

# LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Leaden Roding village hall.

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

**Members of the public:** 3

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Barker

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were proposed by Cllr Whitehead as a true record, seconded by Cllr Wareham and carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

4.1 A resident stated that the poppies put up around the village by Rodings Brownies look very nice this year and asked for her compliments to be passed on to the Brownies.

4.2 A resident stated that a road sign close to No 5 Stortford Road might be too low for the safety of residents, Cllr Wareham will check the height regulations.

5. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

5.1 Cllr Wareham reported that he heard from a resident that, after talking to the owner of the piece of land on High Easter Road opposite Lordswood View, now named Mulberry Farm, it appears that a single dwelling is hoped to be built on the site. The clerk has not had a planning application for any development on the site and will contact Uttlesford for information.

5.2 Cllr Bush reported road safety concerns regarding vehicles parking on Dunmow Road, after discussion it was agreed as there are no parking restrictions on Dunmow Road cars are able to park on the road but parking half on the pavement and half on the road will be monitored for pedestrian safety in all parts of the village.

5.3 Cllr Bush stated that after the last Parish Council meeting, she sent a letter to the resident of Stortford Road stating her apologies for any upset caused by her mentioning her name at a previous Parish Council meeting and has heard nothing back from the resident.

5.4 Cllrs Wareham and Whitehead reported that they have contacted Highways to ask for advice on whether the posts on Chalks Green are positioned in accordance with Highways regulations for cutting grass verges as at this time it appears the posts are obstructing the cutting of the verges.

5.5 The Chairman reported he attended a site meeting with Cllrs Barker and Day to discuss a way forward on the dispute regarding the posts on Chalks Green. Cllr Day suggested that the Parish Council might come to an arrangement/compromise with the owner of the green. The clerk stated that as managers of the green it should be Uttlesford's responsibility to manage the problem, she stated that when the fencing was first erected it was agreed this was not a responsibility that the Parish Council should take on. Parish Councillors agreed with the clerk's comments and will await further updates from Uttlesford.

5.6 The Chairman attended a site meeting to discuss the speeding issues in the village. He stated that Highways Representative, Rissa Long suggested that a VAS sign might be

able to be erected on Dunmow Road at the expense of the Parish Council. The clerk stated she would need to clarify this suggestion with Highways as the Parish Council have correspondence from Highways stating that, when Highways were intending to erect a VAS sign in the same area, the Parish Council were informed that there was no viable position on Dunmow Road for the sign to be installed.

At the same meeting Rissa Long suggested that she could look into reinstalling the 30mph signs further towards Aythorpe Roding. The clerk stated this might take a while as she thinks to would need to go to consultation before the signs could be moved. She will look forward to receiving information from Rissa Long concerning this.

- 5.7 The Chairman reported that after conversations with Uttlesford, they have confirmed that they will monitor the emptying of dog waste bins with the view to emptying them more frequently.

## 6. CLERKS REPORT

- 6.1 Damaged small village sign at Leaden Hill –this sign has now been removed as a larger sign was erected further down the hill.
- 6.2 Building waste/sand left adjacent to Windmill Café -between meetings the Chairman ensured the waste was not required by the adjoining property and arranged for it to be removed.
- 6.3 Request that Highways revisit the speeding problems on Dunmow Road in the vicinity of the school –See 5.6 above.
- 6.4 The clerk reported a roundabout sign erected in the wrong position on High Easter Road which could prove dangerous to drivers– this has now been re-sited.
- 6.5 At the last meeting the clerk confirmed that both the Village Hall Trust and the Social Club committees were willing to join members of the Parish Council 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 – as separate meeting will be arranged in the New Year with all interested parties invited to attend.
- 6.6 Damaged soakaway at the corner of Dunmow Road and Holloway Crescent – this has been reported but not yet fixed.
- 6.7 The asbestos fly tipped on High Easter Road has now been removed.
- 6.8 The Bus shelters were cleaned by volunteers as part of the village litter pick in November.
- 6.9 The Chairman has contacted the owners of the fields where it is thought that ditches need to be cleared in order to stop flooding on Stortford Road and they have agreed to clear them. Flooding on Stortford road will be monitors to see if this has the desired effect.
- 6.10 The overhanging bushes on a property on Dunmow Road reported at the last meeting have now been cut.
- 6.11 The waste left by the flats in Holloway Crescent has now been removed.

## 7. FINANCE

- 7.1 The Chairman 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 – clerk’s ½ year salary
- 7.2 The clerk reported that prior to the above payments being made the Parish Council bank balances are: Current account - £16,067.87  
Deposit account - £344.83

The clerk is still awaiting invoices for the year’s grass cutting and also for the green waste skip.

## 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8.1 The following planning application was circulated to Parish Councillors between meetings for comments:

New Cottage, Dunmow Road – proposed detached dwelling and alterations to existing vehicular access – Parish Councillors comments were:

- *No objections to the bungalow, parking could be an issue.*
- *If there is to be parking space for 4 vehicles between New Cottage and the new build, this would mean that the two vehicles parked nearest the roadway would have to either reverse in or out from Dunmow Road to allow the vehicles nearest the fencing to get out.*

8.2 The following decision to determine the following planning application is:

Serene, Chalks Green – Proposed single storey rear extension and internal alterations – *Conditional approval.*

Rosdene, High Easter Road – Extension of garage and conversion to annex – *Conditional approval.*

8.3 The following appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Uttlesford to refuse:

3 Leaden Hill Barns, Stortford Road – proposed erection of additional external storage building.

## 9. FOOTPATHS

9.1 Cllr Sutter by reported:

The following issues are still outstanding.

Footpath 1 - bottom of Longsted Lane, the footbridge detached from concrete base.

Footpath 5 - Leaden Hill, timber is rotting on the bridge over the river (ref 2711562).

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Cllrs Sutterby, Whitehead and Wareham arranged to tour the village on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December to judge the village Christmas lights competition.

10.2 Between meetings a resident emailed the clerk with concerns that the footpath across the field beside Porters Cottage, Chelmsford Road has not been reinstated since the harvest cutting. The Chairman spoke to the owner of the field and was informed it was not reinstated at the time of the harvest due to the field being too wet but will be done as soon as the field dries out. To date the path has not been reinstated and the resident has contacted the clerk again, it was decided that the clerk contact the owner again to make another request.

10.3 The clerk informed Parish Councillors that the deadline for submitting the Parish Precept to Uttlesford is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January. She will add this item to the next Parish Council meeting and circulate finance information to Councillors before the meeting to enable them to discuss the budget for the forthcoming financial year.

10.4 The clerk has received a request from the Community Policing Team to hold a community meeting in Leaden Roding during November 2022. They requested a contact to enable them to make a village hall booking on the suggested date of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The clerk referred them to Keely Robinson, the booking clerk and will await confirmation before advertising the meeting to residents.

10.5 The Chairman thanked Councillors and residents present for their support during the year and wished them a Merry Christmas.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE DATES FOR 2022.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Future meetings:            Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
   Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
   Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
   Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
   Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
   Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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