

LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 17th October 2023 at Leaden Roding village hall.

Present: Cllr Phil Sutterby (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Ann Bush, Cllr Jim McIntock, Cllr Jeanette Norfolk and Cllr Geoff Todd.

Apologies: District Cllr Susan Barker

Members of the public: 1

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 5th September 2023 were proposed by Cllr McIntock as a true record, seconded by Cllr Bush and carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

2. DISTRICT COUNCILOR'S REPORT

2.1 In her absence, Cllr Barker sent: There is no housing allocation in Local Plan for Leaden Roding which will be debated on 30th October at Council to go out to consultation.

3. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

3.1 The Chairman stated he has had no reply from Cllr Lee Scott (Highways Councillor for Essex) after contacting him to report that after resurfacing of Dunmow Road some white lines have not been repainted. He also stated that the yellow box painted on Dunmow Road at the Fire Station entrance was causing road noise when vehicles drove over it with residents in the area being affected by the noise.

3.2 The Chairman has again reported overgrown trees and hedges to Highways on Dunmow Road on the approach to the school stating children are now having to walk on the busy road due to this encroachment. Report no 2872208.

3.3 Cllr McIntock stated his concerns regarding ongoing fly tipping from a resident of Holloway Crescent. He and other residents have witnessed him dumping items on Stortford Road by the bus stop. The original fly tipping was disposed of during a village litter pick but more items have been dumped there since from the same resident. The Clerk will report this to Uttlesford Housing representatives. Cllr McIntock also stated he had witnessed the same resident disposing of his waste in bins for refuse collectors and then refilling his bin and placing in another place in Holloway Crescent so it can be collected again. Residents have also complained to Cllr McIntock about the continual burning of rubbish by the same resident in his garden. These concerns have been reported to Uttlesford by the clerk and also other residents, the clerk is waiting for feedback by Uttlesford.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

4.1 A resident who has previously stated concerns regarding fly tipping and piles of rubbish by a resident of Holloway Crescent - the same concerns as Cllr McIntock (see above) asked for any updates from the Parish Council. The clerk received information that Uttlesford Housing plan to inspect the area but has not given any updates of actions they have taken at this time.

5. CLERKS REPORT

5.1 The clerk has still not received a reply from either the police or Highways after reporting concerns regarding road safety at the area outside the shop. She will ask for updates.

5.2 The Chairman has spoken to the owner of the field by Porters Cottage regarding inaccessibility of the footpath which goes across the field and was informed it will be

reinstated. It is hoped this has now been done. Before the next meeting, the clerk will contact the resident who made the original complaint to ask if the path is now accessible.

5.3 The tree in need of cutting in Willow Green has been reported to Uttlesford but not yet cut – the clerk will ask for an update from Uttlesford

5.4 The hedges at Holloway Close have now been cut.

5.5 The clerk has reported the broken posts in Holloway Crescent but has not had any information as to when they might be repaired.

6. FINANCE

6.1 The Chairman proposed that the following cheque be issued, this was seconded by Cllr Norfolk and carried unanimously.

£17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall

6.2. Credits to account since the last meeting are:

2nd half of Parish Precept £3,250.00

6.3.

Bank reconciliation:

Opening balance at 5 th September 2023	Current a/c	13,209.40
	Deposit a/c	<u>346.48</u>
		13,555.88
Add: Receipts since last PC meeting		3,250.00
Less: Payments since last PC meeting		<u>605.00</u>
Balance as at 17 th October 2023		<u>16,200.88</u>
Less: Outstanding cheques		<u>34.00</u>
		<u>16,166.88</u>

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Between meetings the following planning application was circulated for Parish Councillors' comments:

32 Holloway Crescent – Single storey rear extension and reinstatement of front porch – *no objections*.

7.2 The following planning applications have been determined by Uttlesford:

Barn Adjacent to Chalks Farm, High Easter Road – Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling including new extension - *Refused*

32 Holloway Crescent – Proposed amendment to roof tiles and external finish - *Refused*

8 FOOTPATHS

8.1 Cllr Sutterby reported:

Footpath 5 – opposite Leaden Hill Cottages – problem reported with ref 3626969

This repair will be undertaken with a nonspecific timescale.

Footpaths 28 between cricket pitch and Cut Elms Cottage – problem reported with ref 3139090.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Cllr Norfolk stated that there was relief that there is no proposed building development for Leaden Roding in the Uttlesford Local Plan.

9.2 The Chairman noted that although Uttlesford had informed the Parish Council that notices regarding food waste would be attached to all black bins in September, this has not yet been carried out.

9.3 The Chairman informed the meeting that an online consultation is taking place at this time regarding the online booking system for recycling centre appointments in Essex – this closes on 19th November.

- 9.4 The Chairman reported that the village litter pick on 14th October collected 16 bags of rubbish.
- 9.5 There have been ongoing problems with the printing of the quarterly village magazine with high cost for the repair of the printer as it is now near the time for a replacement. A discussion took place regarding the feasibility of the continuation of the magazine as quotes have been sought for printing from outside sources which would at least treble the cost of the printing. As there has been little feedback from residents as to whether the magazine has been missed, it was unanimously decided not to purchase a new printer and to discontinue the publication of the magazine. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Ray Bell who has edited the Leaden Reading for the past 15 years.
- 9.6 The clerk stated that Uttlesford are carrying out a survey of rough sleepers on the night of 2nd November. The clerk will report if necessary.
- 9.7 The clerk reported that Parish Councillors are invited to Uttlesford Community Speed Watch meeting on 6th November at Stansted Mountfitchet Fire Station.
- 9.8 The Clerk stated that she would arrange 2024 Parish Council meetings using the same pattern as 2023 if the village hall is available and will publish the dates at the next meeting.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE DATES FOR 2023.

Tuesday 5th December 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.