

LEVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the Meeting held at The Church Hall, Main Road, Leverton on **Monday, 15th January 2018.**

D Durrant in the Chair

Present:- Councillors: Mrs J Moore, Mrs J Self, Mr M Chevis, Mr N White.

Apologies: Cllr P D Bedford, Boston Borough Council, Cllr P Skinner, Lincolnshire County Council.

1.0 OPEN FORUM

Sharon Warner and Maddy Eyre attended the meeting to present to the councillors details of the Parish Council Project which is being developed to increase engagement and help deliver the recommendations of the rural isolation task and finish group. Sharon Warner spoke about training which had been delivered in December regarding planning applications, raising awareness of transport, website and social media information and communications such as parish newsletters available in each parish. She also spoke about amenities available for each parish including community groups and committees. Sharon confirmed that there will be a consolidated newsletter sent out each month hopefully starting at the end of January. Maddy Eyre confirmed that they are liaising with partners and agencies to see what work they are already doing in supporting the community and how they can help achieve the groups objectives and also how best to deliver the different types of grants available for Parishes and residents. It was also confirmed that the Parish Council Group would be working closely with LALC and one of their training sessions for councillors will be held at the Municipal Buildings in order to improve access for all Parish Councils.

2.0 POLICE MATTERS

The following incidents were reported to the clerk:

1 suspicious circumstance – Highgate
Road Traffic Collision – Main A52
Abandoned vehicle – Ings Lane.

3.0 APOLOGIES:

Cllr P D Bedford, Boston Borough Council, Cllr P Skinner, Lincolnshire County Council

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting held on 18th December 2017 were agreed as presented and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

6.0 Matters arising:

6.1 Play Park

There was nothing to report regarding the play park. It was suggested it would be better if the annual inspection could be carried out around May/June and the clerk agreed to contact Wicksteed to confirm if this was possible.

6.2 Poor Condition of Parish Roads

It was reported that due to the bad weather the parish roads continued to deteriorate with potholes and cracks appearing throughout the parish.

6.3 Leverton Toilet facilities.

Nothing further to report regarding this matter at present.

6.4 Groundworks Provider.

It was agreed to procure quotes for 2 cuts per month on the layby to start around March and continue until the end of September. The closing date for receipt being prior to the next meeting.

6.5 Lacey's Avenue Footway Lamp no 5

Mrs Moore confirmed that she wasn't aware that the lamp had been relit to date. The clerk confirmed that she would chase this up with Boston BC

6.6 Vermin Issue Around The Waste Bins In The Layby

The chairman stated that there was evidence of much rat infestation, and that the type of bins had a number of disadvantages. Some were damaged, other were full and with evidence of interference by vermin. The chairman suggested that suitably anchored wheelie bins would be a more satisfactory option. Mr White stated that he would speak to a contact to obtain his opinion on the best course of action to address this issue regarding the rat infestation.

7.0 PRECEPT

The clerk presented an estimate of the remaining expenditure for 2017/18 and the coming expenditure for 2018/09 and it was agreed that the current precept amount would remain the same.

8.0 PAYMENTS

None

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

The clerk presented a letter from Lincolnshire County Council outlining proposals to devolve highways safety cutting to the parish council for which LCC would pay a sum of 4.4p/m² per annum to the Parish Council. The council agreed to see how this item develops over time.

Planning Application for The Bungalow, Lacey's Lane, Leverton. No observations recorded.

9.0 ITEMS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PARISH

Mrs Moore stated that the pavement had been damaged at the top of Lacey's Lane adjacent to the Parish Notice board. The clerk would report this to Lincolnshire County Council Highways department. Mrs Moore also reported that there was an issue of standing water near No 4 Main Road, Leverton, when there was a large amount of rainfall which ran into the driveway and the garden. It appeared that the storm drain could be blocked. The clerk confirmed she would report this also.

Mr White stated that he had noticed the Village Hall was looking a little dated and asked if there was anything the Parish Council could do to revamp the exterior. It was suggested that North Sea Camp could possibly provide some labour for the project and the chairman confirmed that it would be something the parish council would be willing to support.

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 19th February 2018 at The Church Hall, Main Road, Leverton commencing at 7.00pm.