

# LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 at Leaden Roding village hall.

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

**Members of the public:** 6

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

District Councillor Susan Barker

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 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 motor bikes speeding through the village at weekends, particularly on Sundays, seems to have worsened recently. Although there has been police presence in the village with speed cameras to try to stop speeding motorists, they only seem to be attending during the week. Cllr Sutterby urged residents to report any concerns re speeding themselves as he stated he hoped that the more complaints received will increase the number of times the police attend the village. He also asked Cllr Whitehead, as village representative for police matters to make contact with Essex Police to discuss the problem further and report back at the next meeting.

4.2 A resident stated it appears the grass areas cut by Uttlesford in Holloway Crescent and Holloway Close have been less frequent this year. The clerk will contact Uttlesford to see if the frequency for grass cutting has changed.

5. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

5.1 Cllr Wareham reported that the wires had now been removed from the posts at Chalks Green. He stated that himself and Cllr Whitehead would like full backing from other councillors when pursuing Uttlesford to continue to enforce the taking down of the posts. After discussion it was unanimously decided that the Parish Council as a whole will pursue this matter but would leave Uttlesford to enter into legal action alone if it is necessary.

5.2 Cllr Sutterby reported after he and Cllr Wareham had spoken to the owner of the car sales regarding cars blocking the footpath there seems to be some improvement. The situation will be monitored.

6. CLERKS REPORT

6.1 Damaged small village sign at Leaden Hill –the clerk has again reported this defect.

6.2 Building waste left adjacent to Windmill Café - the clerk has again reported this to Uttlesford and is awaiting the removal.

6.3 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 and will contact Cllr Barker to ensure the contact at Highways has not changed.

6.4 Giga Clear problems – no further updates.

- 6.5 The clerk reported that the St George's flag has been taken from the flagpole she now has it in her possession. She will arrange for it to be erected at the times when Parish Councillors think appropriate.
- 6.6 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 as a matter of urgency.
- 6.7 The clerk has reported to Highways the fading of road markings in some areas of the roads in the village The zebra crossing on Dunmow Road has now been re-marked.
- 6.8 The clerk reported that at recent Village Hall Trust meeting and Leaden Roding Social Club meeting it was agreed by members of both committees that they would be in agreement to combine to arrange a Queen's 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebration in the village. Bank Holiday dates for this celebration are Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. A separate sub committee will be formed to discuss a way forward.
- 6.9 Damaged soakaway at the corner of Dunmow Road and Holloway Crescent – this has been reported but not yet fixed.
- 6.10 The clerk reported that after sending details of Uttlesford's Community Governance review to Parish Councillors, she had one reply from Cllr Sutterby stating he would prefer for the number of Parish Councillors to remain at six so the clerk did not need to make a response to change the number. The clerk will inform Uttlesford that we will need to advertise for a Parish Councillor.
- 6.11 The clerk has reported that the overgrown hedges on Chelmsford Road between Chalks Villas and Meghills are so overgrown that pedestrians need to walk on the busy road and has requested that they be cut back by the Highways Rangers. This has not yet been done, as normal practice appears that Highways do not acknowledge emails, she is unsure as to whether the request has been received so she will make the request again. A resident has also contacted the clerk with concerns of this particular footpath.

## 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
  - £25.00 to Mrs T.E.Bell – purchase of voucher as gift for free defibrillator training (see 10.1 below)
  - £140.66 to Flextronics Global Services – repair of Parish Council computer (see 10.10 below).
- 7.2 The clerk reported that prior to the above payments being made the Parish Council bank balances are: Current account - £12,983.53  
Deposit account - £344.83

## 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The following decision to determine the following planning application is:  
Wrens Park, High Easter Road – Demolition of existing porch and erection of new porch – *approved*.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 Cllr Sutterby stated he was very pleased with the Defibrillator and CPR training given by Fire Fighter and paramedic Chris Ward accompanied by Lead Fire Fighter Mark Neville immediately preceding this meeting. 16 residents attended the very informative training with some volunteering to perform CPR on the dummy training equipment. He proposed that a voucher to the value of £25 should be purchased as a thank you.
- 10.2 Cllr Bush stated that a new representative for the Parish Council will need to be elected to attend further Village Hall Trust meetings. It was unanimously decided to elect Cllr McIntock to this role.
- 10.3 Cllr Sutterby has been contacted by a resident requesting that the cherry tree on the green at Holloway Close needs to be cut back. The clerk will report this to Uttlesford.
- 10.4 Cllr Sutterby stated that between meetings the monthly green waste skip which attends the village late Sunday afternoons is arriving full so leaves before the allotted time as it cannot take any more green waste. The clerk reported this to Uttlesford and Cllr Sutterby was pleased to report that at the most recent visit the skip was able to stay for the allotted hour and was able to take all green waste residents deposited.
- 10.5 Cllr Sutterby stated that there has been fly tipping on High Easter Road on 18<sup>th</sup> August and after he reported this some of the waste was removed swiftly but asbestos waste needed to be left for specialists to remove so is still there at present.
- 10.6 The clerk will report to Uttlesford that dog waste bins and public litter bins are not being emptied on a regular basis. The clerk will also suggest that there is a need for a recycling bin to be installed by the shop.
- 10.7 Cllr Sutterby stated he will again organise a village litter pick for a date in October which is yet to be decided.
- 10.8 The clerk received an email stating that the Community Safety Partnership based themselves at the fire station on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August for residents to visit. Cllr Sutterby stated that he had attended and noted that there were not many residents present.
- 10.9 The clerk received an email from Cllr Barker informing that a resident of the village had contacted her with concerns regarding speeding traffic and suggested the requirement of a school crossing patrol. These concerns were passed to Highways and the response was that when the last assessment was carried out in November 2020, at the request of the Head Teacher of the school, it fell significantly short of the initial criteria for the consideration of a School Crossing Patrol. They would not usually carry out another assessment unless there is a significant change in the traffic or housing development in the area. However, as an exception they will perform another assessment which should be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> October. Once the assessment has been completed, they will inform us and the resident of the outcome.
- 10.10 The clerk reported that the Parish Council computer has need to be repaired and a new hard drive purchased at a cost of £140.66. Parish Councillors unanimously agreed to sanction the payment of the repair.

#### 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE DATES FOR 2021.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Future meetings: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.