

Minutes of Layer de la Haye Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th December 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 Clive Chambers, Cllr Anne Hughes, Cllr Brian Turner, Cllr Sarah Hughes, Cllr Richard Marriage & Cllr Mike Strain
The Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 4 residents.

18/195 To accept Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from CBC Kevin Bentley & Tim Pickard

18/196 To receive and record Declarations of Personal and Pecuniary Interest

None.

18/197 Matters raised by Residents

None.

18/198 To approve the Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting.

The minutes of the meeting dated 12th November 2018 were approved.
Minutes signed by the Chairman

18/199 To receive visitors reports from the County Councillor and Borough Councillor

CBC Kevin Bentley sent an e mail showing updates and progress. The Yellow Lines were due to be completed by Summer 2019. Two priority potholes would be completed – 1 before xmas and 1 after xmas.

18/200 Zone Warden's Report

None

18/201 Clerk's Report

The Parish Clerk had received a letter from a resident about vehicles parked on High Road. The resident wanted to apologise to the Parish Council and residents for any inconvenience caused. This was accepted by the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact the resident and ask if he could write a letter of apology to surrounding neighbours as well. The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that the chairman had now contacted the owner of the garage and reported the fading white lines to Essex Highways.

18/202 Finance

202.1 Statement of accounts (Richard Marriage)

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

The following payments were approved for payment:

British Telecom	£194.21
Parish Clerk salary	£413.32
Mileage Expenses	£4.50
S. Priestland – War Memorial	£45.00
HMRC	£103.20
EALC Councillor Training	£292.10
BT Phone Box (Parts)	£100.60
J. Fuller (Paint) – Mike Strain	£18.31
I. Moore (Cycling Signs)	£19.98
G. Walkingshaw (Bank Error)	£60.00
Total	<u>£1,251.22</u>

18/203 **Planning/Housing**

203.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

None

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

None

203.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

None

18/204 **Budgets for 2019/2020**

To discuss budgets for next financial year. A copy of the draft budget for 2019/2020 was supplied by Richard Marriage showing a proposed 4% increase on precept. The Contingency Fund was reduced to £1,700 to allow £300 for work on Malting Green Pond. The Parish Council were happy with the draft budget.

18/205 **Community Speed Watch (CSW)**

To discuss purchasing Dictaphone for community speedwatch team.

Agreed by all.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Community Speedwatch team had now completed 3 years. In that time the community speedwatch team have logged 761 speeding motorists in 69 speedwatch sessions. In the last 12 months, the speedwatch team have completed 37 sessions and logged 351 speeding motorists. This equates to one speeding motorist logged every six minutes by the speedwatch team.

18/206 **Traffic Calming Measure at Malting Green/Abberton Road**

A resident asked whether it would be possible to have new signage as part of traffic calming measures where Malting Green Road meets Abberton Road.

The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Essex Highways to see if they would be interested in putting up signs.

18/207 **Training/Events**

207.1 Reports on attended events - None

207.2 Nominations for new events - None

18/208 **Local Plan**

The latest on the Local Plan is that Part 1 would be reviewed in Summer 2019.

18/209 **Layer de la Haye – Long Term Planning Projects (Updates)**

Cllr Ian Moore suggested removing the broken bench in the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the Parish Council should complete repairs to the bench at the bus stop and then do a wooden replacement for the Recreation Ground.

Cllr Richard Marriage had received an offer from a resident to repair the village sign. The cost to the Parish Council would be £500. It was proposed to accept the offer.

Proposed: Cllr Richard marriage Seconded: Cllr Peter Bunting

Agreed by all.

18/210 **Parish Council Website**

The new Parish Council website will be launched in early 2019. The Chairman, Mark Jones would like any changes/amendments highlighted now and any nice pictures of the village to be sent to the Parish Council for addition to the website. It was agreed that local businesses would

be added to the Parish Council website provided the businesses were in Layer de la Haye. This was agreed by all.

18/211 Meeting dates for 2019

To confirm meeting dates for 2019
Agreed by all.

18/212 Essex Library Service Consultation

The consultation process finishes in February 2019. Anyone wishing to complete consultation survey must do so by then.

18/213 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, wanted to thank Cllr Richard Marriage for spending many hours digging the ditch in Chestnut Woods in his own time.

Cllr Ian Moore mentioned a resident had complained of flooding at Birch Road and that CBC Andrew Ellis had reported this to Essex Highways. This had previously been reported in February 2018 and was meant to be completed in 28 days. This had not been completed, Cllr Ian Moore to contact CBC Andrew Ellis to chase this up.

Cllr Ian Moore wanted to make residents aware of telephone scams happening within the village, especially amongst the elderly residents of the village.

Cllr Brian Turner informed the meeting about the “pop-up” network for Post Offices which is happening in Elmstead Market, Great Bentley & Fingringhoe. A full range of services is provided for 2 hours per week (exception of passports) in a location chosen around Layer de la Haye. Cllr Anne Hughes would contact the owner of the Layer Fox to see whether they would be prepared to offer a suitable location.

Cllr Anne Hughes thanked everyone for their help with the Christmas Party in the Village Hall.

Cllr Sarah Hughes Mentioned that a litter pick had been completed on Birch Road. A Layer de la Haye litter pick to be arranged for Feb/March 2019.

Cllr Mike Strain mentioned that the light was still not fixed outside the village shop. This has been previously reported by the Parish Clerk.

Cllr Mark Jones informed the meeting that vans have been parking on the pavement near to the village shop. This has been creating difficulties with passing traffic.

18/214 To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting Monday 14th January 2019 at 8.00 p.m.
The meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....