

LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING of the LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL held on November 18th 2019, at 7:30pm at North Downs Primary School.

Present Cllrs: Mrs J Cambra (Chair), Mr P Wilkinson (Vice Chair), Mr S Ames and Mr R Tomkins.

Also, present: Mrs L Mann (Clerk/LM), Mr R Worth (Footpath Officer), DCC L Bushnell, SCC H Clack, DCC Mary Huggins.

Parishioners: 4

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr M Everitt.
2. **The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting** held on October 21st, 2019 were signed as a true record by JC. The action points were noted from October.
3. **Disclosure of Interests.** None
4. **Parishioners Questions**
 - 4.1. LDGCS memorial tree – tree planting on recreation ground. Spoke of the late Doug Harris, a key contributor to Leigh Summer Show for 28 years. Tree request has altered to a Silver Birch. Some information was shared at October's meeting. Has altered *Request on the recreation ground – impact on usage of the recreation ground. There is a wider piece of work. Despite the time sensitivity it will be unlikely for the PC to decide in time for the next Show. Suggested that they explore another route for the celebration in the short term?*
 - 4.1.1.ACTION – organise a site meeting with LDCGS (PW) to allow for any favourable decision to move forward.
 - 4.2. Resident advised LPC regarding the yellow cables on Bunce Common Rd (near junction of Newdigate Rd) – these were meant to be done within three weeks but didn't. These were put on existing cables due to fraying and await replacement.
 - 4.3. Ditch – Resident is concerned that there is misunderstanding on the flow of water at the BCR/NR ditch. Digging out the ditch will be worthless and possibly be a hazard on the corner.
 - 4.3.1.ACTION – site visit required potentially (TBC)

RT arrived 7:50pm – no declarations of interest.

5. **Crime Report from PCSO** – Read out by Cllr Cambra as detailed at the end of the minutes. Clerk explained she has access to the report function but it will be a month out of date.
 - 5.1. **ACTION - Encourage resident to report any incidents via the website.** (LM).
6. **Clerk Report/Matters Arising**
 - 6.1. **GACC subscription** – clerk explained that membership has been confirmed for 2019/20 by taking money from the contributions from previous years. PC agreed to maintain membership.
 - 6.2. **Dorking Community Recycling Centre** staying open after consultation. The site will keep its limited opening hours and will only be a recycling facility, not a tip.
 - 6.3. A **NALC Tree charter** has been circulated to all Parishes; they have created a toolkit for local councils. For consideration with the ongoing project for using Parish council land and rewilding opportunities.
 - 6.4. Written Request from LDCGS for **Leigh Summer Flower Show** and Country Fayre – 11th July 2020 (9th to 13th inclusive).
 - 6.4.1. **RESOLVED – All present agreed to the use of Leigh Recreation ground for the Flower Show on the dates specified for 2020. Clerk to inform secretary.**
 - 6.5. DCO Gatwick Land referencing – residents in close proximity to the runway have started to receive Development Consent Orders. In response, Lobby groups such as CAGNE are circulating information regarding the comms being delivered by Gatwick, stating it is not a done deal, and the fact that there has been no communication to the fact that they believe they will need to go outside their current boundary should they have planning approved for bringing the emergency runway into permanent use for take-off.

Community

7. **Footpath Officer's report** (RW). Access to the gate has been finished and looks much improved. The contractor has been very good. RW made a suggestion regarding a disused, but quality bench situated in the green owned by the church. It is believed to have been donated by the owner of Priests House. If agreed, it could be located where it can get use. A good quality, sound oak bench, RW is in contact with the family so could get in touch with them. All agreed this was a good idea and asked RW to continue his efforts.

Highways

8. Surrey County Council – A highway services survey commissioned by Surrey County Council is open, reviewing its highways and transport services. This has been circulated to councillors. (deadline 24th Nov)
9. Ashurst Bend road markings. SA would like the SLOW wording missing on the southbound bend approaching Ashurst Farm to be escalated.

9.1. ACTION – escalate the concern via Surrey Highways and copy in SCC H Clack. (LM)

10. Traffic issues in Mole Valley Parishes Meeting with Surrey Highways (Met on 11/11). Brockham, Charlwood and Newdigate have all commissioned reports from traffic consultants 2020. SCC Clack pulled the parishes together for a meeting in the Summer to look at combined efforts and reports. As a result of feeling criticised the consultant ended up pulling out of the project. The 2nd meeting was opened to all Dorking Rural parishes. Surrey Highways engineers were also invited. This allowed the group to ask what can be realistically requested. Clerk to circulate the minutes once they are in but to summarise:
 - Traffic speed strips can be requested but need to be paid for, from SH. Approx £2-300 for the weeks data.
 - High cost projects are unlikely to be agreed at this stage due to funding.
 - There are lots of short-term options being discussed at local parish levels including – replacing entrance gates, community speed watch groups, planting troughs, better school parking etc.
 - There may be an opportunity to look at parish wide initiatives.
 - Considerations need to take into account the villages have no lighting and SH have a policy of reducing clutter.
11. Clerk has submitted a request for the bollards to be sorted (cleaned and straightened) at Ashurst Bend from Surrey Highways.

Amenities

12. **Playground Update (RT).** In contact with various manufacturers for a conical climbing frame. The safety surface is quite a large amount of additional financial expense. RT will circulate once quotes are in.
13. **Allotment update (LM/JC).** Clerk had received correspondence from LDCGS requesting better communication due to misunderstanding of their plot boundary. Clerk has responded stating this is one of the PC aims. The 2019-20 invoices have now been issued. As agreed, the willow tree has been removed but the oak tree had been postponed due to the impact and implications needing more consideration. JC had looked into this - discussing the number of oak trees, the purpose of the oak trees and the discussion as to whether there is a possible to re-site. Possible options or suggestions were being investigated. JC is aware it is impacting an allotment holder. She reassured him (present) that it was being considered and not forgotten.
 - 13.1. **ACTION – investigate commissioning a report on the land before we make any decisions. (ME/LM)**
 - 13.2. **ACTION - Circulate a February date allotment holders meeting for the next meeting.**
14. **Tree survey and land survey options.** Land survey - Clerk felt this needed a parish councillor lead and asked if anyone had recommendations for type of survey, contractors. Other considerations were, time of year/areas to be included. JC felt there should be a scoping meeting and that there may be residents that would be willing to get involved. Tree survey - On asking for advice from an Arboricultural Inspection Specialist, the clerk had been told they would create a plan of the area, schedule an inspection, survey tree inspections and create reinspection plans for circa 20 trees. The cost would be around £1200.
 - 14.1. **ACTION – Look for volunteers for the scoping meeting. Volunteers would be managed by the parish council.**

Planning (12th September to 18th October)

15. Application listed below from 16th October to 13th November (other late applications may be included after 13th November):

MO/2019/1928 was considered. The application is using existing footprint, changing the outbuildings to residential dwellings. RUD19 policy (buildings are permanent, substantial, no material impact on the openness of the green belt (True) keeping with surroundings (TRUE), No impact as it is remote. Only concern regarding the external landscaping/hard standing and the sightlines onto Dean Oak Lane. Not a major thoroughfare, remote area, and not likely to increase traffic. Many residential buildings down there now, emerging over time. No reason for objection. No action to be taken.
16. Any other planning issues. None.

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Type	Reference	Address	Description	Start date	End Date	Outcome
APPLICATION						
HH	MO/2019/1928	Tamworth Farm, Dean Oak Lane, Leigh, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8PY	Conversion of existing outbuildings into 5 No. dwellings.	08-Nov-2019	05-Dec-2019	PENDING
HH	MO/2019/0964	Brione, Shellwood Road, Leigh, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8NZ	Erection of a first floor extension.		21-Oct-2019	REFUSED
HH	MO/2019/1518	Hare House, Flanchford Road, Leigh, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8NW	Erection of a single storey rear extension and insertion of a first floor dormer window.		29-Oct-2019	APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Administration & Finance

17. Transactions as per bank October bank statement.

17.1. ACTION - To be circulated (LM)

18. The following cheques were authorised and raised:

DESCRIPTION	RECIPIENT	DATE	AMOUNT
Clerk	L Mann	05/11/2019	448.63
Payroll	SCA	18/11/19	18.00
Driveway	L A	18/11/19	670.00
Tree removal	D Ford	18/11/19	240.00
Grass cutting	Grasstex	18/11/19	1078.68

District and County Consultations and Initiatives

19. **5G permitted development consultation.** Clerk had asked for the response from MVDC. They had 'raised concern about the potential visual impact of telecoms equipment in rural areas, and in particular on protected areas (AONBs and settings of listed buildings). So far as the four suggested changes to permitted developments rights are concerned, we recommended prior approval be required for radio equipment housing on protected land, and also where masts need to be strengthened. We felt that the latter two proposals were reasonable, given that a degree of control is retained through the prior approval process. The issue of health is of concern to some people, but it was not the subject of this consultation.'

Other meetings and dates

20. **GACC AGM** – 15th November. A meeting of two parts. Their guest speaker was a highly regarded, senior aero engineer. He provided an excellent presentation on ICAN. There was also a presentation made by Sally Pavey from CAGNE also campaigning against the expansion. With regards to GACC, membership had fallen from 600 to 400 and it was felt there was a need to get their administration in order to maintain the level of support and credibility it deserved. (SA)
21. **Route 4 Gatwick Community Engagement Briefing** - 22 October (SA). Hosted by community engagement, well organised. Briefing from head of strategic planning at GA, looking to make the most of their existing infrastructure. Rick Pierce – an airspace designer explained that the ambition is to see London Airports implement a continuous climb to 9000ft. It was unknown when (or if) this would happen. All the stacks would be moved out over the channel resulting in a low noise approach: Instead of low angle with lots of power, planes would come in at more of an angle allowing them to glide in. Arguing that technology is advancing, and the engine noise is getting quieter. (SA)

Upcoming meetings and dates

22. Route 4 Airspace Change Workshop - 21 November (SA)
23. Gatwick Airspace and NMB Annual public meeting 3 December
24. Leigh post Jan – Feb update (due 8th Dec)
25. Pre budget Finance 2020/21 Meeting (November 25th Nov)

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26. Mark Turner (MVDC) planning training for Parish Councillors. (still awaiting date)

27. Parishioner's Questions Comments – 10 minutes

27.1. Resident expressed concern regarding the ditch outside Westcoates Farm on Clayhall Lane. The ditch had been filled in parts.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 16th December at 7:30pm at North Downs School (Leigh site)

Leigh Parish Council Meeting / Police Figs 17 Sept – 18 Nov 2019

Crime Summary.

NON-CRIME VULNERABLE ADULT X 1

DOMESTIC X1

CRIME VEHICLE X1 FLANCHFORD ROAD BROKEN INTO. REAR AND SIDE WINDOWS HAVE BEEN SMASHED. HANDBAG STOLEN

Incidents Type Summary.

13/11/19 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY FLANCHFORD RD MEN IN BMW CONVERTIBLE BECAME STUCK IN MUD DOWN FARM TRACK. SAID THEY WANTED TO BUY SOME MILK. EVENTUALLY RELEASED THE VEHICLE THEMSELVES AND DROVE OFF.

02/10/19 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY BUNCE COMMON RD INFT STATES THERE WERE 6/7 MEN PLAYING IN A CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND. CHECKS REVEAL THIS MAY LINK TO AN ADULT CARE HOME HENCE BEHAVIOUR.

01/10/19 ACCIDENTS NON INJURY ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION FLANCHFORD ROAD.

13/11/19 SHELLWOOD RD CAR IS IN A DITCH ON THE CORNER OF THE ROAD NO DAMAGE POLICE TAPE LEFT ON THE CAR BUT NO FURTHER POLICE ACTION

06/10/19 CHURCH RD LOTS OF FLY TIPPING MATTRESSES AND CHAIRS BLOCKING THE WHOLE ROAD OFFICERS CLEARED ROAD AND ALERTED HIGHWAYS. CAR IN DITCH NEARBY BUT NO DAMAGE OR EVIDENCE LINKED TO FLY-TIPPING.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	4
HIGHWAY DISRUPTION	2
ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION DAMAGE ONLY	1
CONCERN FOR SAFETY	1
ALARM FALSE ACTIVATION	1
Grand Total	9