

Old Leake Parish Council Meeting
10th July 2019
MINUTES

In Attendance:

Councillor David Norton, Councillor Frank Pickett, Councillor John Baxter, Councillor Ian Money, Councillor Nigel McCulloch, Councillor Anne Hawthorn and Councillor Julian Crouch.
Lincolnshire County Councillor Paul Skinner was also present.

Public Forum

No members of the public were present

1/7/19 Opening of the meeting by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

2/7/19 Apologies for absence and reasons given

Apologies were received from Councillor Bull due to travel.

3/7/19 Declarations of interest in accordance with 2011 Localism Act

No declarations were made.

4/7/19 To note the report from the Police Liaison Officer

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

- 1 suspicious circumstance-Lime Walk.
- 2 transport hazards-Station Road and Main A52.
- 2 traffic offences-Shaw Lane and Kent Road.
- 2 incidents of violence-Church Road and The Gride.
- 1 theft-Church Road.
- 1 burglary-Chapel Road.
- 1 road traffic collision-Vicarage Gardens.

5/7/19 To note reports from representatives of outside bodies

Councillor Baxter reported back from the Community Centre and informed the Council 25 young people attended the youth club's first meeting. More volunteers are needed on a regular basis.

14 people attended the medical centre's dementia friend awareness day and the Co Op shop staff have been trained to be dementia friends.

Councillor Money reported the Speed Watch Campaign had been out and recorded 11 speeding vehicles within the space of 1 hour.

Councillor Norton had attended the Harlock Alms Houses AGM. Their financial review highlighted that they were well supported with assets and the building have been noted as being well maintained.

6/7/19 To note CCTV requests

No requests were made.

7/7/19 To accept the playgrounds and Enos Wood monthly check sheets and action any repairs

Furlong's Lane play area is in good order, the edges of the safety matting at Washdyke Lane will be incorporated into the general improvement plan for the area. The RoSPA annual inspections will take place in August.

8/7/19 To consider the draft notes of the meeting held on 12th June 2019 and resolve to adopt

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

9/7/19 To confirm Financial Regulations, audit risk assessment and process for expenditure

The Clerk briefly went through the financial documents to clarify the procedures for expenditure by the Parish Council. The information was noted by Council.

10/7/19 Resolution to approve the payments of accounts

The donation payment of £25 to RSPB had not been put onto the circulation list however the cheque had been drafted. The Clerk is to add the payment to the list. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolve to approve the payments as listed at the meeting.

11/7/19 Highways matters: items requiring maintenance or repair

LCC Paul Skinner informed the Council the ward highways walk with the Parish Council was scheduled for 26th November. The request to make the A52 stretch at the junction to Old Leake was still in the system however there is a backlog of issues, but Councillor Skinner confirmed it would be considered as soon as possible. Other issues were reeds blocking visibility on Chapel road, Station Road to Hunstan Lane – overgrown vegetation and 200 yards along the footpath towards the doctors was overgrown and an eyesore.

12/7/19 Planning matters

There were no planning comments raised at the meeting.

13/7/19 To receive an update from the Rural Isolation Project

The Fishtoft event is scheduled for 29th September and everyone is welcome to attend.

The proposal from the Parish Council to incorporate a key worker within the village was well received. Community Lincs will be able to advise how to move forward. Councillor Baxter informed the Council that IT classes would begin with a 4-week course from 19th September 6 – 8pm at Cusina Sano, funded by the Prince's Trust and the assistance of Councillor McCulloch the course will involve 8 hours of tuition.

14/7/19 To receive a report from the Enos Wood working group, resolve any actions and set expenditure if required

Councillor Crouch provided some information regarding the introduction of a hedge around the perimeter of the wood. The Council agreed in principal that they would introduce hedging and 3 quotes were requested for the September meeting.

Thomson Tree services have volunteered their time free of charge to plant the whips for the Council.

After requesting several times for quotes to clear the ground at the wood only one quote was produced by Thomson Tree Services. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved to award the ground clearing to Thomson Tree Services to clear the ground three times a year at a price of £260 per visit.

15/7/19 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

The Clerk produced a report from a recent site visit to Washdyke Lane with Councillor Crouch and various contractors.

Some Councillors were not in favour of a dog exercise area in the park. As some elements of the plan appeared to be controversial it was proposed, seconded and agreed to break the project into 2 phases. Phase 1, to introduce a wildflower meadow, is to be started as soon as possible to fit in with the growing season. The Clerk and Councillor Crouch had delegated powers to consult with contractors and start the process working within a maximum budget of £3500.00.

Detailed prices for other elements of the improvements at the park will be revisited after the summer break at the September meeting and will form phase 2.

16/7/19 To note general correspondences

Advertisement posters by Boston Borough Council for events during the summer months was noted, along with a message from a local resident who had several issues with his housing provided which included feeling isolated. Councillor Hawthorn agreed to chat with resident to establish if the Parish Council could be of any assistance. Councillor Hawthorn will report back at the September meeting.

17/7/6/19 Agenda items for the September meeting

Enos & Washdyke progress reports.