

Minutes of Layer de la Haye Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 at 8.00 P.M in Layer de la Haye Village Hall

- Present:** Cllr Mark Jones (Chairman), Cllr Ian Moore (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Peter Bunting, Cllr Anne Hughes, Cllr Sarah Hughes, Cllr Richard Marriage, Cllrs Brian Turner & Cllr Mike Strain. The Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 3 residents.
- 18/143 To accept Apologies for Absence:**
Apologies were received from CBC Jackie MacLean, CBC Andrew Ellis, Cllr Clive Chambers, & Zone Warden Tim Pickard
- 18/144 To receive and record Declarations of Personal and Pecuniary Interest**
None.
- 18/145 Matters raised by Residents**
A resident reported water lying on the footpath between High Road & The Folley. The Parish Council will make a site visit the next time it rains to see the effects on the footpath. The main issue is the middle section of the footpath.
A resident enquired about dog bins along the footpath from High End to the Folley, the Parish Council had previously looked into costs for a dog bin at £200 cost and £24.95 per week collection charges. The Parish Council agreed not to purchase a dog bin previously because of the costs.
A resident informed the meeting that the gulleys at 9 New Cut, Layer de la Haye were blocked. The Parish Clerk was actioned to report this to Highways.
- 18/146 To approve the Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting.**
The minutes of the meeting dated 9th July 2018 were approved.
Minutes signed by the Chairman
- 18/147 To receive visitors reports from the County Councillor and Borough Councillor**
CBC Kevin Bentley joined the meeting at 9:17 p.m. to report on the Local Plan.

Borough Councillors met tonight at 7.00 p.m. to discuss Part 1 of the Local Plan. Borough Councillors to meet on Thursday to prove the case for more housing before going to the Inspectorate for agreement. New Garden Communities in Tendring & East Colchester are agreed as being necessary, West Tey Development is more contentious.
CBC Kevin Bentley informed the meeting of Highways wish to devolve powers to Parish Council's. Three Parish Council's are to take part in an initial trial over the next 6 months. All Parish Council's in Essex will have funding provided to fix the twenty most important defects for that Parish. These include Vehicle Activates Signs, Road Improvement and Cycle Ways. Highways Panels to fund £200,00, match funded with NEPP.
- 18/148 Zone Warden's Report**
Zone Warden Tim Pickard reported by e mail that The Birch Road from Layer to Layer Bretton has been litter picked.
- 18/149 Clerk's Report**
The clerk informed the meeting of a request to hold a 1 mile & 5 mile running race from the village hall through Heatherfields Woods in April 2018. The organiser, would like permission to run the race through the woods. The Parish Council would like more information on the race but agreed the organiser can use Public Footpaths.
The clerk reported a cheque for £8089.50 had been paid into the bank account for the second installment of the precept.

The clerk further reported that two quotes for the removal of the goal posts or removal & re-siting of the goal posts had been obtained.

Removal: Sovereign £581.80 Playquip Leisure £161.50

Removal & re-siting: Sovereign £994.60 Playquip Leisure £627.00

SPH Landscape had been asked for a quote as well but had not yet replied.

The Chairman Mark Jones suggested to remove the goalposts and look into options for buying new replacement goals in a different location. It was agreed by all that the goal posts should be removed.

The clerk informed the meeting that the Parochial Church Council had asked the Parish Council for a donation. The Parish Council proposed a donation of £650.00 for the purpose of maintenance and upkeep of the churchyard.

Proposed: Cllr Peter Bunting Seconded: Cllr Sarah Hughes

Agreed by all

18/150 Finance

150.1 Statement of accounts (Richard Marriage)

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

Payments approved are as follows:

August

British Telecom	£76.92
Mr S Priestland (war memorial)	£45.00
PC Salary	£413.32
PC Mileage Expenses	£4.50
Strutt & Parker (Rent for Heathlands)	£1097.43
Total	<u>£1,637.17</u>

September

British Telecom	£128.54
HMRC (Paye/Tax)	£296.80
Information Commissioner (ICO)	£40.00
Stationery	£37.95
EALC – Course	£90.00
Mr S Priestland (war memorial)	£45.00
PC Salary	£413.12
PC Mileage Expenses	£4.50
EALC – Course	£90.00
Playquip Leisure – Inspection	£78.00
Total	<u>£1,223.91</u>

18/151 Planning/Housing

151.1 **Applications for discussion at meeting**

181905 – The Lodge, Lower End, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0LE – Retention of garage, store and ancillary accommodation at the Lodge

Comments: No objections as long as it is for the benefit of the current owner and to be used only for non-commercial purposes.

182061 – 58 Malting Green Road, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0JJ – proposed single storey rear extension

Comments: No Objections

182111 – 5 Martin End, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0JD – Single storey front extension and internal alterations

Comments: No Objections

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

181570 – 10 High Road, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0DS – Rear single

Storey extension. Existing conservatory demolished.

Comments: No Objections

181735 – 16 Winstree Close, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0JR – Two storey side/rear extension

Comments: No Objections

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

173248 – Follywood, The Folley, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0HZ – Replacement of 3 bed dwelling at Follywood, with a 3-bed dwelling of contemporary design, adjustment to Local Employment Zone and Associated Works.

Decision: Owner has lodged appeal against the decision (originally decision: Refuse)

181135 – 4 Green Acres Road, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0JP – Side and rear two storey extension. **Decision:** Approve Conditional

181412 – 95 New Cut, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0EG – Internal remodeling.

Decision: Approve Conditional

181471 – 22 Green Acres Road, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0JP – Single storey rear extension. **Decision:** Approve Conditional

181676 – 2 Upper Cottages, Abberton Road, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0JU – Demolition of existing conservatories and extension at the rear of the building and erection of a new single storey extension comprising kitchen and living area. Erection of storm porch at the front. Associated internal remodeling. **Comments:** No Objections **Decision:** Approve Conditional

18/152 **Training/Events**

151.1 Reports on attended events - None

151.2 Nominations for new events

New Councillors Course

Dates: Saturday 10th November 2018 & Saturday 24th November 2018 – Cllr Clive Chambers will be unable to go on this course, his place on the course will be cancelled. Cllr Sarah Hughes will attend the New Councillor Course. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Joy Derby (EALC) to provide New Councillor Training in the future at Layer de la Haye.

18/153 **World War 1 – 100th Anniversary (Sunday 11th November 2018)**

Cllr Anne Hughes reported that the Beacon has been completed. Chairman Mark Jones will complete a risk assessment and look into social media advertising for the event, with posters being put up around the village.

Cllr Anne Hughes explained the outline for the event will begin with the service in the morning, an exhibition in the village hall in the afternoon with food being made available. The evening will continue with the lighting of the Beacon at 7.00 p.m. and the last post. Children will deliver lines from the First World War and light candles. Cllr Anne Hughes informed the meeting that any help or volunteers on the day would be greatly appreciated.

18/154 Local Plan

CBC Councillor meeting tonight (see 18/147).

Local Plan Part 2 – at present is likely to follow local plan (no more than 50 houses), suggested Almhouses could go towards affordable housing numbers.

A resident has written a letter to MP Priti Patel, this is the second letter sent to the MP by a resident of Layer de la Haye in relation to the housing development.

18/155 Layer de la Haye – Long Term Planning Projects (Updates)

Cllr Sarah Hughes will look into other revenue sources for the Fingerpost Sign, as the previous grants are no longer available.

Chairman Mark Jones suggested a village tidy up for the last weekend of September to wash village signs, clean up fingerpost signs and general maintenance.

18/156 Traffic Calming Measures

CBC Kevin Bentley will contact Highways, Joe Hazleton to discuss options for traffic calming measures in Layer de la Haye and report back to the Parish Council with the findings.

The next NEPP meeting will be held on October 3rd 2018 in Braintree, CBC Kevin Bentley invited councillors to come along and attend.

18/157 Footpath 7 (Fields Farm Road) – P3 Partnership Scheme

Chairman Mark Jones and the Parish Clerk met with Shirley Anglin to discuss the P3 Partnership Scheme. The Parish Council have 2 main options available:

- (1) Volunteers to be trained using machines, small group of volunteers 4/6 can use hand tools without training. Generic risk assessments available for use. Must have a first aider in group of volunteers. Insured by Colchester Borough Council.
- (2) Volunteers take over maintenance of footpaths, funding available, however, Colchester Borough Council would no longer do yearly cut. Could use our own contractor from the village, they would need their own public liability insurance.

Parish Council will look for volunteers to begin with.

18/158 Website/Getting to Know You

Cost for website would be £36 per year. Parish Council will look into how much information can be lifted from old website to start with.

18/159 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

Cllr Mike Strain asked whether the Parish Council would be interested in purchasing the telephone box next to the Layer Fox Public House. The cost to buy it would be £1.00 to British Telecom. Cllr Brian Turner explained the cost to re-paint the telephone box would be around £200 to £300. Cllr Ian Moore would consider doing maintenance work.

Cllr Mike Strain asked if the Parish Council required any replenishment of winter salt.

Cllr Peter Bunting informed the meeting that we had enough in reserve at present.

Cllr Mike Strain enquired about the seat at the bus shelter, the replacement is currently with Cllr Peter Bunting. Cllrs Mike Strain & Ian Moore will have a look at the new seat.

Cllr Richard Marriage reported issues with water damage in Heatherfields woods. Cllr Marriage will contact the Environment Agency to look into it further.

Cllr Ian Moore will fix the damaged bench at the Recreation Ground and use hard wood to repair it.

Cllr Moore reported tree damage off the footpath in Heatherfields woods. The branches were considered a possible danger threat. Cllr Anne Hughes would contact the Round Estate to carry out immediate repairs.

18/160 To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting Monday 12th November 2018 at 8.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.56 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....