

LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th October 2014 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 F Anderson
Councillor Mrs J Milne
Councillor Mrs J Brown
Councillor A Cowan
Miss J H Bates (Clerk)

Also Present: Stuart Menzies & Andrew Lobley from Lea Cricket Club

The Chairman welcomed Stuart and Andrew to the meeting. The chairman went on to explain that he had met with John Hewitt and the clerk the previous Saturday to look at the new pond and drainage and Stuart had also been present along with Phil Cooper. LCC had found and jetted the pipe under the road and the build up of water on the field had gone within days, with this in mind the work for the new pond still went ahead, the pond being a catchment area with a cut away culvert to a soak away, and it was agreed by all on site that the surplus earth from the excavation would be used to fill in the dip in the field in front of the pond.

The cricket club made their intention clear that they definitely wish to return to Lea Park, they have now put in for a 2nd team, they will play at Roses next season and hope to come back to the Park the following season, as there'll still be a lot of work to get the cricket field ready. The cricket club acknowledge the deterioration of the square is their fault, but asked what the Parish Council felt they would be able to contribute to get the field back into order. The pavilion also requires attention but the field is the priority. They are eager to get back to the park which they consider is their home, subject to the pond working this winter. Councillor Milne offered a separate meeting with Stuart and Andrew to help them with funding.

In terms of contribution, the Chairman explained that the Council will consider this, and Councillor Brown proposed that the cricket club obtain a breakdown or estimate of costings to get the field ready, this could then be submitted to Parish Council to be considered. The chairman asked that the details be forwarded to the clerk as soon as possible, and thanked the gentlemen for attending the meeting. Councillor Milne expressed her good wishes and on behalf of the Council welcomed the club back.

Once the two gentleman had left the meeting the Chairman believes in previous meetings it had been discussed that Council would be willing to contribute and pay for the restoration to the field but would not be willing to pay for a groundsman, and this item to go on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

199. Apologies for absence and reasons given.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Leslie.

200. 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.

Councillor Milne, agenda item : Planning

201. To approve the minutes of the last meeting 01.09.14

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

202. Clerk's Report on Outstanding Matters.

The clerk had received confirmation from LCC that there would be a drainage investigation regarding the complaint on Willingham Road of the whole area.

The church had requested use of Butlers Pantry on 28 September.

Councillor Linegar had also requested at the last meeting that the tennis club lease is checked when it is next due for rent renewal, the clerk had looked through all papers to hand but not come across it yet, but had yet to go through the filing cabinet at the pantry, and asked that Councillors bear with her. Councillor Linegar said he had a copy he would find for her.

203. Correspondence

Central Lincolnshire Local Plan – Consultation Dates

Crime report

Both these items had been circulated

204. Friends of Lea Park

A working party had planted bluebells in the wood, Mr Gissing had kept the paths tidy through the park, there was still water on the paths, but hopefully now the pond is in place this will ease the problem.

205. Lea Park

Chestnut Tree :- This work is now completed.

Drainage :- The Chairman had already explained whilst the cricket club were in attendance that he and the clerk had met with John Hewitt to look at the finished job. Mr Hewitt had said that he will keep an eye on the pond and the culvert and would be happy to maintain the area possibly twice a year. He would put something in writing for the cost of this to the clerk. The clerk also to look into the health and safety requirements.

The work was finished well in time for the Lea school cross country, which had in actual fact been postponed, Councillor Linegar to inform Mr Baxter & neighbours when it was likely to be re-staged.

DWG Groundcare & grass cutting tenders :- The clerk had circulated and brought up to date listings of the work completed by DWG so far this year. It was noted that in the original quotation DWG had specified £50.00 to cut the meadow/orchard, he had in fact invoiced it at £65.00. It was **RESOLVED** to see what further invoices come in and deduct the extra we paid. It was also noted that the 2nd gate had been removed, clerk to ask DWG to put this back on. The clerk asked if the Council had anyone in mind for whom to approach for grass

cutting tenders for next year, after a short discussion she suggested she put this question out to other clerks in the area and see if they recommend anybody.

206. Butlers Pantry

Door & Window Updates:- The new doors were completed and the toilet window. Councillor Linegar would make sure the clerk gets the key. The clerk had spoken to George Barton about the windows and had arranged a further meeting with him to check measurements so that he could get started with the work.

Boundary Issues :- The Chairman had again met with Acis, who in essence agreed that the car park situation was ludicrous and agreed that they did not need the space, or indeed the public liability implications. He was waiting for a further date to formalise this, with a suggestion of a peppercorn rent and something in writing to Land Registry. Acis were looking at getting costings to make parking bays on the grass in front of their properties. Agreed nothing further could be achieved until Acis get back to us, clerk to chase up a meeting date.

207. Village Signage

The Chairman and clerk would be meeting with Highways for the proposed sites for these signs on 24th October. He had brought a draft design from Elite. After much deliberation it was agreed that the water should be removed, the village pump be included and St Helens be represented correctly with a taller tower. The chairman to discuss with Elite and obtain a further draft.

208. Trees at Cavendish Drive/Cromwell Avenue/Churchill Way

Councillor Milne explained that she was not entirely happy with the work on the trees at Cavendish and it was agreed that a small working party would implement the rest of the work required on Saturday 8th November.

The tree work on Cromwell and Churchill Way is now completed.

209. Planning Applications/Decisions

An invite to the planning committee meeting had been received in respect of planning application 131364, 89 Gains Road, Lea. Councillor Milne relayed the outcome, that the applicant had insisted this area does not flood, and she was trying to obtain photographic evidence from past years if anyone knew of anyone who would have such material, and she reported to the Council that she had insisted that a site meeting take place, which is scheduled for Thursday 23rd October.

210. Financial matters

RESOLVED to accept the financial statement dated 20th October 2014 with payments totalling £3313.53 (incl VAT of £293.20) and receipts of £1049.51.

211. Play Area Inspection Report

This had been circulated to all, the clerk requested that a site meeting be arranged to go over each piece of equipment in the report and detail the actual work that Councillors felt was required, this was arranged for Saturday 8th November.

212. LRSP Signage

The clerk had contacted all Councillors re the extra costings and work involved in this project, she had received 3 for and 3 against the decision to go ahead, with 2 no replies and 1 abstention. With one of the no replies casting her vote it was **RESOLVED** not to go ahead with this at the present time.

213. Bonfire Night & Christmas Light Switch on Date

Graham Gardner from Rotary had approached the Chairman regarding the Bonfire in the Park on 1st November. He had addressed all the issues rising from the previous year and also sent a letter to all the residents at the Acis properties and further up the road outlining his plans, he provided dedicated Emergency numbers for the residents to contact on and a lives responder would be on duty. Barriers for the traffic would be permanently manned to allow access for the residents etc. The clerk to send a thank you letter.

The Christmas light switch on date to be Friday 12th December at 6pm, Councillor Humphrey and Brown to organise again this year, but this would be the last time and would require different volunteers for next year.

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

There was nothing to be included .

215. Date and time of next meeting

The date of the next meeting to be Monday 1st December at 7pm, with all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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