

Minutes of Laver de la Haye Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th June 2018 at 8.00 P.M in Laver de la Haye Village Hall

Present: Cllr Mark Jones (Chairman), Cllr Ian Moore (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Peter Bunting, Cllr Clive Chambers, Cllr Anne Hughes, Cllrs Brian Turner. The Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw, CBC Andrew Ellis and 5 residents.

18/103 To accept Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from CBC Jackie McLean, Cllr Richard Marriage & Cllr Mike Strain

18/104 To receive and record Declarations of Personal and Pecuniary Interest

None.

18/105 Matters raised by Residents

A resident raised the issue of parking on the High Road, Laver de la Haye and expressed concerns that a serious accident is likely to happen if something is not done about this. He enquired about double yellow lines, the Parish Council has raised this issue previously with CBC Kevin Bentley without much success. CBC Andrew Ellis will contact CBC Kevin Bentley who is now the portfolio holder for Highways to raise the issue. The Parish Clerk was actioned to put it in writing to CBC Kevin Bentley to make it official.

Another resident reported that there had been a near miss between two vehicles on Monday morning.

18/106 To approve the Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting.

The minutes of the meeting dated 14th May 2018 were approved.

Minutes signed by the Chairman

18/107 To receive visitors reports from the County Councillor and Borough Councillor

CBC Andrew Ellis reported that the enforcement notice for 84A High Road has not yet been issued due to an error with dates at Colchester Planning. He has contacted them personally and will have more information on the matter to give to the Parish Council tomorrow.

CBC Andrew Ellis further reported that if the Parish Council could offer 3 or 4 dates to Tollgate Partnership, then he could arrange for the meeting to take place. Cllr Mark Jones agreed to come up with some dates.

CBC Andrew Ellis informed the meeting that the locality budget cannot be used to purchase dog bins.

CBC Andrew Ellis stated that CBC Kevin Bentley would like to devolve powers to Parish Councils and that money would be made available for those involved. CBC Kevin Bentley is looking to pilot the scheme, with approx. 5/6 Parish Council's being involved. He stated that Laver de la Haye could be one of the Council's involved, if they wished to be involved.

CBC Andrew Ellis stated that the Local Plan was delayed and awaiting the findings from the interim report. As a result, the Local Plan meeting scheduled for the 18th June 2018 had been cancelled. The next meeting would be on the 13th August 2018, where it is likely it will go back out for further consultation. Part 2 will now be October/November 2018 and won't go before the full council before Spring 2019.

18/108 Zone Warden's Report

The Zone Warden reported that a resident had been given £100 fine for fly tipping in Laver de la Haye. He informed the meeting that Look East TV had visited Mersea Island and that Mersea Island are aiming to become the first litter free place in the country.

18/109 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Mr Cole, Strutt & Parkers in relation to Chest Woods on the 4th June 2018 but no reply had been received yet.

The Clerk reported an e mail had been received from a resident asking if the goal posts on the Recreation Ground could be moved to another location.

The Chairman, Mark Jones explained there were three options: (1) do nothing (2) move the goal posts somewhere else or (3) remove the goal posts. The Parish Clerk was actioned to obtain quotes to find out costings of removing the goal posts. Cllr Ian Moore will talk with Layer Colts about the issue.

The Clerk reported that a proposed Fun Run for school children during the school fete was to take place on 30th June 2018. The organiser asked for permission to use the area for the fun run. The Parish Council agreed to give permission for the run to take place in the woods.

Agreed by all.

18/110 Finance

110.1 Statement of accounts for May (Richard Marriage).

None (Richard Marriage was on holiday)

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

The following payments were approved:

British Telecom	£77.08
S. Priestland	£45.00
G. Walkingshaw – Salary	£413.32
G. Walkingshaw – Mileage	£4.50
G. Walkingshaw – Stationery	£19.95
S. Priestland (re-issued)	£45.00
R. Clayton (Internal Audit)	<u>£120.00</u>
Total	<u>£724.85</u>

18/111 Planning/Housing

111.1 **Applications for discussion at meeting**

181135 – 22 Green Acres Road, Layer de la Haye, Co2 0JP- Side and rear two storey extension – **Comments – no objections**

181158 – Folleywood, The Folley, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0HZ – Proposed Entrance Gate – **Comments – no objections**

181159 – Folleywood, The Folley, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0HZ – Proposed Machinery Shed for personal use – Comments: The Parish Council would not support this application as the land should be used as employment zone and not for personal use.

111.2 **Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting**

None

111.3 **Planning Applications – Decisions received from since last meeting**

None

18/112 To review the effectiveness of the system of internal control

The Internal Audit Documents were signed by the Chairman & Clerk. The Clerk reported that it was recommended to adopt a financial risk as a council, this was adopted at the AGM in May 2018. It was further recommended that the old cctv camera be removed from the Asset Register, this will be completed during 2018/19 financial year.

- 18/113 World War 1 – 100th Anniversary (Sunday 11th November 2018)**
Latest Update – No further updates at present.
- 18/114 Local Plan**
Latest Update – Covered under 18/107 by CBC Andrew Ellis.
A resident has enquired about a footpath and access for the new development at the Folley.
This will be discussed by the Parish council at the meeting with the Tollgate Partnership.
- 18/115 Heather Close (Allotments)**
Mr Cole, Strutt & Parker had to cancel the meeting due to problems with his car.
- 18/116 Church Car Park**
Mr Cole, Strutt & Parker had to cancel the meeting due to problems with his car.
- 18/117 Footpath – Woods**
Mr Cole, Strutt & Parker had to cancel the meeting due to problems with his car.
- 18/118 Dog Bins**
The Clerk reported that it would cost £200 per dog bin if the Parish Council wished to purchase their own. The Borough Council would collect waste at a charge of £24.05 per hour each week. The total cost would be over £1200 per year, it was agreed that this would be too expensive to implement.
- 18/119 Layer de la Haye – Long Term Planning Projects**
The Chairman explained that he would like to begin a list of projects designed to improve the village. The Fingerpost at Malting Green has a budget of £3,000 set aside but the Parish Council would like to look into obtaining a grant to cover the costs. Cllr Sarah Hughes will find out where the Parish Council obtained the previous grant in relation to fingerpost signs. Car Parking is an ongoing issue in the village and it was agreed that time would need to be set aside at a later meeting to discuss the issue.
Village tidy up – it was suggested that volunteers could help with small jobs around the village, such as washing signs, etc. The Clerk also suggested using the Highways Rangers for work around the village.
The Recreation Ground requires attention as it currently has splintered and broken seats, signs needing replacing and a drainage issue at the entrance. This could be solved by using permeable pavers.
The signs on Maltings Green require attention, however it was noted that the pump and fence had been painted by local residents.
- 18/120 Proposed Quarterly Meeting with Colchester Borough Councillor's**
Colchester Borough Councillor's have set a date for the first quarterly meeting with the Parish Council which will be on Monday 16th July 2018 at 6.30 p.m. Cllr Mark Jones, Cllr Richard Marriage & Cllr Ian Moore will attend on our behalf. The Village Hall has been booked on that evening. Chairman Mark Jones will contact CBC Kevin Bentley with details of the meeting arrangements.
- 18/121 Principles of Localism**
Cllr Mark Jones informed the meeting of CBC Kevin Bentley's proposal to devolve powers to Parish Council's. It was agreed that the Parish Council should ask for a list of the jobs that the Parish council would be able to do themselves. It was also agreed that the Parish council would need more information on contractors, insurance & liability. These matters could be discussed with CBC Kevin Bentley at the quarterly meeting on Monday 16th July 2018.
- 18/122 Training/Events**

- 122 .2 Nominations for new events – The Parish Clerk has contacted Joy Darby about new councillor’s courses around September/October for Cllr Sarah Hughes & Cllr Clive Chambers to attend.

18/123 Speed Survey Results

The recent speed survey results showed north bound traffic average speed was 35.2 mph & south bound traffic was 37.1 mph. Using the 85% projectile north bound average was 41.6 mph & south bound 43.9 mph. The survey was completed on Church Road, Layer de la Haye. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Trevor Stubbington to find out what action could be taken now and whether road calming measures could be introduced based on the findings.

18/124 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

Cllr Ian Moore reported a recent burglary in Malting Green Road and stated that a drone had been seen flying over resident’s gardens. A further reported break in had been attempted in Heather Close.

Cllr Ian Moore reported a bonfire had been lit in the woods. This was the third one in recent times. Cllr Ian Moore will clear the area but requires permission from Strutt & Parker to do so. The Parish Clerk was actioned to obtain permission.

Cllr Ian Moore thanked Cllr Mark Jones and the Parish Clerk for there efforts in relation to the attempted break in at the village hall. The Police have CCTV footage of the attempted break in. Cllr Clive Chambers enquired about a resident advertising on the notice boards, the resident could use the notice board near to the shop.

Cllr Anne Hughes mentioned the Yellow Iris’s on Malting Green and how good they looked. She suggested we keep an eye on this area and keep it clear.

Cllr Mark Jones enquired about a resident’s complaint of conifer trees damaging a footpath in Swallow Close. The footpath is privately owned, so therefore any action would need to be taken by the owners of the footpath and not the Parish council. Cllr Ian Moore was actioned to speak to the resident.

Cllr Mark Jones reported that a resident had arranged a meeting with MP Priti Patel in relation to Commercial Aircraft flying over Layer de la Haye and would like a letter of support from the Parish Council. The Parish Council would be happy to acknowledge that she has a point in relation to this issue.

Cllr Mark Jones actioned the Parish Clerk to send letters to residents of Malting Green to remind them of no access rights on common land.

Cllr Ian Moore reported the condition of the lights at the Tennis Club requiring attention. Cllr Anne Hughes would contact Mr Bures for a quote.

18/125 To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting Monday 9th July 2018 at 8.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....