

LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at Leaden Roding Village Hall

Present: From the Parish Council: Chairman Phil Sutterby, Cllr Ann Bush, Cllr Jim McIntock the clerk Terry Bell

4 Members of the Public

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME, Cllr Sutterby opened the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – District Cllr Susan Barker

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING held on Tuesday 17th May 2022 were approved and signed as a true record. Approved by Cllr Bush, Seconded by Cllr McIntock.

4. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT –

Congratulations to Cllr Susan Barker in last week's election and for her views and support through the year. Thank you to the Parish Clerk and the Councillors for their input. Cllr Whitehead is not standing this term and we thank him for his services during his role as Parish Councillor.

Onto village news – traffic continues to be a concern for residents. We have had regular visits from the police both on the A1060 Stortford Road and B184 Dunmow Road. Saturday 18th February to Friday 24th February a speed survey was carried out outside the school and the results were quite disturbing. The total record of traffic was 32,771 vehicles with average daily volume 4,681 with the average speed 36.6mph. We now wait to see if Highways will do anything to help.

Parish Councillors continue to receive planning applications for their views.

If any residents do have a problem, please let your Councillors know.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022/23

The receipts in the year were the £6,500.00 precept, £419.00 VAT refund and £886.00 from the Village Hall and Social Club Committees for their contributions to the village Platinum Jubilee celebrations which took place In June 2022, outgoings were higher than receipts due to the cost of the Parish Council's contribution to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and hedge cutting on Stortford Road. The Parish Council were fortunate that the cost of hedge cutting was just the price of the work carried out and not the original estimate after the work being forced to stop due to a resident complaint. Outstanding invoices for the printing of the March edition of the Leaden Reading and the cost of the green waste skip are due to be paid in the next financial year.

The Parish Council once again gave a donation of £25 as a prize for the Christmas lights competition which has proved popular in the last couple of years.

Fixed assets remain at £23,272.

6. GRASS CUTTING REPORT

This is the second year of the contract with John Kenney and Parish Councillors continue to be 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 continue to look tidy and neat over the year.

7. PARISHONERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.