor David Norton, Councillor Guy Bull, Councillor John Baxter, Councillor Ian Money, Councillor Nigel McCulloch and Councillor Anne Hawthorn.

Open Forum 7.00pm

No members of the public were present

1/4/19 Opening of the meeting by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Councillors for their time invested in the running of the Parish Council over the last 4 years.

2/4/19 Apologies for absence and reason given

Councillors Ashton and Pickett sent their apologies.

3/4/19 Declarations of Interests in accordance with 2000 Local Government Act

No declarations were made.

4/4/19 To note reports from the Police Liaison Officer

The Chairman read out the contents of an e mailed report from PCSO Kym Rayment of recorded incidents for the period from 13/03/19 to date.

1 road traffic collision - The Gride.

3 transport hazards-The Gride, Commonsides and Church End.

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1 traffic offence-Main A52.

3 incidents of violence-2 x Church Road and St Mary's Way.

2 suspicious circumstances-Main A52 and Church Road.

1 concern for safety-Church Road.

5/4/19 To note reports from representatives of outside bodies

Councillor Baxter reported on events scheduled for the community centre including Flix in the Stix, Glenn Campbell tribute, regeneration fitness, comedy club and the new youth club starting in May.

The community centre committee is also actively seeking a treasurer and a secretary.

Councillor Money informed the Council that the Speedwatch programme is now up and running and has had its first outing which highlighted 8 speeding vehicles in a one hour period.

He also reported the Neighbour Hood Watch signs are now installed in the village.

6/4/19 To receive a report regarding traffic issues in the village and resolve to reconvene a meeting of multi agencies as in 2016 or any other suitable actions

Councillor Norton had a meeting with Ian Widows from the Giles Academy who was sympathetic to the traffic problems outside the school however they have no funds to improve the parking situation. He is happy to host a meeting as before if the Parish Council wish to pursue this avenue.

After some discussion the Council agreed to monitor the situation for the time being. The issues are the same at all schools at drop off and collection times.

7/4/19

To receive a report regarding starting a swimming club at the Giles Academy and resolve any action

Information provided at the meeting explained how a local group could be set up as a swimming club and use the facilities at the Giles. The initial costings were quite high. A questionnaire will be made available at the May Event to establish what interest there is in the village to set up a swimming group.

8/4/19 To receive a report from the Rural Isolation representatives and resolve future funding availability

Councillor Baxter informed the Council the results from the questionnaire were now available and would be included on Boston Borough Council's website and in the parish newsletter.

The Parish Council were asked if they could be a sponsor for funding to hold an event in the village as part of the Rural Isolation programme. £2500 may be available to fund an event but the Parish Council would have to manage the funds.

It was proposed to find out more details before agreeing to this and establish how much of the Clerk's time would be required. A decision will be made at the May meeting once more details have been explained.

9/4/19 To note CCTV requests.

No new CCTV requests were made.

10/4/19 To accept playground inspection reports, Enos Wood and action any repairs

The inspections had been carried out by Councillor Pickett, however he had sent his apologies for the meeting but clarified to the Clerk that all was in order at the three sites, apart from some further tree works at Enos Wood.

11/4/19 Draft Notes from the meeting held on 13th March 2019

The notes were proposed by Councillor Money and seconded by Councillor Baxter. All agreed. The notes were accepted and adopted as the minutes. Resolved.

12/4/19 Resolution to approve payments of accounts

The list of accounts were proposed and seconded. All agreed. Resolved.

PAID TO/DESCRIPTION

Staffing Costs & Expenses	542.81
Michael Shaw	
Litter Picker February/March	118.56
K & P Services	
Washdyke Area Caretaker	41.25
March	
Thomson Tree Service	
Enos Wood Tree Works	130.00
Information Commissioners Office	40.00
Scribe	
Accountancy Package	339.60
LALC	
Annual Membership	420.57
LALC	
Training Programme	138.00
TOTAL	1770.79

13/4/19 Highways Matters – Report items requiring maintenance/repair

No new issues were raised for this agenda item.

14/4/19 Planning Matters

No planning applications were received for this meeting.

15/4/19 13/3/19 To consider the footway lighting extensive report from BBC and note Councillors recommendations whether to repair/replace or remove

Councillors Money and McCulloch had provided a comprehensive report including colour photographs of the street lighting included in the report from Boston Borough Council.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved to complete works on the red highlighted lights at this point.

A detailed list is to be sent to Boston Borough Council detailing which lights are to be repaired or removed, one light on Meadow Way which was located in the middle of the pavement was rejected by the Parish Council as the cost to re locate the light would have to be borne by the agency that put it in the wrong place and not the Parish Council.

16/4/19 To consider and resolve the three year Parish Council cover

The Council considered the policy schedule and where satisfied it met with their requirements.

The quotes will now be generated on this policy schedule and resolved at the next meeting.

17/4/19 To receive an update regarding repairs to the bus shelter and resolve any action and expenditure

The Clerk had been informed by LCC that they would be prepared to make a grant available to repair the bus shelter. Suitable options were being considered, the Parish Council will be asked to choose their preferred option in due course.

18/4/19 To consider installing an additional bus shelter at the bus stop near the co-op

One Councillor had heard that the bus companies were considering not driving through the village and only picking passengers up on the A52, if this is the case a bus shelter would not be required.

It was proposed to hold off at this time until clarification had been sought.

19/4/19 To receive reports from the Working Groups, resolve any actions and expenditure consider the quotes for a new lap top and resolve expenditure

a) The May Event

Plans for the event were well underway with invited stall holders booking spaces, voting slips were agreed and Councillor McCulloch will print them off for the next meeting, the trophies have arrived and the food has been confirmed.

b) Enos Wood

30 tree saplings have been secured from the Woodland Trust. Councillor Hawthorn informed the Council she had joined the RSPB and received a nice bird box which she thought would be a suitable idea to introduce to the wood to attract birds. Other woods in the area have them. Once the wood is cleared of overgrown trees and ivy such instalments could be made.

c) Washdyke Lane

Councillor Norton had been in touch with Cherry Willingham Parish Council regarding their wildflower planting days, it is hoped a group visit could be arranged in the near future.

20/4/19 To note general correspondences

Fly the red ensign appeal was noted along with the LALC training programme.

21/4/19 Agenda items for the May meeting

The May agenda will follow the usual style for the Annual Parish meeting.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING
Wednesday 8th May 2019
7.00 pm at the Community Centre