

LEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2020

Present: Councillors Audrey Taylor (Chairman), Lynda Goodall, Wes Holleran, Andrew O’Leary and Paddy Parkes.

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)

20.70 APOLOGIES

Apologies and a reason for absence were received from Cllr Chris Woodall.

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

20.71 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

There were no interests declared.

(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.

20.72 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

20.73 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 30th September 2020 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the chairman of the meeting.

UPDATE OF ONGOING ISSUES AND CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER ACTION**(a) PROVISION OF A DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator was due to be installed on 12th January 2021. Nearer the time the Yorkshire Ambulance Service would put on some training about how to use and maintain the machine.

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

(b) SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

The Chairman reported that Leeds City Council had commenced the formal consultation regarding the proposed speed limit reduction.

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

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

The Clerk reported that application 2019/0547/EIA had still 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.

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

The Clerk reported that the Estate had still yet to submit their planning applications for the proposed developments in the village.

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

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

The Clerk reported that Leeds City Council had undertaken to carry out a speeding survey on Newton Lane but that this would not take place until December at the earliest. He also understood that Leeds City Council would be contacting the Parish Council with advice about how parking could be discouraged along the road.

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

(f) CONDITION OF HANDRAILS ALONG HOLYROOD LANE

The Clerk reported that the repair or replacement of the handrails by the Estate had not yet happened but was due to be done either later in the year or next Spring.

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

(g) RECRUITMENT OF REPLACEMENT GARDENER TO MAINTAIN THE JUBILEE GARDEN

With the impending retirement of the gardener at the end of the year a discussion took place regarding arrangements for a replacement. Cllr Parkes offered to take on the role on a voluntary basis.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Parkes carry out the maintenance of the Jubilee Garden on behalf of the Parish Council on a voluntary basis from 1st January 2021.

(h) LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had submitted its application for foundation level accreditation under the scheme.

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

20.75

PARISH MATTERS

(a) YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS LEEDS BRANCH MEETING – TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2020

Due to IT problems neither Cllr Goodall or Taylor had been able to attend the branch meeting.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(b) CONDITION OF THE CHURCHYARD

At the request of Cllr Goodall a discussion took place regarding the condition of the churchyard. Cllr Taylor informed members that the Diocese was not wanting groups of volunteers to work in churchyards at the present time.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and the matter left to the Church.

(c) LIAISON WITH THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Following a request by members of the Council a discussion took place regarding liaison with the neighbourhood watch and how to better share information about crimes which had taken place in the parish. The Clerk reported that the current neighbourhood watch coordinator would be happy for someone else to take on the role.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Holleran contact the current neighbourhood watch coordinator to discuss the role.

20.76

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation be noted.

(b) BUDGET REPORT (DATED 23rd OCTOBER 2020)

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(c) PAYMENT FOR NOTING

- (i) Clare Johnson, Jubilee Garden Maintenance, £35

RESOLVED: That the payment be noted.

(d) PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

- (i) Mr Chris Pilkington, Q2 expenses, amount to be tabled
- (ii) Mrs Audrey Taylor, Remembrance Day Wreath & Donation, £50.75

The Clerk reported that he would bring his expenses claim to the next meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED: That the payment to Mrs Taylor be made.

(e) REQUESTS FOR GRANTS

- (i) All Saints Church – maintenance of churchyard
- (ii) All Saints Church – maintenance of public clock
- (iii) All Saints Church – maintenance of public lighting
- (iv) Sir John Lewis Trust – support for almshouses

The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from the Parochial Church Council requesting grants to help maintain the churchyard, the public clock and the public lighting at All Saints Church and for a grant for the Sir John Lewis Trust charity to support the almshouses.

RESOLVED: That grants be made to All Saints Church, Ledsham, of £160, £85 and £105 towards the maintenance of the churchyard, the public clock and the public lighting respectively. Also that a grant of £120 be made to the Sir John Lewis Trust to support the provision of the almshouses.

(f) INTERNAL CONTROL CHECKS

The Clerk reported that it had not been possible to arrange internal control checks ahead of the meeting.

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

20.77 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

No matters were identified for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting additional to matters already discussed earlier in the meeting.

20.78 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council take place on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 7pm via Zoom.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC
Parish Clerk/RFO to Ledsham Parish Council
28th November 2020