



LEZIATE & ASHWICKEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 8TH OF NOVEMBER 2024 FROM 18.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Bal Anota (BA), 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 and Bal Anota
1 member of the public present.

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIRMAN

2. PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:

None

3. a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Collis, Brammer & Moriarty

b. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4. Approval of the circulated minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th of September 2024. Proposed VK, seconded GM and all in favour who attended this meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

5.1 Traffic Project update – BA advised that there is still no update and doubtful anything will happen this year. Clerk to raise during meeting with Andy Wallace next Thursday. **ACTION: Clerk**

5.2 HGV's on East Winch Road –ABL 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 agreed to visit the business. MdW to find out if we can have a traffic survey arranged. **ACTION: BA & MdW**

5.3 Lighting on the B1145 at Bawsey dips. The lights have been on for the last 6 weeks and we need to continue to lobby Cllr Moriarity and NCC to obtain their commitment to keep the lights on.

6. PLANNING: to consider:

6.1 24/01608/F| Retrospective: Larch slat fencing to front and side boundary of property, including gates.| Silvertrees 81 East Winch Road Ashwicken King's Lynn Norfolk - Our objections to this are on the planning portal.

24/01970/F – Proposed change of use of agricultural field to residential garden land with proposed outbuildings, boundary treatment and landscaping at Ashwicken Hall, Church Lane, Ashwicken. This was discussed and we await the Borough Council report on the land quality. We would request that a covenant is included to prevent any housing being built on the land (remove permitted development rights). It was noted that this land has already been fenced off. Concerns raised regarding a precedent being set leading to the loss of agricultural land. Proposed GM, seconded VK and all in favour with BA & MdW abstaining.

6.2 Decisions:

24/01643/F| Proposed single storey rear extensions, rear raised terrace, replacement windows and internal alterations| Leo House 6 Holt House Lane Leziate King's Lynn Norfolk PE32 1E L **Application Withdrawn**

24/01266/F - Glosthorpe House – variation of condition 2- application permitted.

24/01484/O – Well Hall Lane self-build outline planning permission for 2 dwellings – Application Refused.

6.3 Enforcement/Appeals: No new actions

7. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

Cllr de Whalley – The recent full council meeting was interesting with some good motions proposed. A Women’s Champion will be in place shortly and the new CEO Kate Blakemore has been helping MdW with his portfolio with the biodiversity task group including a pollinators project. A meeting with Sibelco and BA has been held and they want to be involved in the community – school, village hall etc. Clerk to contact regarding the annual pot hole filling at the Village Hall car park. **ACTION: Clerk**

It was raised that these meetings should be held more often as over 2 years since the last one. Ideally every 6 months would be good. Sibelco are happy to take councillors /representatives on site visited which could help to understand their work.

BA & MdW have community grant funding still available – village hall?

Cllr Moriarty – no report

8. Correspondence/Communications:

8.1 Clerks Report: undertaken recent GDPR training and working on the draft budget for 2025/2026. Noticeable increase in residents email but all answered within 2 days.

8.2 SAM unit – BA & ABL will be meeting on 17th November to get set up. ABL to charge up the batteries and laptop. **ACTION: BA/ABL**

8.3 Play Areas –VK advised that the bolts were perishing on the older child swing and the seat has a slight split – maintenance to be undertaken. More chippings are now needed and clerk to ask Paddy if he can assist. **ACTION: Clerk**

The additional dog poo bin to be discussed at the January 25 meeting. Clerk to get costs. **ACTION: Clerk**

ABL advised that there is still a mole at Glosthorpe and the grass will be cut this weekend. ABL raised the trees that were with former councillor Large. Clerk to contact Woodland Trust for native species we can use and ask Cllr Squire. **ACTION: Clerk**

- 8.4** Bus Shelters – GM advised that the shelters are good with just the ivy on the brick shelter by Church Lane/ B1145. ABL offered to clerk this. **ACTION: ABL**
- 8.5** Footpaths – AB advised that footpath F29 unused water meter is still in situ even though at least 4 visits have been made by Anglian Water. **ACTION: Clerk**
It appears to be a lack of co-ordination between contractors.
- 8.6** Highways – Parking outside the school during drop off and collection times is blocking the B1145 to East Winch Road which is causing chaos. A suggestion was made for 2 streetlights outside the school. Could the 20mph zigzag be enforced?
- 8.7** Grass cutting – GM raised the costs of grass cutting at the church and the clerk had provided a full breakdown. £728.76 for this year. Questioned a good use of precept money?
- 8.8** Sponsorship/support – GM raised the question of local sponsorship for some projects including PC, School, Village Hall etc. East Winch have sponsorship from Adrian Flux who undertake a lot of maintenance free. Could we look at a similar set up with Sibelco?

9. Finance:

- 9.1** Bank reconciliations, approval of payments, bank statements and payments/receipts for September and October 24 Proposed AB seconded GM and all in favour.
- 9.2** Payments for October and November 24 (to date) to approve.
Proposed ABL, seconded GM and all in favour.
- 9.3** The first draft of the budget for 2025/26 was discussed and clerk asked to increase precept to 10% and send out to all councillors. Any questions to be sent to the clerk. Precept has to be approved at the January 25 meeting.

ACTION: All

10. Correspondence/Communications

- 10.1** Middleton Towers Station – deferred to January 25 meeting.
- 10.2** The Voice – ABL to advise re Cats Protection.
- 10.3** Village Hall –
VK has attended her first meeting in October, and it was very in depth, lots of rules and regulations and paperwork.
A fire risk assessment has taken place and is a huge report with a number of issues raised with deadlines:
- a. No Smoke Fire Detectors
 - b. Fly tipping at the rear of the hall needs clearing and overgrown hedge
 - c. Overgrown trees at the side of the playground and hall
 - d. Car park – restrict parking by the fire exit
 - e. Trip hazard at the rear fire exit
 - f. Fire doors needed at the side of the hall – double doors needed
 - g. A reduction in numbers from 100 to 60 has had to be implemented
- The Parish Council to look into clearing the fly tipping at the back and cutting down the hedging. BA will speak to the owner of the hedging at the side – it is planned to be cut back in January 25.
VK mentioned that a request for a working party could be put in the Crier to help.
- h. Email regarding proposed Community Garden at Glosthorpe – ask writer to attend a PC Meeting.

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 10th of January 2025

The meeting closed at 20.29

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Payments - OCTOBER 2024

Name	Reason	Amount £
C Boyden	Salary	251.43
HMRC	PAYE	167.60
C Boyden	expenses	51.44
P Jones	August grass cutting	348.13
P Jones	September	504.17
NPTS	Training for Alex	52.00

Payments – November to date

C Boyden	Salary	251.43
HMRC	PAYE	167.60
C Boyden	Expenses OCT	26.00

Signed

Date