

LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 3rd March 2024 at Leaden Roding village hall.

Present: Cllr Phil Sutterby (Chairman), Cllr Jim McIntock (Vice-Chair), Cllr Ann Bush, Cllr Jeanette Norfolk, and District Cllr Susan Barker.

Apologies: -

Members of the public: 4

1. MINUTES

1.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 16th January 2024 were proposed by Cllr McIntock as a true record, seconded by Cllr Bush and carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

2. RIDELONDON-ESSEX

2.1 Chris Davey, the co-ordinator for RideLondon-Essex attended the meeting to give details of the event due to take place on 25th and 26th May 2024. On Sunday 26th May the ride goes through Leaden Roding and once again this year Leaden Roding village hall has been chosen to be an official pit-stop for those taking part. Chris Davey informed us that the event will be in Essex for the next 3 years. The route is defined on a yearly basis but he stated that the event will almost definitely run through Leaden Roding each year. The clerk was given details of funding opportunities for the village hall and she will pass this on at the next village hall meeting. This year riders will be able to locate official pit-stops on an App, but Mr Davey gave advice on signage to promote the refreshments/amenities offered at the village hall. He stated that he is eager to ensure anybody with special health needs are not overlooked and asked Parish Councillors to pass his email and telephone number to any household who might need special consideration.

2.2 A resident present objected to the event due to excess litter being left behind by riders. She stated that last year the tops of high energy sachets were discarded along the road which she collected as evidence for Essex County Council to see. She also sent a letter of objection to the Dunmow Broadcast which she read out at the meeting. Mr Davey stated that he was aware of this problem and the clean-up process organised for this year should be better run to take this problem into account.

3. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

3.1 Cllr Barker reported that Essex County Council and Uttlesford District Council are charging the maximum amount to residents this year increasing Council Tax again with the main expense being Children's Services for care, accommodation and transport being a priority. Money has been given from Central Government for this purpose, but not sufficient to cover all Children's Services costs.

3.2 Cllr Barker reported that Uttlesford are looking to sell half of Chesterford Retail Park to enable funding other vital projects.

3.3 Cllr Barker stated that Uttlesford has received approximately 5,000 responses to the Local Plan. This will go live in late March 2024.

3.4 Cllr Barker stated that a review will take place to look into mistakes which caused Uttlesford to suspend refuse collections in January.

4. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

4.1 Cllr Norfolk requested that Cllr Barker look into the blocked drains at Leaden Hill which is causing concern for local residents.

4.2 The Chairman thanked the clerk for her efforts in contacting Uttlesford and MP Kemi Badenock during the suspension of refuse collections in order to keep Parish Councillors and residents up to date with information (see 6.4 below).

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

5.1 A resident stated she would like Essex Highways to erect more signs on the approaches to the village, particularly on Chelmsford Road, to warn motorists of deer in the vicinity. She stated that incidents of injured and dead deer have increased recently. A conversation took place regarding the possibility of more deer in the village due to rubbish being left out for collection during the suspension and delay of refuse collections by Uttlesford. The clerk will make a request for more signage.

5.2 A resident stated concerns regarding the ongoing problem of rubbish accumulating in a garden of a Council owned property in Holloway Crescent. He stated he has witnessed lots of noise of furniture being broken up, the burning of rubbish and also stated that the Essex Fire Service needed to attend a fire at the property when the burning of rubbish became out of control. He and Cllr McIntock stated that there are electric cables running from the property to the empty house next door in order to supply electricity from the empty council owned property. The resident stated he had sent photographic evidence of the unsocial behaviour to Uttlesford but has not received a reply. The clerk will again contact Uttlesford to report this.

6. CLERKS REPORT

6.1 The clerk received an email from Uttlesford regarding the ongoing unsocial behaviour from a resident in Holloway Crescent (see 5.2 above) and received a reply stating they are arranging a visit with the tenant within the next 2 weeks and to advise all residents to report any issues in relation to this tenant directly to Uttlesford.

6.2 The clerk has invited PCSO Mike O'Donnell-Smith to our annual meeting in May to discuss speeding problems and dangerous parking in the vicinity of the village shop but, as yet, has not received a reply.

6.3 As reported in the last meeting the clerk invited the resident from Margaret Roding to attend this meeting to discuss ways our Parish Council can assist with setting up a local food bank but has not received a reply.

6.4 The clerk reported that during the suspension by Uttlesford of rubbish collections and subsequent updates regarding collections, the clerk contacted Uttlesford many times without success requesting updates for Leaden Roding as they did not appear on any of the lists published. After contacting MP Kemi Badenock, Leaden Roding was listed for collection. The clerk also kept residents informed by email and telephone calls where necessary.

7. FINANCE

7.1 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

7.2 Bank reconciliation:

Opening balance at 16 th January 2024	Current a/c	15,179.40
	Deposit a/c	<u>346.48</u>
		15,525.88
Add: Receipts since last PC meeting		-
Less: Payments since last PC meeting		<u>542.00</u>
Balance as at 5th March 2024		<u>14,983.88</u>
Less: Outstanding cheques		<u>34.00</u>
		<u>14,949.88</u>

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8.1 The following planning applications have been determined by Uttlesford:

14 Lordswood View – demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new single storey- *Proposed – Approve Cert Lawfulness.*

8.2 Uttlesford District Council have given details of the address of the dwelling under construction on the land to the east of Willow Green – this will be called: Gardners, Willow Green, Leaden Roding CM6 1WE

9. FOOTPATHS

9.1 Cllr Sutterby reported both issues below are still ongoing:

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

This repair will be undertaken with a nonspecific timescale – listed for repair.

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

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 The Chairman stated that a village litter pick has been arranged for Saturday 20th April at 9.00am.

10.2 The clerk read an email from a resident expressing concern regarding some form of building/development in Leaden Woods which could adversely affect the woods and wildlife in the area. The resident also stated that over the past month a caravan has been parked in Chase Wood, it appears that someone may be living in it. Parish Councillors stated that the company making changes in the wood is Red Rock Forestry. The clerk will try to gather some information regarding what they are planning to do.

10.3 The clerk reported that, after a trial regarding booking appointments to use Essex recycling sites, a decision was taken on 27th February to keep the booking process for cars and vans at all sites permanently. Blue Badge holders, pedestrians and cyclists are not required to book.

10.4 The clerk reported that she has received notice from Highways that High Easter Road will be closed on 26th March for 4 days while Affinity Water undertakes a new water supply.

10.5 The clerk has received an email from Cllr Barker stating that the 30mph speed limit on Dunmow Road is due to be moved out further from the village. There is no date as yet, for this to be completed.

10.6 The clerk has ordered a free portrait of King Charles which could be used at future village events.

10.7 Between meetings the clerk circulated a list of proposed dates for the green waste skip for 2024. It was unanimously decided to accept the dates, the clerk has published the list of dates on the village website and the village notice board.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE DATES FOR 2024:

Tuesday 14th May 2024

Tuesday 9th July 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Tuesday 15th October 2024

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.