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LEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th July 2015 in the Butler’s Pantry, Lea Park at 7:00 pm.

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

Apologies: Councillor R Iredale
Also Present: Mrs Woffindale
Mrs J Brown
Mrs B Gash

15 Minutes open public forum :- The Chairman welcomed all guests to the meeting. Mrs Woffinden was in attendance to thank all involved in the planning application at Redcotes residential home, which has had their planning permission refused. Councillor Milne explained the reason for refusal was for the major impact it would have on one next door neighbour.

Mrs June Brown was in attendance with a view to be co-opted onto Council, she did not know what the Parish Council did as opposed to the District and how and what an impact the Parish Council has on the village.

The Chairman invited both to stay for the meeting and before moving onto the agenda, he moved to offer his condolences to Councillor Robert Iredale and his family on the recent loss of his father. The funeral would be Friday 10th July 2015, a memorial service at the Church at 11.30 am. The Chairman and the Vice Chairman had already taken the decision to send flowers to the family, which obviously did not come out of the Council Funds. The Clerk had organised and paid for them and if Councillors wished to each make a contribution and the Clerk could be reimbursed.

1/7/15. Apologies for absence and reasons given.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Iredale and reasons accepted.

2/7/15. 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 of interest

3/7/15. To approve the minutes of the last meetings 18.05.15

Before these were approved Councillor Linegar asked if they may be introduced to the lady on the Chairman’s right. The Chairman apologised for this oversight and introduced Mrs Betty Gash, who is the new Clerk and would be taking over as from today. Betty then proceeded to make a short introduction about herself. It was then resolved to sign the minutes as a true record.

4/7/15. Clerks Report on Outstanding Matters

The bin at 87 Gainsborough Road has been replaced as has the dog bin at Cavendish Drive. The Assets Register is just waiting for the valuation on Butler's Pantry, which Councillor Humphrey is dealing with.

5/7/15. Clerks Position

Mrs Gash had already now been introduced to Councillors at agenda item 3.

6/7/15. Correspondence

General correspondence was read out and noted.

Letter received from the Rotary Club with a £400.00 cheque for donation in reference to the Bonfire.

Crime Reports - circulated

7/7/15. Quotations ref bench and bus shelter maintenance

Councillor Humphrey had not as yet obtained anything in writing from Simon Chapman. It was proposed by Councillor Milne and then **RESOLVED** to proceed with this work if it did not exceed £250.00.

8/7/15. Friends of Lea Park

For the purpose of the newcomers, Councillor Linegar explained the group and the activities they undertake. The trees around the football area have been trimmed, grass on the pathway cut back and the ragwort will be dug up next month. He noted that there are 15 dead trees in the park – to be dealt with at agenda item 10.

9/7/15. Butler's Pantry –

- a. **Acis** - The Clerk had made contact with Acis to see if there was any news on the boundary issue, nothing as yet but they would chase up.
- b. **Windows** - Clerk had chased but due to the loss of George Barton's father-in-Law, the Clerk had said they would wait for him to make contact when he was ready.
- c. **Meter Replacement**:- Councillor Linegar had attended the Pantry so that the new meter could be installed, which turned out to be for the Tennis Club.

10/7/15. Lea Park

a. Tree Arborist in connection with Insurance

The Clerk had made contact with Steve Vessey, Arborist, he knows the site and for a full day with one person on site and production of the report, the costing would be £305. After a short discussion it was **RESOLVED** to contact Steve and arrange an appointment and go ahead with the report, Councillor Linegar wished to attend. Once this is in place obtain quotations for removal of the trees can be obtained.

b. Cricket Club Fence:- ~Stuart Menzies had informed the Clerk that they would finish the fence but were concerned at the dead trees in this area as access would be required to remove them. Clerk to inform Stuart about the work to be carried out.

c. Grass cutting:- The small piece of land near the Acis bungalows is not being cut – this is not highlighted on the parish map held – **RESOLVED** to ask the grass cutter to do this area. Councillor Linegar has had several complaints reference the entrance to the park, when exiting it is difficult to see to the left – **RESOLVED** to ask the grass cutter to take this strip back further. He also stated that whilst he believes that the grass cutter has done a good job in the village on the verges, he feels the park is not so good. He believes it needs to be kept shorter. Councillor Humphrey explained that this is the shortest the equipment will go - **RESOLVED** to raise this with the contractor that next year once the cricket team are back the grass on the field will have to be a lot shorter and to take this into consideration in his tender. At this point it was noted that there is a Car parked for Sale on the Green, Councillor Milne to inform WLDC.

d. Lea Park Tennis Club:- The Clerk had received and circulated a letter from John Walton at the tennis club asking for a grant towards trimming the large tree that overhangs the court which is causing the moss growth. After a lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** to put Mr Walton in touch with Councillor Milne who could advise what grant pots were available.

e. Play Inspection Report :- This had been circulated to all councillors, all moderate to low risk but the adult swing seat and chains would need replacing – Clerk to obtain quotations. The slide area had been progressed with John Hewitt and would need chasing.

11/7/15. Village Signage

Councillor Humphrey had brought a “mock up” sign with the Church at the top, a bluebell wood, the village pump and sheep. It was **RESOLVED** that her and Councillor Anderson would go to Elite and ask that a draft be made.

12/7/15. Planning Applications

No planning applications, although one had been circulated after the agenda was circulated, this to be dealt with as per Standing Orders and added to the next agenda.

13/7/15. Financial matters - Audit Queries

RESOLVED to accept the financial statement dated with payments totalling £3082.11 (incl VAT of £195.50) and receipts of £1819.38
The Audit Queries had been resolved.

14/7/15. Councillor Co-option

The Chairman asked Mrs Brown if she would be interested in becoming a Councillor, after some hesitation she agreed she would and was duly co-opted.

15/7/15. Items of information to be noted and if necessary to be dealt with at the next meeting

- a. Councillor Brown asked if there was any update on the drainage issue at Willingham Road, the clerk to chase.
- b. On a final note as it was the current clerk's last meeting the Chairman wished to thank Judith for all her work and wished her well in the future, and extended a warm welcome to Betty.

The date of the next meeting to be Monday 17th August 2015 at 7pm, with all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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