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LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23rd March 2015 in the Butler’s Pantry, Lea Park at 7:00 pm.

Present: Councillor P Simon (In the Chair)
Councillor Mrs D Humphrey
Councillor Mrs J Milne
Councillor Mrs D Leslie
Councillor F Anderson
Councillor R Iredale
Councillor B Linegar
Miss J H Bates (Clerk)

261. Apologies for absence and reasons given.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown and Cowan.

262. 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 - Planning.

263. To approve the minutes of the last meeting 16.02.15

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

Councillor Linegar wished to point out that item 250, the bin in question was not Green Lane as said previously but closer to 89 Gainsborough Road, clerk to deal.

264. Clerk’s Report on Outstanding Matters.

After difficulty getting hold of the Electrician, the heater switch in the Pantry should shortly be replaced. The signs at the pond are now fully installed, the broken dog bin at Cavendish reported, and after chasing LCC regarding the drainage at Willingham Road, the clerk was informed that this is on the list of schemed work, another survey is need to be carried out to see if they can take the water into a positive drainage system of their own or Severn Trent, they had promised to keep her informed.

265. Correspondence

WLDC – TPO Info letter

Crime Report for February

Best Kept Village Competition 2015

Village hall Committee – the first Friday in December will be kept free for the Xmas light switching on, with Councillor Anderson agreeing to organise this event

266. Friends of Lea Park

In reference to a complaint received by Mrs Fox regarding her dog becoming injured in the park whilst off its lead, the working party would be concentrating on going into the pond at the bottom of the park to see what rubbish can be removed, although as there is a sign at the entrance to the park informing owners that dogs should be kept on a lead within the fenced

area this does not make the Parish Council liable, but the Friends will clear what debris and rubbish they are able to.

267. Lea Park

Cricket Club:- Councillor Milne reported that the funding for the feasibility report has been deposited in the bank, all households in the village would be leafleted. Councillor Iredale asked that the cricket club be reminded that his boundary fence still requires re-instating. After a lengthy discussion the Chairman advised Councillor Iredale that he needs to contact the cricket club directly. Councillor Linegar pointed out that the fencing which is the Parish Boundary near the tennis courts also needs replacing at some point.

Grass Cutting Tenders:- Grass cutting tenders had been circulated to all Councillors from Dave Williams, Continental Landscapes and Veolia. After a lengthy discussion, with all in favour it was **RESOLVED** to offer the contract for one year to Dave Williams, with Councillor Humphrey acting as liaison, Mr Williams had requested this so that if any Councillors were unhappy with his work this could be ironed out easily. The clerk to write and inform all companies of the outcome. Mr Williams had pointed out the rubbish on Gainsborough Road, the clerk offered to organise a litter pick through WLDC, so that the necessary safety equipment could be obtained, advising that this is what was required by the Insurance Company, Councillors objected to this idea.

268. Butlers Pantry

Nothing for this agenda item.

269. Village Signage

Councillor Humphrey had made a “mock” up design of the sign concentrating on the Church as the main feature at the top, Lea across the middle, a tractor, large tree and sheep. Councillor Anderson had also taken a photograph of the church, and also felt the village pump still need to be included. It was also suggested by Councillor Iredale to incorporate the Anderson Coat of Arms. With all these things in mind it was agreed that this would be on the agenda at the next meeting, and Councillor Anderson to send Councillor Humphrey a further updated picture of the church.

270. Planning Applications/Decisions

There were no planning applications to be considered on the agenda, Councillor Milne advised that reasons have been submitted to the Inspectorate reference **131364 – 89 Gainsborough Road**, but nothing had been heard as yet. The clerk had circulated a planning application in the morning which was too late to be considered on tonight’s agenda, but would be dealt with in the normal manner ref SO 2.xvii.

271. Financial Matters

RESOLVED to accept the financial statement dated 23 March 2015 with payments totalling £496.72 (incl VAT of £41.21) and receipts of £8.00.

272. Park land adjacent to Willingham Road

Councillor Leslie had spoken to the TPO section at WLDC and a provisional TPO was to be put on the Oak Tree adjacent to the public footpath. There seemed to have been a lot of activity on the land in question but it seems this was all to do with drainage.

There have been no plans covering this land submitted to date, there were a number of objections previously voiced for development on the land; no safe access, no amenities, no infrastructure, drainage problems already known up in that area.

273. Insurance meeting/Asset Register/Play area inspection & quotation J Hewitt

The clerk and Councillor Humphrey had met with the Insurance agent to go over and update the policy, which had resulted in several things, a re-value of Butlers Pantry was required, along with a question over the tennis pavilion, Councillor Humphrey agreed to look into this, and the clerk to check with the cricket club what Insurance provisions they had in place. Whilst updating the asset register the benches, bus shelter and notice board had been inspected and a quotation for work being prepared. Regarding the playground inspection, a weekly inspection must now be recorded which Councillor Linegar agreed to do with the clerk still carrying out the monthly inspection along with the pond, and a yearly inspection by a company affiliated with the Insurance Company, who will also provide an up to date valuation for the equipment and a life expectancy, with this in mind it was agreed to hold off doing any work to the slide area which Mr Hewitt had quoted for until this report comes back. Councillor Linegar mentioned that in previous years a tree Arborist report had been required, the clerk to look into this also.

The final thing on this item was for the Chairman to remind Councillors about the use of social media, if a comment is to be made on a platform with reference to anything in the village to add that this is the Councillor's personal opinion and not that of the Council.

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

A complaint had been made reference the unsightly cricket screen laying in the park, clerk to contact the cricket club.

Councillor Humphrey had been asked by a resident why the village increase on the council tax, it had been increased by 22.1%, the precept had only been raised by £500 with a £1900 provision should there be an election, Councillor Leslie to make enquires at WLDC.

Councillor Anderson pointed out that the wall still has a large crack at Stainton Close, Councillor Milne informed members that Lea School has this in hand with LCC.

Another complaint had been received concerning speeding traffic at night down Willingham Road, this should be reported to the police when observed.

275. Date and time of next meeting

The date of the Parish and Annual meeting to be Monday 18th May 2015 at 7pm, by which time new Councillor results would be in, the date also set for the July meeting on 6th, with all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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