

LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th January 2015 in the Butler's Pantry, Lea Park at 7:00 pm.

Present: Councillor P Simon (In the Chair)
Councillor Mrs D Humphrey
Councillor G W B Linegar
Councillor Mrs J Milne
Councillor Mrs J Brown
Councillor Mrs D Leslie
Miss J H Bates (Clerk)

Also Present: Stuart Menzies from Lea Cricket Club

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr Menzies was in attendance to update the Council and enquire about the lease. He asked if there were notes to view in relation to the business discussed at the meetings concerning the cricket club, he was advised that all signed and approved copies of the minutes are available to view on the website. He outlined the "wishlist" that had been submitted to the Canon Plunkett panel, Councillor Milne explained to the council the procedure of the panel and explained that to support the application they had discussed the possibility of this becoming more of a community project, involving the other sports clubs from the village and the school, to focus on not just a development for the cricket club but to include other organisations and get them on board, promote all sports, maybe encourage a junior football team, minimal work would be required on the football pitch, the field itself is fine, but the idea is to get all of the Park working as a whole. She outlined that this would require a public consultation at some point for the village, it was early stages but an idea they were looking into. There were concerns as to who would look after the running of such a project but Councillor Milne re-iterated that this was in the planning stages and perhaps a committee would have to be formed if the public consultation was positive for such a scheme. The good news was that on inspection the soil on the cricket field had been found to be in very good condition, a feasibility study is in hand and then figures can be looked at properly, Councillor Milne stated that by the end of February she should know if funding was going to be granted. Finally Mr Menzies enquired as to when the Parish Council would expect that the Cricket Club begin to pay the full lease rather than the £1.00 peppercorn rent they had been paying over the last couple of years, the Chairman advised that this would be discussed in Council and they would be informed of the decision after the meeting.

Mr Menzies left the meeting at 7.15pm, thanking Councillors for their time.

233. Apologies for absence and reasons given.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anderson & Cowan.

234. To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to receive any applications for dispensation. Members may make any declarations at this point but may also make them at any point during the meeting.

There were no declarations.

235. To approve the minutes of the last meeting 01.12.14

It was **resolved** to sign the minutes as a true record.

236. Clerk's Report on Outstanding Matters.

The path at Anderson Way has been repaired and LCC will be asking that Anderson Way is added to the list of prospective Footway Reconstruction for 2016 so that it can be repaired long term. LCC are waiting to hear from British Gas about the drainage on Willingham Road as they have gone through the highways pipe which is the main reason for the flooding . Nothing back from Mrs Gray (Chairman of the Village Hall) re the booking error. One query as to when the brush would be been collected from Cavendish, at this point Councillor Milne advised she would chase this up again. The bin at Stainton Close re-instated, Green lane bin still to be sorted out, and letters had been sent to the Tennis Club & Cricket club re- rent increase.

Councillor Humphries pointed out that she had managed to get the lights into the tree at the green for Christmas, into the small tree and not the big one, for next year could she look at sourcing lights that would go into the big tree, that were ok to leave in the tree all year. It was resolved that Councillor Humphries would look into this for the next year and have the lights we already have inspected to see if they would be fit to be left out – also to look into a Cherry picker etc for next Christmas.

237. Correspondence

Citizens Advice Bureau – The clerk had received correspondence relating to how many parishioners used this service, in the 2013-2014 financial year WLDC CAB opened 42 enquires from Lea parish and so far this financial year they had opened 23 enquires from the parish. After a short discussion it was proposed by Councillor Leslie to donate £100.00, and **resolved** to do so after a vote of 5 for and 1 against, with Councillor Linegar wishing it be recorded he did not agree with this donation.

Community Lincs – an online petition to help save the funding for the ACRE Network of rural community council, of which Community Lincs are a member. It was **resolved** that the clerk would sign the petition for all Councillors present.

238. Friends of Lea Park

The results of the AGM are that all officers are the same as before, there has been no work due to the bad weather. In reference to the equipment used for the Insurance Company records, the Friends have the lawn mower which is already covered, a Stihl Petrol Strimmer, estimated replacement cost £250, and the picnic table, estimated replacement £300, clerk to inform the Insurance Company.

239. Lea Park

Pond:- Hewitt plant hire had sent through an estimate for maintenance programme, estimating tidy and sludge out dyke £150 + vat with 2 -3 visits per year. Councillors felt this was quite a lot to spend, Councillor Linegar said the Friends of Lea Park would rake the leaves from the gulleys and asked the clerk to write and thank John for the quotation and that they would ask him to do the work when they felt it was necessary. Councillor Linegar offered to inspect the pond every time he was at the park with the clerk inspecting and recording the findings in compliance with the Insurance Company once a month. The signage had been ordered and waiting for Elite to deliver.

Grass Cutting Tenders:- A letter had been received from DWG advising that he would not be submitting a tender this year, clerk to obtain the keys to the park back from him. The

letters had been put out for tender and a meeting was arranged with the Contractor from North Kelsey.

Gate:- The chairman and clerk had met with Moulds Fencing this morning and the necessary work had been agreed at a price of £150.00 + vat and had now been completed. Councillor Linegar asked that Pestforce be chased up as the rabbits were becoming a problem on the park.

Cricket Club:- The lease and rent payable was discussed at length and it was **resolved** that the cricket club pay the peppercorn rent of £1.00 for this year but begin to pay the rent in full from 1 April 2016 by which time they should be in full occupation of the field, all in agreement. Councillor Milne asked what Councillors thought of the Community idea, all in general thought it was good but would await the outcome of the feasibility study and the public consultation.

240. Butlers Pantry

Window Updates:- The clerk had asked Mr Barton to proceed with the windows as per his original quotation, and was advised the work should begin in the New year.

241. Village Signage

The Chairman had nothing further to report at present

242. Planning Applications/Decisions

No planning

243. Financial Matters

RESOLVED not to accept the financial statement, Councillor Linegar queried the balance in relation to the bank statement, clerk to check and provide a reconciliation for the next meeting.

244. Play Area Improvements/Quotations

The Clerk had met with John Hewitt to obtain a quotation for the repairs around the slide, to replace the wooden bollards and remove the concrete and mulch all of the top area, and was hopeful she would have it in writing by the next meeting. The clerk and Chairman had replaced the D shackles to the swings that afternoon.

245. Items of information to be noted and if necessary to be dealt with at the next meeting

The clerk informed Council that Mrs Galbraith had lost her husband over the Christmas period, it was felt that the Council should offer its condolences, clerk to deal. The Chairman would also like a note of thanks to be recorded to Councillor Linegar for his kind donation of the new clock.

246. Date and time of next meeting

The date of the next meeting to be Monday 16th February 2015 at 7pm, with all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

Signed.....(Chairman) Dated.....