

# LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Leaden Roding Village Hall

Present: From the Parish Council: Vice Chairman Mike Whitehead, Cllr Ann Bush, Cllr Dave Wareham and the clerk Terry Bell

1 Member of the Public

1. VICE CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME, Cllr Whitehead opened the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Chairman Phil Sutterby, Cllr Jim McIntock, County and District Cllr Susan Barker

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT – In Chairman Philip Sutterby's absence due to a planned medical procedure the clerk read a statement previously prepared by the Chairman:

Speeding continues to be a problem through the village. Most drivers respect the speed limit during the week but on Saturday and Sundays some motorists and motor bikes show no respect to the 30-mph speed limit.

Planning applications continue to be circulated online for Parish Councillors views.

Thankyou to our part time fire service for looking after the village and surrounding area. Thankyou to the residents who help with litter picks. Thankyou to the Councillors for their support through the year and also to the Parish Clerk. Thankyou to Cllr Susan Barker for advice and help through the year.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020/21

The receipts in the year were the £6,500.00 precept and £193.00 VAT refund, outgoings were slightly less - £5,779.13. An outstanding invoice of £320.00 for the last financial year for the printing of the Leaden Reading would have increased the outgoings to very close to the precept amount.

The Parish Council issued two donations in the year; it was decided to once again donate £25 as a prize for the Christmas lights competition which has proved popular in the last couple of years; another donation of £25 was made as a thank you to Leaden Roding firefighters who gave a public demonstration free of charge on how to use a defibrillator

Fixed assets remain at £23,272.

6. GRASS CUTTING REPORT

John Kenney took over the grass cutting contract for the first time this year and Parish Councillors are pleased with his work throughout the village. The yearly annual invoice paid for his work was £2,244.00 with VAT due to be reclaimed. All the contracted areas have looked tidy and neat over the year.

7. PARISHONERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

A resident attended the meeting to address concerns to local Police Officer Russ Hinkins who was due to attend the meeting. Unfortunately, PC Hinkins was unable to attend without much notice. The clerk will pass the resident's concerns on to Essex Police:

There have been two instances when a vehicle owned by the resident has been vandalised by having ball bearings fired at the windows. The first instance was in March 2020, although reported to the police with a request for somebody from Essex Police to attend nobody did. The second instance was

in October 2021 after the window had been repaired, this was again reported to Essex Policer, at the time the resident requested that the police request from the fire service any CCTV footage they may have as the vehicle was parked nearby but footage was to far away to be clear. On 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 the resident received a telephone call from a member of the police giving her advice on security but although a member of the forensic team attended the sight the resident did not receive any visits from Essex Police regarding the vandalism and she stated she thought this to be very unsatisfactory. She stated that a large percentage of council tax is taken to fund Essex Police and she felt the village was not getting value for money. She would like the Parish Council to make a suggestion that there should be a Police office located nearer to the Rodings so that crime in this area can be dealt with in a more efficient and timely manner.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.