

Minutes of Laver de la Haye Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th February 2018 at 8.00 P.M in Laver de la Haye Village Hall

Present: Cllr Ian Moore (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Peter Bunting, Cllr Anne Hughes, Cllrs Mark Jones & Cllr Mike Strain, The Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw, CBC Kevin Bentley, CBC Andrew Ellis, CBC Jackie Mclean and 6 residents.

18/21 To accept Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr Brian Turner (Chairman), Cllr Tom Harris, Cllr David Lennox & Cllr Richard Marriage

18/22 To receive and record Declarations of Personal and Pecuniary Interest

None.

18/23 Matters raised by Residents

A resident asked if more dog bins could be situated at Malting Green due to overflowing dog bins this week. It was explained that the council missed the weekly collection due to staff sickness.

A resident enquired about footpaths that have been closed at the Folley. The owners having taken legal advice on this matter, have been advised to put up the notices in respect of future development on the land.

18/24 To approve the Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting.

The minutes of the meeting dated 8th January 2018 were approved.
Minutes signed by the Vice-Chairman

18/25 To receive visitors reports from the County Councillor and Borough Councillor

CBC Andrew Ellis reported that he had spoken with CBC Kevin Bentley about the yellow lines outside of the school. Cllr Kevin Bentley informed Cllr Andrew Ellis that it must be approved by North Essex Parking Partnership. The council have previously been informed that it would be raised at an NEPP meeting in March 2018.

CBC Andrew Ellis reported that CBC Kevin Bentley is in the process of obtaining funding for the leaf blower from the locality budget.

CBC Andrew Ellis expressed disappointment, shared by the Parish Council, that the landowner of the proposed new housing site in The Folley had raised objections to the Local Plan, suggesting that the Rural Exception site should be subsumed into the proposed development and that the current proposed upper limit of 50 properties should be removed. CBC Andrew Ellis will set up a meeting between Colchester Borough Council, the landowner and the Parish Council to discuss why the landowner chose to object to what was believed to be an agreed plan.

18/26 Zone Warden's Report

The Zone Warden is looking for a date for the Annual Spring Clean. The Parish Clerk will inform the Zone Warden of a date in April 2018.

The Zone Warden reported an issue with dog mess on the Recreation ground. He will fine anyone if he sees them doing it and had handed out a fine to one resident today.

18/27 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported road closures in Laver de la Haye on 22nd February 2018 from Abberton Road to Abberton Reservoir, Lower End & Mill Lane.

18/28 Finance

28.1 Statement of accounts for January were circulated.

28.2 To approve payments in accordance with the 2018/2019 Budget

Approved Payments as follows:

British Telecom	£ 76.92
S. Priestland – Grass cutting	£ 45.00
Mileage Expenses	£ 4.50
Parish Clerk salary	£353.76
PG Groundcare	£182.70
Total	<u>£662.88</u>

18/29 Planning/Housing

29.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

None

29.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting

180037 – 5 Waterworks Close, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0EP – First floor extension above existing kitchen/dining room, 3.5m deep two extensions to the rear and new 3m deep single storey extension to the rear elevation.

Comments: No Objections

180042 – Chestnut Farm, Abberton Road, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0JU – Erection of four detached single storey dwellings and demolition of existing redundant farm buildings.

Comments: No Objections

180111 – 5 Upper Cottages, Abberton Road, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0JU – Single storey rear extension and cladding to original building.

Comments: No Objections

29.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received from since last meeting

173128 – 138 High Road, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0EB – Proposed internal alterations and extensions to 138 High Road – **Decision: Approve Conditional**

18/30 Footpaths

To discuss footpaths in relation to Layer de la Haye. It was actioned for the Parish Clerk to put the link to the definitive map (footpaths) on the Parish Council website.

18/31 Village Hall Car Parking

To discuss car parking around the village hall.

Car parking at the village hall continues to be a problem. The Parish Council acknowledged that this problem would not go away in the future and that the issue would need to be addressed.

18/32 Local Plan

To discuss forming a sub-committee for the Local Plan

Cllr Mark Jones suggested a working party, rather than sub-committee, be set up to look at issues arising from the local plan. Cllr Anne Hughes & Cllr Brian Turner (agreed at an earlier date) had volunteered to be part of the working party.

18/33 World War 1 – 100th Anniversary (Sunday 11th November 2018)

To discuss forming a sub-committee to organize a World War 1 Anniversary Event

Cllr Anne Hughes suggested a working party, rather than a sub-committee, be set up for the World War 1 Anniversary Event. Cllr Ian Moore, Marilyn Moore, Cllr Mike Strain, Sandra Strain, Mrs Appleby, Mrs Holmes & Cllr Anne Hughes volunteered to organize the event.

- 18/34 Easter Hunt Event (30th March 2018)**
 To discuss use of the playing field to park cars during this event.
 It was agreed that 30 cars would be parked on the recreation ground for this event if the ground was dry, if wet it would be up to the discretion of the organiser whether to use it or not. The Parish Clerk was actioned to inform the organiser of this decision. Agreed by All.
- 18/35 Speeding Issues B1026**
 To discuss speeding issues and to discuss a “speed awareness weekend” for Layer de la Haye residents.
 The Parish Council would still like to arrange a speed awareness weekend event, this will be discussed further at the next meeting in March 2018.
- 18/36 Data Protection Officer**
 To discuss appointing a Data Protection Officer under the General Data Protection Regulation (effective on 25 May 2018).
 Cllr Mike Strain volunteered to become the data protection officer for the next year. The position will be rotated yearly amongst councillors. As Cllr Richard Marriage is the RFO for the Parish Council, he cannot be included in the rota. Agreed by all.
- 18/37 Grounds Maintenance Contract 2018**
 To discuss Grounds Maintenance contracts for 2018. To ask for quotes from 3 companies: PG Groundcare, Pinnacle & Hill Farm Landscapes. Agreed by all.
- 18/38 CCTV Cameras**
 To discuss extended coverage for CCTV
 The Pre-school have asked the village hall management committee if the cctv coverage could be extended to include the proposed garden. The Parish Council agreed that this could be done. The Pre-school would be liable to all costs incurred in providing extra cover. Agreed by all.
- 18/39 Training/Events**
- 39.1 Reports on attended events - None
- 39.2 Nominations for new events - None
- 18/40 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**
 Layer Colts have not yet sent in their donation to the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact the club.
 Damage to the benches on the recreation ground was reported.
- 18/41 To confirm date and time of next meeting**
 Date of next meeting Monday 12th March 2018 at 8.00 p.m.
 The meeting closed at 9.32 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....

