

LEIRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2020. This meeting was carried out on Zoom to comply with Government guidelines during the Coronavirus lockdown/restrictions.

Those present:- Parish Councillors Mrs D. Morgan, Mr. P. Pickering, Mr. M. Huckerby, Mr. G. Pool, Mr. N. Cotton on audio; District Councillors Mr. C. Golding, and 6 members of the general public.

Mrs Katharine Clarke who is taking over the role of clerk on 1st January 2021 was welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies received from County Councillor Mr. B. Liquorish.

6013 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th November 2020 were proposed by Mr. M. Huckerby and seconded by Mr. G. Pool and Mr. P. Pickering that these were a true record. (These will be formally signed off at the next meeting held in the Village Hall after relaxation of the lockdown regulations)

6014 Matters Arising – None from last month's minutes.

6015 Neighbourhood Plan – Mr Pool informed the meeting that the Neighbourhood Planning Committee have completed all that needs to be completed and proposed that the plan is now forwarded to Yourlocale who will formally submit the plan to Harborough District Council for vetting. Mrs Morgan informed the meeting that the councillors have discussed the plan during an arranged meeting and decided that it was in the best interests of the village to accept the plan's findings. Legal and expert advice has been sought, and with other emerging issues, it was felt that if the plan was not put forward, then unwanted developments may be imposed by the Secretary of State under proposed new government planning legislation. On this basis, Mrs Morgan agreed with Mr. Pool that the plan be submitted and invited opinions from the other councillors. Mr. Pickering and Mr. Huckerby agreed with the proposal to go forward with submission, and Mr. N. Cotton abstained from the vote. All councillors fully understand the disquiet with some parishioners, but it was felt there was no viable alternative. The plan will now go through due process for formal vetting before being returned to the village for a public vote.

Mr P. Rock, Chairperson of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, informed the meeting that the 70 page document will be submitted along with all the comments received from parishioners.

6016 Parishioner's Participation

- i) Back Lane – Mud on lane. Mr Pickering understands that the mud on the lane is as a result of the work carried out on bank. He has been assured that this will be cleared away.
- ii) Oak Avenue – A further complaint has been received in connection with 6 Oak Avenue in that the property is not currently occupied and has not been occupied for about 5 years. It is understood from a parishioner living on Oak Avenue that the landlord had visited the house after the issue had been taken up with our MP, Alberto Costa. DC Colin Golding will investigate the situation and report back to the clerk with any results.

ACTION:- DC Golding.

6017 Correspondence

- i) The Hatchery – It has been confirmed with Harborough District Council that this property does not need change of use planning permission. Shops and offices are covered under Class E, and changes within the same class are not considered to be “developments”.
- ii) Harborough Parish/Town Councils – Census 2021 – Information has been received that the 2021 Census is to take place in March and this will be the first digital Census carried out. A poster advertising this will be placed in the village notice board.

6018 Planning – None

Planning Permission -

- i) 20/01415/FUL – Mr. Edward Berry – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension, Rose Cottage, Main Street, Leire.
- ii) 20/01416/LBC - Mr. Edward Berry – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension, Rose Cottage, Main Street, Leire.
- iii) 20/01697/TCA – Hazel Cundick – Works to trees, Yew Tree House, Main Street, Leire.
- iv) 20/00974/FUL – Mr. Paul Cawley – Erection of a single storey orangery extension to rear, The Nook, Main Street, Leire.
- v) 20/01649/FUL – Mr & Mrs Hickling – Erection of a single storey side extension, 5 Oak Avenue, Leire.
- vi) 20/04131/PCD – Mrs Eleanor Stanley-Blake – Discharge of Condition 13 (verification investigation of 16/00246/FUL – Sidings Barn, Broughton Lane, Leire

6019 Playing Field –

6020 Jubilee Walk – None

6021 Clerk’s Position – Mrs Morgan thanked Mrs Katherine Clarke for joining the meeting this evening and looks forward to her taking up her new role in the New Year. The clerk hopes that she can meet in the near future to implement the handover of documentation, files etc., hopefully before Christmas or just into the New Year.

6022 Accounts for Payment

i)	Mrs R. Bones	Salary	£1,625.00		
		Expenses	£ 46.36	Chq. No: 1361	£1,671.36
vii)	E. Y. Hire	Allotment Hedges		Chq. No: 1362	£ 174.00
viii)	E. On UK plc	Electricity Bill		Chq. No: 1363	£ 112.95

Received

Harborough Lotto (October) £ 14.00

Precept Requirements 2021/2022 – The clerk had forwarded to all Parish Councillors the precept requirements for the coming year. It was agreed by all that the same precept of £12,500.00 (2020/2021) be requested.

The clerk brought to the attention of the meeting that all entries in the Declaration of Office Book are now filled. The first entry into the book was a William Bennett and signed 16th April 1895 and the last entry is Patrick Pickering, signed 7th May 2019. It was agreed that a new book be purchased at a cost of £141.00.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

SIGNED

DATED