

LEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CHEQUERS INN, LEDHAM, WEDNESDAY 29th JANUARY 2020

Present: Councillors Audrey Taylor (Chairman), Chris Woodall (Vice-Chairman), Lynda Goodall, Andrew O'Leary and Paddy Parkes.

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer) and one member of the public.

20.1 APOLOGIES

Apologies and a reason for absence were received from Cllr Emma Broughton.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and the reason for absence provided by Cllr Broughton be approved.

20.2 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

(a) TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 31 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INTERESTS UNDER THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllr Goodall declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 6(c) and undertook to neither speak or vote during that agenda item.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(b) TO RECEIVE AND DECIDE UPON REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO COUNCILLORS TO TAKE PART IN DISCUSSIONS AND VOTES WHERE THEY HAVE DECLARED DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no requests for dispensations.

20.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no questions from the member of the public present.

20.4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th December 2019 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the chairman of the meeting.

20.5

UPDATE OF ONGOING ISSUES AND CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER ACTION

(a) CASUAL VACANCY ON PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that Mr Wes Holleran had applied to join the Parish Council. Mr Holleran was present, explained his interest in joining the Council and then answered questions from councillors.

RESOLVED: That Mr Wes Holleran be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

Cllr Holleran signed his declaration of acceptance of office form.

(b) PROVISION OF A DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that the Masonic lodge had indicated that they would shortly be sending the Parish Council the grant cheque towards the costs of purchasing the defibrillator.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

(c) DEVELOPMENT ON SITE ON A63

The Clerk reported that the planning application was still awaiting decision by Selby District Council.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

(d) SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting information from Leeds City Council as to when the works and changes would be progressed.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

(e) VE DAY 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS STREET PARTY

The Chairman reported that she understood that the Chequers Inn were supportive of hosting a VE Day event at the pub. It was noted that 8th May would be a bank holiday.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Holleran talk to the landlord and provide an update to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

(f) QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LEDSHAM

The Chairman reported, in her capacity as Churchwarden, that the Church was still awaiting costings for the repairs required to the Church. She would be stepping down as Churchwarden at the end of the year.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and the matter considered again when costings had been identified by the Church.

(g) PROPOSED MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA AT LUMBY, SOUTH MILFORD

The Clerk reported that the application had yet to be determined by Selby District Council.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

(h) GIFT FOR A FORMER MEMBER OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Former member of the Parish Council, Mr Tony Knight, joined the meeting and was presented with several gifts in appreciation of his time on the Parish Council and work on behalf of the community.

RESOLVED: That Mr Knight be thanked for his service on the Parish Council and on behalf of the community.

(i) PLANS BY WHELER FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE OF ITS LAND AND PROPERTY

The Clerk reported that he was awaiting information from the Estate about its plans.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

20.6

PARISH MATTERS

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION 20/00100/FU, VARIATION OF CONDITION NUMBER 2 (APPROVED PLANS) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 15/00771/FU (PARTIAL DEMOLITION AND ALTERATIONS TO LEDSTON HALL TO FORM 10 DWELLINGS, ERECTION OF ENERGY CENTRE AND STORES WITH ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING NEW ACCESS ROAD, BALANCING PONDS AND PARKING), LEDSTON HALL, HALL LANE, LEDSTON, LEEDS, WF10 2BB

The Clerk reported that the Council had received notification of this planning application even though it related to a matter in a neighbouring parish, albeit in relation to a building of interest to the Parish Council. However they had not received notification of a similar application relating to the Hall. Both applications appeared to be seeking variations to existing permissions.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk liaise with the Estate regarding the two applications and be given the delegated authority to respond to the planning applications on behalf of the Parish Council.

(b) PARKING AT END OF NEWFIELD WOOD NEAR TO RSPB FAIRBURN INGS CENTRE

Cllr Woodall raised concerns about the amount of parking at the location particularly at weekends.

RESOLVED: That the concerns be raised with the RSPB and an update provided to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

(c) POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT AT OLD SCHOOL, HOLYROOD LANE

The Clerk explained that the resident at the property was seeking the views of the Parish Council on his proposed development prior to submitting any planning application.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council had no objections to the proposals at this stage.

20.7

MEETINGS

(a) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS LEEDS BRANCH MEETING, TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2020, SWILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Goodall and Taylor attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

(b) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS CONFERENCE, SATURDAY 28th MARCH 2020, HOLIDAY INN OSSETT

RESOLVED: That the conference be noted.

20.8

FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) BANK RECONCILIATION (DATED 1st JANUARY 2020) AND EXAMINATION OF BANK STATEMENTS

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation and the examination of the bank statements be noted.

(b) EXPENDITURE TO BUDGET DOCUMENT (DATED 24th JANUARY 2020)

RESOLVED: That the document be noted.

(c) BUDGET AND PRECEPT DEMAND FOR THE 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk presented a draft budget for the 2020/2021 financial year. A detailed discussion of each item of income and expenditure and a risk assessment of the levels of allocated and general reserves required by the Council then took place. With two amendments, namely the allocation of £400 towards the maintenance and eventual replacement of the defibrillator and £300 towards the cost of the 2023 parish elections, the budget was adopted and a precept demand of £5,167 agreed to be submitted to Leeds City Council.

RESOLVED: That the 2020/2021 budget as amended be adopted by the Council and a precept demand of £5,167 for the 2020/2021 financial year be submitted to Leeds City Council.

(d) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

- (i) Salaries Q3, £412.05
- (ii) HMRC Q3 PAYE Income tax, £103
- (iii) Autela Group Ltd, Q3 Payroll services, £30
- (iv) Clare Johnson, Jubilee garden maintenance, £25
- (v) Carter Jonas, Telephone box licence agreement, £1
- (vi) Carter Jonas, Jubilee Garden licence agreement, £6

RESOLVED: That the payments be made.

(e) INTERNAL CONTROL CHECKS

The Clerk reported that due to a lack of availability of councillors no internal control checks had taken place before the meeting.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and internal control checks carried out before the next meeting of the Parish Council.

20.09

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) LEEDS CITY COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN TRANSPORT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT CONSULTATION

RESOLVED: That the consultation be noted.

(b) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS, GDPR TRAINING, TADCASTER, 4th FEBRUARY 2020

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

(c) CORRESPONDENCE FILE

The Clerk reported that there was no hard copy correspondence to be circulated this month.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

20.10 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the possibility of planting more trees in the parish be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

20.11 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council take place on Wednesday 26th February 2020 at 7pm at the Chequers Inn, Ledsham.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC
Parish Clerk/RFO to Ledsham Parish Council
1st February 2020