

LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at Leaden Roding village hall.

Present: Cllr Phil Sutterby (Chair), Cllr Mike Whitehead (Vice Chair), Cllr Mrs Ann Bush, Cllr Dave Wareham, Cllr Jim McIntock, District Cllr Mrs Susan Barker

Members of the public: 2

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 17th May 2022 were proposed by Cllr McIntock as a true record, seconded by Cllr Whitehead and carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by Cllr Sutterby.

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Barker reported that the publication of Uttlesford's Local Plan has been delayed until November 2022 as, at the last minute, Uttlesford are negotiating with a developer who has come forward which could provide up to 3,000 homes. It is expected that the Local Plan will be adopted in 2025.

Cllr Barker stated that at this time there is a boundary review taking place to see if more Councillors are required in the larger districts of Essex.

5. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

5.1 The Chairman reported that he sent a letter of complaint to Highways regarding all outstanding issues which have been reported over the last months and is awaiting an update.

5.2 The Chairman stated that the village Jubilee event proved successful with a good number of residents attending and giving positive feedback.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

A resident stated that the new DigiBus service is not fit for purpose in Leaden Roding as, although the bus is sometimes parked at the village hall when waiting for bookings, the service does not cover areas where Leaden Roding residents are likely to want to visit e.g., Broomfield Hospital and Dunmow. It is hoped the routes will be reviewed shortly.

7. CLERKS REPORT

7.1 The clerk reported the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations organised by representatives from the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and Social Club Committee was successful with a large turnout from residents. The clerk will settle all invoices (see finance below) from Parish Council funds and divide the overall cost of the event between the three village organisations. She will produce details of the final costings at the next meeting.

7.2 Damaged soakaway at the corner of Dunmow Road and Holloway Crescent – not yet fixed, the clerk has reported again, it is hoped that an update on all issues in Holloway Crescent will be received when representative from Uttlesford attend a Roadshow arranged by Uttlesford which will visit Holloway Crescent on 26th July.

7.3 Damage to footpath at entrance to Holloway Crescent by Finale driveway – the clerk will report again.

- 7.4 Blocked drains outside 10 Holloway Crescent have been reported – not yet cleared, the clerk will report if no update on repairs is received at the Roadshow event on 26th July.
- 7.5 Many potholes in the road in Holloway Crescent have been reported to Uttlesford by the clerk and through Cllr Barker, a site visit has been arranged and an update is expected during the Roadshow visit.
- 7.6 The clerk asked Cllr Barker if she has an update from Cllr Scott regarding looking into why the installations of a VAS sign on the approach to the schools was shelved after being approved by Highways and included in the Local Area Panel projects budget about two years ago and was then removed stating that there was nowhere to place the VAS sign as the footpath on Dunmow Road is too narrow. Recently the Parish Council has been advised by the same Highways Officer that a VAS sign can be installed at the same site at the expense of the Parish Council. Cllr Barker will seek information from Cllr Scott.
- 7.7 After the last meeting the clerk received an email from local police officer Russ Hinkins apologising for not being able to attend the meeting due to work commitments and stating he would attend this meeting. As he was not present at the meeting it is assumed he has work commitments again.
- 7.8 Field opposite the school - a resident clearly remembers a footpath to the right of the field in the past– at a previous Parish Council meeting it was reported that Cllr Wareham found that public footpaths cannot be changed unless it has been agreed by the County Council or Central Government. Cllr Barker referred this to Public Rights of Ways for advice and was told there was never a footpath at the location. As the resident was adamant a footpath was there years before, Cllr Barker asked the resident to provide evidence that this was an official footpath and she will then seek advice.
- 7.9 Cllr Barker stated that the request for the speed limit of 30 mph on Dunmow Road to be extended is awaiting approval and will take some time to go through.
- 7.10 Another defibrillator training evening took place at the village hall during the previous week with 9 trainees attending. Residents of surrounding villages were also invited to attend so not a great turnout; but the people who did attend found it very informative and useful. A vote of thanks was given to Chris Ward, a Leaden Roding resident, retained Firefighter and Paramedic, who gave the training for free.
- 7.11 The damaged village sign outside Bridge Cottages, Stortford Road previously reported to Highways has not yet been fixed – the clerk will seek an update.
- 7.12 The damaged sign outside the fire station which has previously reported to Highways has been examined three times by Highways representative but not yet been fixed – the clerk will seek an update.
- 7.13 During the past few months, the clerk has received complaints from a resident that the footpath across the field between Chalks Villas and Porters Cottage is not accessible, the clerk contacted the owner of the field and the path has now been cleared.
- 7.14 After a complaint by a resident the clearing of debris and overgrown shrubs from the grass area from Brownlow's Close to School Villas was stopped earlier in the year leaving a tidy area opposite the village hall but debris still to be cleared further towards Brownlows Close. After discussion it was decided that the clerk should ask Mr Kenney if he would be prepared to complete the clearing up to the start of Brownlows Close but leave the debris around the Brownlow Close area.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 Cllr McIntock proposed that the following cheques be issued, this was seconded by Cllr Bush and carried unanimously.
- £17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall

£15.47 to Baker Ross – prizes for Diamond Jubilee event
£261.00 to JB Ices – final payment for ice cream for village Jubilee celebrations
£30.99 to Amazon Services – games equipment for Jubilee celebrations
£24.07 to BHIB Mrs T E Bell – prizes/supplies for Jubilee event
£320.00 to R C Bell – printing of Leaden Reading (June 2022)
£70.00 to O. Butler – Purchase of Jubilee Cake
£175.00 to Donna Edmondson – fee for entertainment at Jubilee Event

8.2 Credit to account –

£419.48 – VAT refund

8.3 The clerk reported that prior to the above payments being made the Parish Council bank balances are:

Current account - £12,412.91

Deposit account - £344.90

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

3 Leaden Hall Barns, Stortford Road – erection of detached storage shed – *no objections.*

9.2 The following decisions to determine the following planning application was made between meetings:

St Michael and All Angels Church, Stortford Road – Sections 73A Retrospective application for the replacement of collapsed shed with a converted container storage facility with the proposed installation of a community toilet – *Conditional approval.*

9.3 Between meetings more reports regarding building work/preparations were brought to Uttlesford's attention after a 'Prior Notification' was brought to the Parish Council's attention for Barn adjacent to Chalks Farm, High Easter Road. Uttlesford have informed the clerk that the situation is being monitored.

9.4 The following application for a Certificate of Lawful Development has been made to Uttlesford with no comments required by the Parish Council:

4 Redwings, Dunmow Road – Single story side extension.

10. FOOTPATHS

10.1 Cllr Sutterby reported:

The following issues are still outstanding.

Footpath 1 - bottom of Longsted Lane, the footbridge detached from concrete base (defect number 3523027)- as this is on the boundary with Abbess Roding the problem has now been reported to Epping Forest District Council.

Footpath 5 – bridge over river Roding in need of repair – after enquiries from Cllr Barker the Parish Council have been given an update stating that the works are now programmed for September 2022. As the bridge is over 6 metres in length special equipment is needed to rectify the problem and the harvest needs to be completed for access.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Cllr Wareham expressed his concern regarding most road markings in the village are in need of re-painting. The clerk will report this to Highways.

11.2 The Chairman stated that the cherry trees on the grass at Holloway Close were in need of cutting back, the clerk will report this to Uttlesford.

11.3 The clerk reported she has received notice of an intended closure of High Easter Road due to commence on 15th August for 3 days. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Gigaclear Ltd undertakes to allow safe working on carriageway, footway and verge.

11.4 The clerk reported she has received notice of an intended closure of A1060 Chelmsford Road due to commence on 9th August for 9 days. The closure is required

for the safety of the public and workforce while Gigaclear Ltd undertakes to allow safe working on carriageway, footway and verge.

- 11.5 The clerk has received information from Uttlesford stating a multi-Agency event is to be held on Tuesday 27th July from 11am on the green at Holloway Crescent. The agencies they hope will attend is Volunteer Uttlesford, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, United in Kind, Peabody, Community Action in Uttlesford, Uttlesford Foodbank, Essex Police (Uttlesford District) and Uttlesford District Council Community Agents. Representatives from Uttlesford will be giving freebie shopping backs to their tenants at the event but it appears the event is open to all residents of the village.
- 11.6 The clerk reported that after a request from a resident of Holloway Crescent in late June she requested that Uttlesford cut the overgrown grass areas in Holloway Crescent and Holloway Close. The grass was then cut in early July. Shortly afterwards, the clerk received an email from Uttlesford (Mark Felton) who stated that the grass was cut on 30th May and before this 14th April, he stated that they aim to cut the grass every 5 to 6 weeks but have recently put another machine on the route so they are hoping to increase the frequency of the visits.

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

Tuesday 6th September 2022

Future meetings: Tuesday 18th October 2022
 Tuesday 6th December 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.