

**Minutes of Layer de la Haye Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8.00 P.M in Layer de la Haye Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Ian Moore (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Peter Bunting, Cllr Clive Chambers, Cllr Anne Hughes, Cllr Sarah Hughes, Cllr Richard Marriage & Cllr Mike Strain  
The Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw, CBC Andrew Ellis and 3 residents.

**19/00**     **General Powers of Competency**  
CiLCA Qualified Clerk & 2/3 elected councillors (100% councillors elected May 2018)

**19/01**     **To accept Apologies for Absence:**  
Apologies were received from Chairman Mark Jones, Cllr Brian Turner, Zone Warden Tim Pickard.

**19/02**     **To receive and record Declarations of Personal and Pecuniary Interest**  
None.

**19/03**     **Matters raised by Residents**  
None

**19/04**     **To approve the Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting.**  
The minutes of the meeting dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were approved.  
Minutes signed by the Chairman

**19/05**     **To receive visitors reports from the County Councillor and Borough Councillor**  
CBC Andrew Ellis reported the flooding issue is being looked into by Highways.  
CBC Andrew Ellis further reported that he had heard nothing from the Tollgate Partnership.

**19/06**     **Zone Warden's Report**  
None

**19/07**     **Clerk's Report**  
The Parish Council wanted to put on record that it fully supports the campaign to keep the Prettygate Library in Colchester open.

**19/08**     **Finance**

08.1 Statement of accounts (Richard Marriage)

08.2 To approve payments in accordance with the 2019/2020 Budget

The following payments were approved for payment:

Parish Clerk Salary	£413.12
Mileage Expenses	£4.50
S. Priestland – War Memorial	£45.00
Colchester Borough Council – Street Lights	£79.27
HMRC Tax/PAYE	£103.40
British Telecom	£219.06
Total	<u>£864.35</u>

**19/09**     **Planning/Housing**

09.1 **Applications for discussion at meeting**  
None

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

None

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

None

**19/10 Training/Events**

10.1 Reports on attended events - None

10.2 Nominations for new events - None

**19/11 Precept 2019**

It was agreed that the Precept would increase by 3.9% for 2019/2020.

Proposed: Cllr Richard Marriage                      Seconded: Cllr Peter Bunting

Agreed by all.

**19/12 Internal Audit 2019**

The Internal Auditor for 2019 will be Jan Stobart. (This will be dependent on the Parish councillors seeing her qualifications. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Jan and obtain qualifications).

Agreed by all.

**19/13 Multi Sports Centre**

The Multi Sports Centre surface is clogged with water and mud and is currently unusable. Cllr Ian Moore has received quotes to repair surface from £4,600 to £6,000. Layer Colts Chairman, Gary Vincent will look into a grant through Essex FA and get back to Cllr Ian Moore.

**19/14 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**

It was agreed that the next Litter Picking date would be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Cllr Richard Marriage reported work on village sign is coming along nicely.

Cllr Mike Strain has completed the Local Bus Consultation. The 7.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. services are under used at present. Cllr Mike Strain is happy to continue as the Transport Representative.

Cllr Ian Moore reported that parents are leaving car engines running outside the school. Cllr Brian Turner to discuss with Headteacher.

Cllr Mike Strain reported that the street light outside shop has still not been repaired. Parish Clerk will report it for a third time.

Cllr Ian Moore reported benches at the bus shelter is now fixed.

**19/15 To confirm date and time of next meeting**

Date of next meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 8.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....