



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 10TH OF JANUARY 2025 FROM 18.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Adrian Bramwell (AB), Victoria Kempley (VK), Graham Mathias (GM), Andy Blatch (ABL) and Michael de Whalley (MdW)
The Parish Clerk (CB)
Borough Councillors Michael de Whalley (arrived 6.48)
2 members of the public present.

1. **WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE VICE CHAIRMAN** chairing this meeting.
2. **PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:**
 - a. Regarding the proposed community garden at Glosthorpe. Has set up the King's Lynn right to grow up group and seeking support. As the Borough Council own the land, they will be attending a meeting on the 30th of January to raise this change of use from playing area. Advised grassed area was not used. ABL advised that this was a designated play area and grassed area was used by some local families. As the Parish Council had invested in the play equipment, which was regularly used, we have to ensure this is protected.
 - b. Chair of the Village Hall thanked the Parish Council for the work undertaken to clear overgrowth and the pallets still need to be cleared – member of the public offered to remove these for free and was thanked. CIL application is to be completed for £8396 and parish clerk has offered to help. The Parish and Borough Councillors will support this application upon checking the CIL application. Clerk to send the email for Zac at Sibelco.
3. **a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
Cllrs Collis, Brammer, Anota & Moriarty
- b. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
4. **Approval of the circulated minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th of November 2024.** Proposed ABL, seconded GM and all in favour who attended this meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

5.1 Traffic Project update – Clerk advised that there is still no update.

5.2 HGV’s on East Winch Road –ABL offered to set up the cameras again and this was approved and ABL thanked. advised that the recent camera observations had a similar conclusion to the previous one with 4 Agriculture HGV’s still using as a short cut from the A47 along with other HGV’s. BA & MdW to visit 4 Agriculture. MdW to find out if we can have a traffic survey arranged. **ACTION: BA & MdW**

5.3 Removal of overgrowth around the Village Hall – as discussed under 2.b.

6. PLANNING: to consider:

6.1 Application received after agenda issued:

25/00007/F – extension to garage and loft at The Victorian House, Chilver House Lane. Having discussed this, it was agreed a no observations comment – proposed ABL, seconded GM and all in favour.

6.2 Decisions:

24/01266/DISC_A|DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS 2 and 3 of Planning Permission 24/01266/F: VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING CONSENT 23/01283/F : Proposed single storey side and rear extension, loft extension/conversion over garage, provision of new pool house and swimming pool, refacing external appearance/materials, fenestration and various internal layout changes. Conversion of existing outbuilding to annexe| Glosthorpe House East Winch Road Ashwicken Norfolk PE32 1NA **Discharge of Condition final letter**

6.3 Enforcement/Appeals: No new actions

7. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

Cllr de Whalley – Devolution would see a strategic Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk. The proposed changes to Borough and District Councils in Norfolk could lead to Unitary Authorities in the East, West and City. The County Council elections would be postponed for this May for a year and there are a lot of uncertainty as it is considered to be a move away from grass roots. West Norfolk, North Norfolk and Breckland are looking to put in a bid together as have 400,00 residents.

The Borough Council are having to budget for £3.5m to cover cost for the Internal Drainage Board.

GM thanked Cllr de Whalley for his clarification on the devolution topic and centralisation. Nothing was cast in stone yet but a lot of uncertainty.

Cllr Moriarty – no report

8. Correspondence/Communications:

8.1 Clerks Report: Following calls from residents regarding the booking for recycling centres, clerk has put a notice on the website and a copy will go on the noticeboard. Other new information is EC04 insulation funding, police crime prevention information, and winter health information from NCC.

8.2 SAM unit – ABL advised that the SAM units are installed and will download data and move to another location. **ACTION: BA/ABL**

8.3 Play Areas –VK advised that the usual rubbish had been cleared and had an extra key cut for the large gate. Confirmed that the required maintenance to be approved under finance.

ABL advised that the mole is back at Glosthorpe.

- 8.4** Bus Shelters – GM advised that the shelters are good with nothing to report.
- 8.5** Footpaths – AB advised that footpath F29 still has the large hole and clerk to contact Mr. Williamson. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 8.6** Highways – fallen tree on East Winch Road was reported to highways by the clerk and has now been removed.
- 8.7** Grass cutting – defer to March Meeting
- 8.8** Sponsorship/support – defer to March Meeting.

9. Finance:

- 9.1** Bank reconciliations, approval of payments, bank statements and payments/receipts for November and December 24 Proposed GM seconded AB and all in favour.
- 9.2** Payments for December 24 and January 25 (to date) to approve. Proposed ABL, seconded GM and all in favour.
- 9.3** 2nd draft of the 25/26 budget and precept increase of 10% agreed. Proposed GM, seconded AB and all in favour.
- 9.4** Approve J. Raby as our Internal Auditor for 24/25 audit – all in favour.
- 9.5** CIL funding – nothing for this round.

10. Correspondence/Communications

10.1 Middleton Towers Station – Cllr Brammer sent the following update:

Sunday 9th February - site visit for the installation of ACROW props to support the platform canopy.

We are in the process of laying the foundations for a new charity titled 'Lynn And Dereham Railway Preservation Trust'. People who might be interested in becoming a Trustee can register their initial interest at: <https://www.middletontowers.org.uk/charity>
Becoming a charity will unlock immense fundraising opportunities, give us more respect and authority in the public eye and allow us to receive gift aid.

Our crowdfunding campaign, launched in November, has now raised £1,120 at the time of writing.

We are likely going, at some point, fence off part of the platform with Heras construction fencing, to satisfy Sibelco and Network Rail with their concerns over safety on the platform.

I am in early discussions with the Howard family, who own the lorry yard next door, with regards to possible future customer parking arrangements.

The CIL application was supported by the Parish and Borough Councillors present.

- 10.2** The Voice – include thanks to Sibelco for the pot hole filling at the Village Hall and the information from the clerk. Plus, the overgrowth clearance undertaken. VK to discuss the costs of grass cutting at the church with Steve and sponsorship.

11. Items for next agenda:

Please advised the clerk of any items 8 days before the next meeting date.

- 12.** The next Meeting will be on the 14th of March 2025

The meeting closed at 19.23

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Signed

Date

Payments for approval DECEMBER 2024

Name	Reason	Amount £
C Boyden	Salary	255.57
HMRC	PAYE	170.40
C Boyden	Expenses Nov	35.99
R Newstead	Ground clearance overgrowth	1850.00
P Jones	October charges	318.13

Payments for approval JANUARY 2024

Name	Reason	Amount £
C Boyden	Salary	255.57
HMRC	PAYE	170.40
C Boyden	Expenses December	35.99
Village Hall	January Hire Plus May 24	18.00 16.00

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Date