

**LEIRE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Leire Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Parish Councillors:** Cllr. D Morgan, Cllr. P Pickering, Cllr. Pool and Cllr. Huckerby

**Parish Clerk:** Mrs. K Clarke

**Parishioners:** One parishioner present

**County Council:** Cllr. N Bannister

**6498 To receive apologies from members of council and accept valid reasons for absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. Cawley-Rock and District Cllr. Worrall.

**6499 Declarations of interest**

- a. **To receive members' declarations of interest:** none received.
- b. **To receive and consider members' requests for dispensations:** none received.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

**6500 To adjourn the meeting for representations from other representatives and members of the public**

- Cllr. Pool advised that comments have been received regarding the state of the tree beside Violet's bench on Oak Avenue, it is full of brambles. The Parish Council will report the matter to Platform Housing Group.
- The streetlight on Frolesworth Road has been inspected by Western Power. The cut out has burnt out and due to age of the pole bracket National Grid are unable to put a new one on to repair it. They have advised that a new streetlight is required. If the parish has a new column installed at their cost, National Grid will install a connection to the streetlight at their cost. The quote from E-on to install a new column is £813.35 plus VAT. It was decided not to proceed with a replacement at this time.
- Details of savings accounts to move the Avery Redfern Trust funds into have been circulated to the Parish Council for review.
- The drainage problems on the western side of the railway bridge persists and is awaiting inspection, Cllr. Bannister will ask for an update from the County Council.
- The wooden planter located at The Green is in need of repair or replacement. Cllr. Huckerby will obtain a quote. It was noted that this could be a potential use of the Leire Community Fund.

**COUNCIL SESSION**

**6501 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Cllr. Huckerby **proposed** approving the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 as accurate, Cllr. Morgan **seconded** the proposal.

**6502 Matters arising the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 that are not included on the agenda**

- The replacement bin has been delivered to Cllr. Pool and will be installed by Cllr. Pickering.
- Ed Yates has been commissioned to install a post for the new vehicle activated sign.
- It was noted that it is too early to reduce the height of ash tree as it is still full of leaves. Cllr. Pickering will seek advice on whether the tree needs reducing in height or felled.

**6503 Matters arising from District and County Councillor's**

- Cllr. Bannister advised that the County Council has been overwhelmed with issues relating to rainfall and flooding across the county on week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.
- Cllr. Bannister advised that he will chase the County Council for an update on the drainage problems on the railway bridge.
- Cllr. Bannister advised that the County Council have planning permission for 2,750 homes and small scale warehousing on the proposed Lutterworth East site. To raise funds to build the spine road needed for the development they are going to try to apply for large-scale strategic warehousing. Strategic warehousing is excluded from the area in the Local Plan, however, due to pressure on the District Council to deliver housing, they may find an exception.
- Cllr. Bannister advised that the Harborough Community Fund has allocated £10,000.00 for Leire to apply for. Cllr. Pickering suggested that an application could be submitted to resurface the car park at the playing field. Cllr. Pickering will obtain some quotes for the project.

**6504 Financial Matters****a) To note the bank reconciliation to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

The reconciled balance on the Parish Council bank accounts as of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 is £20,198.87.

**b) To approve accounts for payment and note receipts**

Cllr. Morgan **proposed** payment of the following accounts, Cllr. Pickering **seconded** the proposal:

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
001579	K Clarke	Parish Clerk salary and expenses (Aug)	£331.20
001580	E Y Hire	Surface access to Jubilee Walk	£720.00
001581	E-on	Streetlighting maintenance contract	£147.60
001582	Sharnford Horticultural	Materials	£28.00
001583	Lamley Brothers	Playing field maintenance (3 x invoices)	£930.00
001584	Void	Error on writing	£0.00
001585	Leire PCC	Contribution to churchyard maintenance	£600.00
001586	Npower	Streetlighting (2 x invoices)	£608.09
001587	R Garner	Jubilee Walk (expenses)	£14.97
001588	K Clarke	Parish Clerk salary and expenses (Sep)	£333.90
001589	Npower	Streetlighting	£323.05
001590	Lamley Bros	Playing field maintenance	£186.00
001591	E-on	Streetlighting maintenance contract	£147.60
001592	Elan City	Vehicle activated sign	£2,508.00
001593	Leire Charities	Playing field rent	£240.00
001594	Glasdon UK	Replacement bin	£194.51
001595	K Clarke	Parish Clerk salary and expenses (Oct)	£334.40

**c) To note the following receipts:**

Received From	DETAIL	AMOUNT
Harborough Lotto	June 2024	£8.00
Harborough Lotto	July 2024	£8.00
Harborough Lotto	August 2024	£10.00
HMRC	VAT refund	£4,188.24
NatWest	Reserve account interest	£16.22

**d) Any other financial matters: No matters raised.****6505 Planning Matters****a) Planning applications:**

- To consider planning application 24/01119/TCA

Works to trees (fell) – Elms Farm, 2 Frolesworth Road, Leire

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no comments to submit on the application.*

- **To consider planning application 24/01120/FUL**

Erection of garden room – The Hall, 7 The Green, Leire

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no comments to submit on the application.*

- **To consider planning application 24/01242/TCA**

Works to trees (fell) – The Paddock, 3 Back Lane, Leire

*Resolved: The Parish Council has no comments to submit on the application.*

**b) Planning Decisions:**

- 24/00602/TCA – Works to trees (fell) – York House, Main Street, Leire – APPROVED – 20.06.24.
- 24/00637/FUL – Extension – Carnaby House, Main Street, Leire - APPROVED – 19.07.24
- 24/00721/FUL – Temporary dwelling – Springfield Farm, Broughton Lane, Leire – REFUSED – 20.08.24
- 24/00791/PDN – Prior Approval for change of use – Land at Hall Farm, Back Lane, APPROVED – 15.08.24
- 24/00875/TCA – Works to trees (fell) – Church Bungalow, Main Street, Leire – APPROVED – 15.08.24
- 24/00937/FUL – Demolition of outbuilding and extension – 5 Wales Orchard, Leire – APPROVED – 16.09.24
- 24/00954/VAC – Erection of swelling – Eaglesfield Farm, Main Street, Leire – APPROVED – 10.09.24
- 24/00976/TCA – Works to trees (fell) – Land at Eaglesfield End, Leire – APPROVED – 24.09.24

**c) To receive updates on enforcement cases:**

The Parish Council will request updates from the Enforcement Team at Harborough District Council.

**d) Any other planning matters:**

The Parish Council will submit an objection to the application for strategic warehousing at Lutterworth East.

**6506 To discuss matters arising at the Playing Field and Jubilee Walk.**

- The Jubilee Walk volunteer group noted thanks to Cllr. Pickering for the donation of a mower.
- A couple of trees at Jubilee Walk came down and have been removed.
- The footpath is dry.
- It was noted there are some problems with hawthorn trees which are approximately 40 to 50 years old.
- Drainage pipes have been donated.

**6507 To receive the Clerk's report on correspondence and consider any recommendations**

- A wreath has been ordered for Remembrance Day and will be delivered to Cllr. Pickering.

**6508 To consider items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting**

Updates on the agenda items above.

**6509 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm at the village hall.

**Cllr. Morgan closed the meeting at 8.27pm.**