

LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
For Meeting Held At Leigh Village Hall On
16th January 2018 At 7.30pm

Present: -Cllr Scutt - Chairman, Cllr Stillitano Cllr Bennett, Cllr West, Cllr Read, Cllr Vincent, DCllr Penfold, the Clerk and 4 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Bugler
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
3. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES
 - 3.1 It was resolved "THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 21st NOVEMBER 2017 BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN". Proposed: Cllr Bennett, 2nd Cllr Stillitano. Unanimously agreed.
 - 3.2 Cllr West updated regarding Boyles Trust, she has been informed that all meetings are closed meetings and that the Trust does not need to publish the minutes. Reports to the Council are only made with regards to the Annual award yearly report if Leigh residents are effected. It was suggested that information regarding grants and application be put on the Leigh website.
 - 3.3 Resignation of Carinna Vickers as Clerk received. Anticipated last day in post 31st March 2018. Matters were in hand with regards to appointing a new Clerk.
4. FINANCIAL MATTERS & ASSET REGISTER
 - 4.1 Clerk's salary for 2 months. Total: £305.94 Proposed: Cllr Bennett, 2nd Cllr West, Unanimously agreed.
 - 4.2 Clerks invoice for 2 months expenses. £39.70 Proposed: Cllr Bennett, 2nd Cllr Read, Unanimously agreed.
 - 4.3 Confirmation that tax base 2018/19 for Leigh will be 230.7. The tax base for the Parish is used to calculate the council tax charge on a property in Band D by dividing the precept by the tax base. The charges for the other bands are set proportions of this Band D charge.
 - 4.4 Cllr Bennett outlined the figures for the proposed budget for the forthcoming year, with reference to documents circulated prior to the meeting. Even though the percept demand would result in a potential deficit of £1600 for FY 2018-19, it was felt that this could be absorbed within the reserve and recovered in the next financial year. THEREFORE A DEMAND OF £8500 WOULD BE MADE FOR THE PRECEPT 18/19. Proposed: Cllr Bennett, 2nd: Scutt. Agreed Unanimously.
 - 4.5 Cllr Bennett circulated a draft Financial Regulations document. It was resolved THAT THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL. Proposed: Cllr Bennett, 2nd: Scutt. Agreed Unanimously. A version controlled copy would be available on the website.
 - 4.6 Cllr Scutt has reviewed online banking and Lloyds provides appropriate facilities. Signatories will be Cllr Read, Cllr Bugler and Cllr Scutt. Cllr Scutt will take this forward.
 - 4.7 Freedom of Information invoice paid in full.
 - 4.8 Invoice from DAPTC for training paid £130.00.
 - 4.9 Cllr Scutt will forward Gates acceptance forms to the Clerk for filing.
 - 4.11 Community Heartbeat Invoice of £62.40 paid.

- 4.12 It was resolved THAT THE INVOICE FROM BATTENS SOLICITORS FOR £520.00 FOR THE LEGAL FEES FOR THE PLAY GROUND LEASE WOULD BE PAID BY THE PC. THE MONEY TO BE RECLAIMED FROM BATTENS CHARITABLE TRUST.
Proposed: Cllr Vincent. 2nd Cllr Bennett. Voted unanimously.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 5.1 Richard Smith apologized to the Parish Council that nothing happened during November and December months. He has now generated a finance sheet, but this has not yet gone before the steering committee for review and as such is not ready for distribution but the PC could review. There was discussion about the processes involved in reaching the final Neighbourhood Plan, how the questionnaires needed to be created, circulated and reviewed. Mapping software will be required to identify information required for the questionnaires. There was a plan to send out questionnaire in 2 to 3 months. A newsheet will be generated to keep the village informed.
- 5.2 Cllr Bennett emphasised that the over-refund (£249.80) erroneously made to Groundwork UK in Oct 2017 needed to be reimbursed to the PC, as raised at the November Council meeting. Cllr Scutt suggested a letter explaining the situation to see if the return of too much grant could be rectified. The Neighbourhood sub group would look into this.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

- 6.1 Decision Notice WD/D/17/001963 THE CROSS HOUSE, CHETNOLE ROAD, LEIGH, SHERBORNE, DT9 6HL – APPROVED.
- 6.2 Planning Consultation WD/D/17/002490 POGLES WOOD, THREE GATES, LEIGH, SHERBORNE, DORSET DT9 6JQ – PC supported this application but recommend that consideration is made to parking when reviewing this application.

7. PLAY PARK

- 7.1 Cllr Scutt is attending a Play Park meeting on the 17/1/18.
- 7.2 The Play Park Lease has been signed. The Clerk to be informed of where the original signed lease will be held and provided with a copy for PC records. As part of the current lease the end state of Mr and Mrs Wallis' ground has been agreed, the Playpark Committee will make good the ground and remove all evidence of activity.

8. TRANSPORT

- 8.1 Richard Smith updated regarding the NordCat bus service. Figures for recent use were presented. 20 people from Leigh are registering and using the bus. Cllr Penfold will look into who funds Nordcat and if the PC should be donating to support this service. It was agreed that if grant money was given it would be based on a per usage of bus service.

9. VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN POWER CUTS

- 9.1 As a result of recent power cuts within Leigh provision for the vulnerable was discussed. Cllr Stillitano will write an article for the Wriggle Valley Magazine, with a copy on the website to highlight the benefits of good neighbourliness and community support.

10. FOOTPATHS

- 10.1 Mr Evans reported that 9 gates have been ordered, the PC paying for 4, one free and 4 applied for last summer. All the gates have gone to the south of the village. Should the PC be reviewing gates for the north of the village?
- 10.2 Longbridge Drove 24/1/8 will be closed for 21 days. Notices have been received and will be posted to notify all traffic. It is unclear how long it will take the work to be done and closure may extend.
- 10.3 It was reported that the repairs at Long Lane have not had much positive effect, this is a Highways problem and no further action can be done on this. Cllr Bennett was concerned that horse riders were being penalized and wondered if they could be exempt. Safety is the main priority. Mr Evans will take this back to see if there can be some long term exemption.

11. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

- 11.1 Andrew Denham reported that they had had a good turnout of people who are keen to help. The amount of traffic on the road was considerable. 168 cars checked. Most speeding occurs along Totnell Hill. The Police have indicated that Leigh CSW can keep the speed camera indefinitely. Focus can be directed at specific problem areas. Thanks was given to Mr Denham and his volunteers.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Pre-Submission Draft Mineral Sites Plan & Draft Waste Plan
- 12.2 GLEAM and GLPG give evidence to House of Lords Select Committee
- 12.3 Integrated Transport Review - Monday, 26 February 2018

13. ITEMS OF URGENT NATURE SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN'S APPROVAL

- 13.1 Cllr Scutt enquired about trustees for the Candle Auction which appear to be nominated by the PC. Cllr Vincent will investigate and Cllr Scutt will discuss with Gordon Morris.
- 13.2 CCLLR Penfold indicated that the council responses had been excellent, response to pot holes and bins.
- 13.3 Cllr Penfold will discuss with Paul Thatcher the 30mph sign in the village which has been broken.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –20th March 2018