

Minutes of Layer de la Haye Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019 at 8.00 P.M in Layer de la Haye Village Hall

Present: Chairman Mark Jones, 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.

19/32 To accept Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from CBC Kevin Bentley & Cllr Brian Turner.

19/33 To receive and record Declarations of Personal and Pecuniary Interest

Cllr Clive Chambers declared an interest in 19/43 & Cllr Ian Moore declared an interest in 19/45.

19/34 Matters raised by Residents

A resident enquired about the condition of the pavements in New Cut Road, High Road and Malting Green Road. The Parish Clerk was actioned to report the condition of the pavements to CBC Kevin Bentley.

19/35 To approve the Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting.

The minutes of the meeting dated 11th February 2019 were approved.
Minutes signed by the Chairman

19/36 To receive visitors reports from the County Councillor and Borough Councillor

CBC Andrew Ellis reported that the locality fund will be available after the elections in May and that some money could be set aside for Layer de la Haye. Nothing else to report.
The Chairman expressed his disappointment in the Highways Agency for not being able to complete repairs reported to CBC Kevin Bentley at previous meetings.

CBC Kevin Bentley sent an e mail reporting that:

Pothole repair

The Hawfinch pothole I am told will be repaired during this week. If it is not then please do let me know. It is also important to clear up some confusion about the 20-pothole initiative that I launch across the county back in late autumn. I asked for 10 potholes to be reported before Christmas and 10 after. This was to allow for a bad winter and to see what it would bring in terms of weather. Snow = potholes. We have been, so far, spared a bad winter and therefore we have been able to get on with repair work. It is also important to note that the crews that drive the gritters are also the crews that fill the potholes. We have been out only around 30 times during the winter. However, it was never anticipated that all the first ten would be repaired before Christmas. We have made good progress and across my Division of Stanway and Pyefleet – which is virtually the whole of southern rural Colchester including Stanway, there has been a good service. Hawfinch is next on the list to be done. All other defects will also be attended to during the spring months.

Estate roads and pavements

Having had a good success with repair our PR1 and PR2 routes and our main routes have received national recognition, I have now switched the budget to deal with local and estate roads and pavements. These have suffered in recent years while attention has been given to the main roads. This will now change and much more work will be done on these roads in the coming months. This will include pavements as well.

Pavement repair scheme

As of the budget meeting in February our Administration has given an extra £700k to the pavement repair budget. This has been added to the existing £1m for repair. As a result, I as the Cabinet Member have just launched plans to do a similar scheme to that of the potholes and

ask County Members for their top pavements to repair. I will ensure that the Malting Green pavement is top of my list when I put it in later this month. Therefore, I will be expecting the repair work to be done in the summer months.

And finally.....Brexit!

Not a phrase I often use these days – however, I circulated via Parish Clerks a newsletter on my national work for local government on this subject. If there are any questions then please do let know and I will do my best to answer. The only one I can't, is what will happen next week! Not in my gift I am afraid.

19/37 Zone Warden's Report

None

19/38 Clerk's Report

None

19/39 Finance

39.1 Statement of accounts (Richard Marriage)

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

The following payments for approved for paying:

Parish Clerk Salary	£413.12
Mileage Expenses	£4.50
S. Priestland	£45.00
HMRC – Paye/Tax	£103.40
Playquip – Playground Inspection	£78.00
Ian Moore (Signage for Recreation Ground)	£148.61
PG Groundcare	<u>£182.70</u>
Total	<u>£975.33</u>

39.3 Transfer of money from Virgin Bank Account (Chelmsford)

Agreed by all

19/40 Planning/Housing

40.1 **Applications for discussion at meeting**

190409 – Dormers, Fields Farm Road, Laver de la Haye, CO2 0JN – Ground floor extension to provide annexe accommodation, plus associated landscaping

Comments: The Parish Council would be supportive of this application if it was aesthetically pleasing and in line with design of cottage.

190440 – Colchester Rifle Range, Laver Road, Laver de la Haye, CO2 0DT – Single storey extension to existing clubhouse to form accessible entrance and disabled WC. Enclosure to existing outdoor range firing point and associate access road to facilitate disabled use.

Comments: No Objections

190485 – Willow Barn, Fields Farm Road, Laver de la Haye, CO2 0JW – Proposed detached garage, car port & games room building and change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden.

Comments: The Parish council would be supportive of this application if it was only to be used by people from the associated dwelling & for recreational purposes.

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

None

40.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received from since last meeting

None

19/41 Training/Events

41.1 Reports on attended events - None

41.2 Nominations for new events - None

19/42 Local Plan

Nothing to update.

19/43 Layer de la Haye – Long Term planning Projects (Updates)

Bench on Recreation Ground – The Parish Clerk contacted three companies for quotes. One quote from Clive chambers was for £300. The other two companies had failed to respond. It was agreed to accept the quote from Clive Chambers.

Agreed by all.

Village sign – The Village Sign was being sprayed this week. A work team consisting of Cllrs Ian Moore, Mike Strain & Mark Jones would survey the area in preparation for one metre dig before placement of village sign.

19/44 Parish Council Website

Nothing to report

19/45 Village Hall Car Park

The Parish council had received a letter from Lambert Smith Hampton as agents for Essex County Council asking if the Parish Council would be happy to sign an agreement in line with the old lease. The Parish Clerk was actioned to notify Lambert Smith Hampton that the Parish Council is not happy to sign an agreement in line with the old lease and would be happy to discuss the licence further.

19/46 Playground Inspection Report

The Playground Inspection Report dated February 2019 was discussed. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Playquip for more information on Medium Risk items. Two gates on the recreation ground require attention. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Playquip about the gates.

19/47 Community Speed Watch

The Parish Council discussed the use of cameras to record car number plates by the Community Speed Watch Team. It was decided that it could be deemed as confrontational, so no action would be taken on this item.

19/48 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

Cllr Ian Moore informed the meeting of the cycle race that is on 2nd June 2019.

Cllr Ian Moore reported that a resident had enquired about a plaque to commemorate the passing of a partner and asked if it could be displayed on a village bench. The Parish Council agreed to place a plaque on the bench in the Recreation Ground.

Cllr Ian Moore reported the tree next to Spider Web in the Recreation Ground is being climbed and creating a gap in the hedge which could cause dangers to children running out onto road. The Parish Council agreed to purchase some plants to close up the gap. Cllr Ian Moore was actioned to purchase the plants.

19/49 To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting Monday 8th April 2019 at 8.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....