

**LEIRE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of Leire Parish Council held via remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Parish Councillors:** Mrs D Morgan, Mr P Pickering, Mr M Huckerby, Mr G Pool and Mr N Cotton (audio only)

**County Cllr:** Mr W Liquorish

**District Cllrs:** Mr C Golding and Mr M Graves

**Parish Clerk:** Mrs R Bones (retiring) and Mrs K Clarke (incoming)

**Also Present:** one member of the public (visual and audio) and two households (audio only)

**Apologies:** No apologies for absence received

**6023 To sign as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Cllr Huckerby **proposed** signing the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 as accurate, Cllr Pickering **seconded**, all **agreed**. The minutes will be signed electronically.

**6024 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Cllr Golding advised that the Housing Association have undertaken some checks at 6 Oak Avenue. The results will go to their Management Board who will advise Cllr Golding of the outcome in due course.

**6025 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Parish Council has received a letter from the residents of St. Peters Close. The letter was read out to those present. The letter requests clarification and further information on several points relating to site selections and submission of the draft Neighbourhood Plan to Harborough District Council. The residents have requested a response by 31.01.21, the Parish Council will respond to the letter by this date.

**6026 Parishioners Participation**

- Two parishioners raised concerns regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and added further comments regarding the letter discussed at minute reference 6025. The comments and questions raised were:
  1. The reason the letter requests a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan document submitted to Harborough District Council was to see if the document is the same as the document on the Parish Council website.
  2. Clarification is sought as to whether the Neighbourhood Plan Group met between January 2020 and the date the plan was submitted to Harborough District Council.
  3. Was the document submitted to Harborough District Council approved by the Neighbourhood Plan Group?
  4. The residents of St Peters Close believe there has been a lack of transparency and evidence regarding site selection and parishioner involvement.
  5. The first-time residents of St Peters Close were aware of the site selection was in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, there has been a great deal of anguish caused.

The Parish Council advised that the pandemic had prevented any live meetings taking place, all the groundwork for the Plan had been undertaken prior to the pandemic and the bulk of the remaining work was undertaken by the Co-Chairs and the Neighbourhood Plan Consultant. Any sites included in the Neighbourhood Plan have been assessed for suitability using specific criteria, details of which are available on the website.

- It has been reported to the Parish Council that a tree has been felled without permission. Cllr Pickering will investigate the matter.
- Cllr Pickering has had a meeting with the Highways Department regarding flooding between Frolesworth and Leire.

### **6027 Correspondence**

- i. Harborough District Council – Planning Consultation open from 11.12.20 to 05.02.21.
- ii. Leicestershire County Council – Bus shelter opposite Ashby Lane is overgrown with ivy.
- iii. Harborough District Council Planning Enforcement – circulated to Parish Council for information.

### **6028 Planning Matters**

#### **Planning Applications:**

**i. To consider planning application 20/01966/FUL:**

Removal of the existing GRP/timber porch and concrete steps to the formal entrance to the north elevation and replacement with an ashlar limestone portico and limestone/sandstone steps  
The Old Rectory, Dunton Road, Leire

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council has no objections to the application.*

**ii. To consider planning application 20/02021/FUL:**

Change of equine use to a social enterprise for use of equine therapy, using rescued or abandoned animals for children and adults with disabilities and mental health issues on a one to one or small group basis

Ourland Stud Farm, Stemborough Lane, Leire

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council has no objections to the application but has comments to submit to Harborough District Council re. traffic concerns.*

**At this point in the meeting the member of public with a visual and audio connection left.**

**iii. To consider planning application 20/2035/TPO:**

Works to tree (LCC TPO 18)

The Pump House, Back Lane, Leire

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council has no objections to the application.*

**iv. To consider planning application 20/02031/TPO:**

Works to trees (LCC TPO 18)

Beech End, Back Lane, Leire

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council has no objections to the application.*

**v. To consider planning application 20/01953/TCA:**

Work to trees (fell)

Fox End, Dunton Road, Leire

**Resolved:** *The Parish Council has no objections to the application.*

**Planning Permissions** – no planning permissions to note.

### **6029 Playing Field**

Cllr Golding advised that he has been contacted by the police regarding drug issues at the playing field. They have been monitoring the site and have no current concerns, they would like to remove the matter from their Sentinel Portal but will still make checks.

### **6030 Jubilee Walk**

- i. Cllr Pickering has met with the highways department, the water from their drains exits into a field and ends up in Jubilee Walk. Cllr Pickering will arrange for a quote to rectify the problem.

- ii. At the bridge there is an overhanging branch which needs to be removed, Cllr Pickering will arrange for this work to be undertaken.

**6031 Clerks Position**

Ruth and Katherine have scheduled a meeting via Zoom on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to discuss the handover and will go on a village walkabout to familiarise Katherine with the village.

**6032 Financial Matters**

**Approved for payment:**

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| i.  | E.on Energy Solutions Ltd | Light maintenance | £116.44 |
| ii. | E.on UK plc               | Electricity       | £116.71 |

**Monies received:**

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| i. | Harborough Lotto | November | £17.50 |
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At this point Cllr Pool noted there is still a lot of traffic attempting to go down Back Lane, large vehicles are unable to get through and must reverse, causing damage to trees. Cllr Pickering suggested that the Parish Council apply to Leicestershire County Council for signage to advise that the road is narrow. The matter will be discussed at the February meeting.

The date of the next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm and will be held virtually via Zoom.

***Cllr D Morgan closed the meeting at 8.32pm.***

**Approved as accurate at the meeting held on 09.02.21.**