

LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 13th July 2021 at Leaden Roding village hall with members of public joining on Zoom.

Present: P.Sutterby (Chair), M.Whitehead (Vice-Chair), Mrs Bush, D.Wareham

Members of the public: 3

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
District Councillor Susan Barker
2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING
None
3. MINUTES
The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 18th May 2021 were proposed by Cllr Sutterby as a true record, seconded by Cllr Whitehead and carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by Cllr Sutterby.
4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS
 - 4.1 A resident stated that she had seen planning reports that more barn conversions are planned to Leaden Hill Farm and was concerned that residents already living at the site suggested that another access route should be created on Stortford Road replacing the footpath next to the church. The clerk has not received notice of a full planning application yet as the applicant has submitted a prior application of the intention to use permitted development rights as an assessment on whether or not the proposal is permitted development and as such Uttlesford do not consult the Parish Council. After discussion it was felt that if an application was received, the Parish Council would be against an access route on the bend of the road by the church for road safety reasons.
 - 4.2 A resident stated that after rainfall flooding occurs on the path at the Dunmow Road entrance to Holloway Crescent. Also, the soakaway at the same locations is loose and dangerous when cars drive over it. The clerk will report both problems.
5. COUNCILLORS REPORTS
 - 5.1 Cllr Wareham reported that Uttlesford has made him aware that after stating they intended to give the owner of Chalks Green a 28-day notice period to remove the fencing on Chalks Green, they have since changed their mind. A Landscape Officer has examined the area and Uttlesford have appointed another solicitor to the case.
 - 5.2 Cllr Sutterby reported that he has spoke with the owner of the car sales regarding cars blocking the footpath but there does not seem to be any improvement. Cllrs Sutterby and Wareham will speak to him again.
6. CLERKS REPORT
 - 6.1 A1060 speed limit signs – after the installation of a sign at the extension of the 30mph speed limit at Leaden Hill, the clerk reported that the sign was too wide and being hit by large wide vehicles as they drive past. The sign has now been changed to a smaller sign which is much safer for passing traffic.
 - 6.2 Damaged small village sign at Leaden Hill – awaiting a reply from Highways, the clerk will report again
 - 6.3 Roundabout sign approaching village from Chelmsford Road requested to be reinstated – sign now reinstated.

- 6.4 Building waste left adjacent to Windmill Café – reported but not yet removed, the clerk will report again.
- 6.5 Request that Highways revisit the speeding problems on Dunmow Road in the vicinity of the school – no reply from Highways after chasing three times – the clerk is still awaiting a reply after chasing again.
- 6.6 Giga Clear problems – no further updates.
- 6.7 The clerk reported that she has asked the Village Hall Committee to take down the St Georges flag but waited until after the Euros had ended and will check that it has been taken down shortly.
- 6.8 The clerk reported a roundabout sign erected in the wrong position on High Easter Road which could prove dangerous to drivers but has had no response. She will chase again.
- 6.9 The clerk has now updated Parish Councillors' details on the village website.

7. FINANCE

- 7.1 Cllr Sutterby proposed that the following cheques be issued, this was seconded by Cllr Whitehead and carried unanimously.
£17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall
£675.00 to Mrs T.E.Bell – clerks ½ year salary

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The following Planning application was circulated between meetings:
Wrens Park, High Easter Road – Demolition of existing porch and erection of new porch – *no objections*.

9. FOOTPATHS

- 9.1 Cllr Sutterby reported:
Footpath 1 at the bottom of Longsted Lane, the footbridge detached from concrete base – still ongoing
Footpath 5 at Leaden Hall, timber is rotting on the bridge over the river – reported on 3rd April (ref 2711562) – still ongoing.
There is high vegetation on most footpaths at the moment, but Cllr Sutterby is hopeful that this will be rectified shortly once the fields are harvested.

10. DEFIBRILATOR

- 10.1 Cllr Sutterby has arranged for Christopher Bennett – a retained Firefighter and trainee Paramedic to give Councillors and residents of the village some training on how the defibrillator located at the fire station works. This has been arranged for 7.15pm on Tuesday 31st August immediately preceding the Parish Council meeting.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 Cllr Wareham reported his concerns regarding dog fouling on the cricket pitch. The clerk stated that if anybody knows who the perpetrators are, they can report them to the Animal Warden at Uttlesford and a fine will be issued.
- 11.2 Cllr Wareham stated that road markings in the village need renewing as they are very faint. The clerk will report this to Highways.
- 11.3 Cllr Sutterby stated the hedges on Chelmsford Road from the field entrance to Porters Cottage need to be cut back to enable pedestrians to walk safely on the footpath. The clerk will report to Highways.
- 11.4 Cllr Sutterby suggested that the Parish Council approach the Village Hall and Social Club Committees to suggest organising a joint village celebration for the Queen's 75th Jubilee celebrations. All Parish Councillors were in agreement.

- 11.5 The clerk has received an email from Cllr Barker stating she has a contact at Highways who might be able to assist with long running maintenance and repair issues. Cllr Barker specifically listed the problem with surface water not draining away on Stortford Road. The clerk will see if any other issues we have might be eligible for this list.
- 11.6 The clerk stated she had been made aware that Rodings School are fundraising for a defibrillator for school use. She contacted the Headmaster of the school to make him aware that there is already a defibrillator located in the village. He replied stating that he was aware of the defibrillator at the fire station but a campaign to install a defibrillator in every school in the county is underway and he decided to fundraise for one for the school's own use.
- 11.7 The clerk stated that between meetings she became aware that the new grass cutting contractor was not cutting the entrance to Leaden Close and the small area of grass on Dunmow Road by the zebra crossing. After speaking to the contractor, she discovered it was a misunderstanding regarding the areas needing to be cut and the areas were cut the following day.
- 11.8 The clerk gave Parish Councillors details of the Community Governance Review of Parishes where Parish Councils can give views on either increasing or decreasing the number of Councillors to be elected in their village. She sent copies of an email with the full details of the review straight after the meeting and asked Parish Councillors to give their views, if any, either straight to Uttlesford or to the clerk who will pass them on.
- 11.9 Between meetings the clerk was asked by Cllr Barker to contact the owner of Chalks Green with a request to cut back the vegetation on the corner of Lordwood View to assist with motorist visibility. Although the Parish Council have stated that Uttlesford should deal with any issues with Chalks Green, the clerk emailed the owner with the request and received a reply stating he has no budget for cutting the area at this time but if the Parish Council wishes to cut any areas to inform him for final approval before the work commences. After discussion it was decided that the Parish Council should leave this to Uttlesford to either cut or discuss with the owner.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE DATES FOR 2021.

Tuesday 31st August 2021

Future meetings: Tuesday 19th October 2021
Tuesday 7th December 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.