

# LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Leaden Roding village hall.

**Present:** Cllr Phil Sutterby (Chair), Cllr Jim McIntock. District Cllr Mrs Susan Barker.

## **Members of the public:** 11

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Cllr Mike Whitehead (Vice-Chair)
2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING  
None
3. MINUTES  
3.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were proposed by Cllr McIntock as a true record, seconded by Cllr Bush and carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman, Cllr Sutterby.
4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
  - 4.1 Cllr Barker reported that Essex residents, unless Blue Badge holders, now have to make a booking to use all Civic Amenity sites in Essex, at this time this is being trialled.
  - 4.2 Cllr Barker reported that the results of a speed survey taken place on Dunmow Road found that the average speeds were less than 10mph over the limit which is required for the Local Highways Panel to consider a request for a VAS. Cllr Barker stated that she will go back to Cabinet Members to discuss this.
  - 4.3 Cllr Barker stated that the village hall has been booked from 2.30pm until 7.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March for a drop-in session with representatives of Ride London to inform residents of arrangements made and address concerns regarding the Ride London Cycle event which again goes through Leaden Roding on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May.
  - 4.4 Cllr Barker reminded attendees of the meeting that for Council elections taking place in May 2023, photo ID will be required by every elector attending polling stations to enable them to vote. Information regarding the new arrangements will be advertised before the election; it is expected this new requirement will lead to more postal votes being made.
5. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS
  - 5.1 The Chairman stated that he would attend the Ride London drop-in session on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.
  - 5.2 The Chairman stated that he is arranging a village litter pick for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Any volunteers are invited to meet at the village hall at 9.am
  - 5.3 The Chairman reported that grants are available from Uttlesford to assist in organising Coronation celebrations, he will enquire whether the Village Hall Committee and/or the Social Club Committee have any plans to organise an event to celebrate the King's Coronation in May.
  - 5.4 Cllr McIntock reported that Ride for London 2023 will again come through Leaden Roding. The Village Hall are hoping to obtain status as an official stop on the route. If accepted, grants from Ride London along with profits for sales of refreshments will be put towards the refurbishment of the toilets in the village hall.
6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS
  - 6.1 A group of residents expressed their concerns regarding overgrowth and a caravan which appears to have been left on Chalks Green. The Chairman stated that although it is not a matter for the Parish Council they are trying to bring this case to a close. It appears that Uttlesford, as managers of the Green and the owner of the green are looking for a way forward.

## 7. CLERKS REPORT

- 7.1 Cllr Barker has informed the clerk that the VAS sign originally on Highways Local Panel but removed is now back on the Highways Panel list. The clerk is waiting for further information.
- 7.2 The clerk has now removed the flag from the village hall and will put it back up when instructed by Parish Councillors.
- 7.3 The clerk has now received 2023 dates for the green waste skip which visits on a fortnightly basis for residents' use, she has published the dates on the village notice board.

## 8. FINANCE

8.1 Cllr Bush proposed that the following cheques be issued, this was seconded by Cllr McIntock and carried unanimously.

- £17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall
- £2,244.00 to J.Kenney Services – village grass cutting (2022)

8.2.

Bank reconciliation:

Current account balance:	12,679.52
Deposit account balance:	<u>345.01</u>
	13,024.53
Less outstanding cheques:	356.52
Plus, outstanding credits:	<u>885.54</u>
	<u>13,553.55</u>

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9.1 The following planning applications were circulated between meetings for Parish Councillors' comments:

New Cottage, Dunmow Road (A further application after a previous application refused – see below)– Conversion and extension of existing garage including raising of roof to create ancillary domestic use – *Parish Councillors comments were: continued concerns as to the vehicular entry and exit to and from the property onto a busy road if tenants increased due to the increase in ancillary space for domestic use.*

9.2 The following planning applications have been determined by Uttlesford:

New Cottage, Dunmow Road – Conversion and extension of existing garage including raising of roof to create ancillary domestic use – Refused.

17 Leaden Close – First floor side extension and two storey rear extension – Conditional approval.

5 Brownlows Close – Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation – Conditional Approval.

32 Holloway Crescent – Proposed single storey extension and reinstatement of a front porch – Conditional approval.

9.3 An appeal decision has been received from the Secretary of State against the decision by Uttlesford on the following planning application:

- 5 Brownlows Close – Proposed single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory, conversion of existing garage to habitable space, new detached garage and associated works including new area of hardstanding and alterations to garden wall – Appeal dismissed.

## 10. FOOTPATHS

10.1 Cllr Sutterby reported:

The Public Rights of Way Team (PROW) are aware that these works have taken a long time. The team did intend to do it after the harvest but the Environment Agency (EA) took a long time to agree to the plans and permit for them to do the works. By this point, the landowner had cultivated and would not let the PROW team onto the field, plus the weather had turned and the team were worried about causing more damage with all the heavy equipment. At the moment works have been re-programmed for week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> April, but the PROW team are still reliant on weather being dry, ground solid and the landowner agreeing. They will have to take a 12t lorry out across the fields to get the bridge in place, so they do need to think quite carefully. If things do not work out for April, then it will be top of the list for after the harvest this year. The team have all the permissions needed from the EA, they only need a suitable access window now, ideally no crop and a period of dry weather.

#### 11. PARKING ON GRASS AT ENTRANCE TO LEADEN CLOSE

11.1 Resident have expressed their concerns to the Chairman that cars are being parked on the grass at the entrance to Leaden Close. It is not known if residents or visitors are parking at the site and as the Parish Council pay for the piece of grass to be cut the Chairman is concerned that parked cars might hamper the cut. After discussion it was decided that the Chairman ask residents if they are content for cars to park on the grass or if they would prefer that the Parish Council continue to fund the cutting as long as the parking of cars on the grass ceases.

#### 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1 Cllr Bush expressed concerns regarding damage to a part of the footpath in Holloway Crescent which appears to be caused by the refurbishment of a property. The Chairman will discuss this problem with the owner of the property.
- 12.2 The clerk has received an email from Uttlesford Community Policing Team asking if there are any issues in the village that they should be aware of. After discussion it was decided to report the continued parking of cars on the footpath outside the shop and also the parking of cars on the triangle outside the shop which blocks the view of drivers attempting to turn out of High Easter Road.
- 12.3 The clerk reported that Clogham Road will be closed for 3 days commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March for the safety of the public and workforce while Affinity Water undertakes hydrant replacement.
- 12.4 The clerk has put a notice on the village notice board with information regarding ID required when voting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

#### 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE DATES FOR 2022.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.