

LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING of the LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL held on 15th November 2021, at 7:30pm. Present Cllrs: Mrs J Cambra (Chair), Mr P Wilkinson (Vice-Chair), Mr R Tomkins, Mr S Ames, Mr M Foulsham.

Also, present: Mrs L Mann (Clerk), Mr R Worth (Footpath Officer)

Parishioners: 3

162. Apology for absence had been received and accepted from Cllr Mr M Everett, MVDC Cllr L Bushnell and SC Cllr H Clack.

163. The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18th October were acknowledged as an accurate record and signed by JC.

164. Disclosure of Interest. None declared.

165. Parishioners Questions

165.1. None at this point.

166. Crime Report (Appendix A). Incidents were noted including livestock in the road and fly-tipping. It was discussed if a litter pick could be arranged after all. LM to check that all key people required for this to happen were available before Christmas.

166.1. ACTION – arrange litter pick if possible before Christmas.

RT arrived 19:35 no disclosures of interest

167. Clerk Report/Matters Arising (Appendix B)

167.1. To consider the site of new kissing gate on Bunce Common Road (MF/RW). The location preferred is opposite the gate terminating the footpath on corner of Newdigate rd. For safety reasons, it would enable walkers to get off the road at the earliest point. Clerk had reminded Cllr Clack by email that she had offered to provide some level of funding from her members allocation if available.

167.1.1. ACTION: enquire as to process of requesting additional access onto the recreation ground and start the process (LM).

167.2. Queen Jubilee 2022 Celebration (All). It was agreed that the Parish Council would initiate a kick-off meeting for the village groups. It was noted that currently due to the usual field not being available, parking is currently an issue for the July Leigh show.

167.2.1. ACTION: Collate a list of invitees who may be interested in combining efforts (including residents) and propose a date for early new year. (LM)

167.3. Reigate town centre 20mph approval (Resident). It was noted that Reigate had consulted and now implemented a 20mph speed restriction in the town centre. This could have an additional impact on the local roads. It was the resident's opinion that there had been no consultation with MVDC or residents outside R&BDC.

167.3.1. ACTION: Raise with MVDC and SCC Councillors that this oversight could have a real impact on local villages as commuter traffic attempts to avoid Reigate (LM).

168. The Gatwick Airport Expansion was discussed at length. The impact that the proposal would have directly on the village was covered. LM had circulated the plans and various lobby group recommendations; Cllr Foulsham had summarised the key points from the GAL Parish Council briefing attended earlier in the month.

To summarise, it was felt that the area most likely to be negatively affected included: traffic flow and congestion, exacerbating flood and drainage issues, increased flights, and air & noise pollution. The need for the expansion was also challenged. It was felt there was not the evidence for such a change particularly as it would have such a negative effect environmentally. After much discussion it was agreed that in conclusion, based on the weight of concerns summarised, Leigh Parish Council does not

support the proposed runway expansion plans at Gatwick. Cllr Foulsham kindly agreed to write the response to the consultation.

168.1. ACTION: write draft response to the Consultation to be circulated via email and submitted by 1st December 2021 (MF/LM)

Community

169. Community Projects and Grants

169.1. It was shared that the History book has been a great success selling many copies to date. AK will share the figures before the next finance meeting if she can.

Highways and Services

170. Highways.

170.1. Cllr Ames had noted that Dean Oak Lane has had a couple of extra 40mph signs on the stretch of road. This was very welcome. The opportunity for a speedwatch location on that stretch was discussed but there are no volunteers from that area of Leigh currently. The impact reducing the road width over the brook bridge was discussed and it was agreed that this could be an ideal traffic calming measure on entering the village from the South.

170.1.1. ACTION – request for volunteers for Speedwatch particularly from residents on DOL (LM)

170.1.2. ACTION - Log the obscured sign on the S bend on Dean Oak Lane on SH portal. (LM)

170.1.3. ACTION – Explore the possibility of narrowing the width of road on entry over Brook Bridge on entry to the village. (LM)

171. Flooding

The Clerk had recently been contacted by Brockham, Betchworth and Buckland clerks to get the full picture of sewage leaking out when there was flooding locally. LM had updated them on the issues in Leigh

MF had been lobbying Thames Water Executive office directly and they are looking into the query/complaint raised. MF will feed back their response.

It was shared that Thames Water had been cleaning gullies at midnight outside Seven Stars late October. They have removed a large amount of debris. They also repaired the sewer sleeve identifying the problems using cameras.

171.1. ACTION – possibility of resurrecting the Ditch committee. Put out an appeal for volunteers. (TBC)

Amenities

172. Playground

172.1. The ROSPA Annual safety Report had been carried out on the playground and had now been received. Three high risk elements had been identified: The Fort, climbing walls x 4/5 and the totem pole parasol. The Parish Councillors recognised that this is a serious issue and the playground needed to be temporarily closed immediately, pending repairs. This will allow for the work to take place.

172.2. ACTION – Speak to the ROSPA inspector directly to gauge what action can be safely done to mitigate the risks and the impact of the report (RT).

172.3. ACTION - RW will close the gateways, LM to create the signage immediately.

172.4. ACTION – obtain quotes from contractors for removal/repair of high-risk elements. (LM)

173. Allotments

Invoices had been sent and paid out for the 2021/22 season. Most of these had been paid now. LM was working her way through the waitlist for the two very overgrown plots. The communal grass on site had not been cut for ages so clerk recommended that there be a one off tidy up followed by a regular cutting schedule from April onwards. She will put forward her proposal to the finance committee.

Planning

174. Applications – Registrations, decisions, appeals (Appendix C)

- 174.1. Rosemar Kennels Farmhouse. [MO/2021/1722](#) PW had studied the application thoroughly and felt that there were no comments to be made on the design. However as with all new housing proposed in Leigh there was concern and consideration to be made regarding the increase pressure on the sewage system. Developments use a large amount of concrete, and the water must go somewhere.
- 174.2. Refusal on Barn Cottage was noted. [MO/2020/1814](#) Dismissed on appeal as it was out of keeping with the area.
175. To consider Boundary Commission Review consultation. Clerk had shared information provided by the commission via email over the month. From next year, all MVDC parishes were due to change to a uniform three ward (3 x District Councillors). This requires change to the currently boundary system. At present Leigh is in a ward with Newdigate and Capel. Councils had been asked to consider the opportunity to realign themselves to parishes they may have most in common with. This could be geographically, amenities/services or shared issues for example. The Commission will take these views into consideration when putting together their draft proposal. They will also look at the elector numbers and the effectiveness from a District Councillors perspective. The Councillors discussed the opportunity to join similar parishes such as Brockham and Betchworth as they share schools, road systems, flooding issues, bus routes etc.
- 175.1. ACTION: Respond to commission highlighting Leigh's clear links to surrounding villages.**
176. It was noted that the MVDC local plan response had been submitted on 7th November). The chair, JC thanked the clerk for her work on this.

Administration & Finance

177. Payments for authorisation were noted (Appendix D)
178. Receipts for the past month were noted (Appendix E)

Upcoming Meetings and dates to note (Appendix F)

179. Finance committee meeting – this will be held remotely on 22nd November with any recommendations made and ratified at the December meeting.
- 180. December meeting – was confirmed as on Monday 13th December.**
- 181. Parishioner's Questions**
- 181.1. None.

Appendix Items

APPENDIX A – PCSO crime report

Leigh Parish Council Meeting / Police Summary 18 Oct - 15 Nov 2021

Locality	Street	Summary
LEIGH	BUNCE COMMON RD	COW IN THE ROAD
LEIGH	FLANCHFORD RD	REPORT OF FLYTIPPING - LOTS OF RUBBISH SCATTERED ON ROAD AND CAUSING ROAD DISTURBANCE COUNCIL HIGHWAYS ALSO AWARE
LEIGH	NEWDIGATE RD	DANGEROUS DRIVING REPORT VAN SWERVING ON WRONG SIDE OF THE ROAD AND GOING BACKWARDS
LEIGH	SHELLWOOD RD	CRIME :THEFT FROM UNLOCKED VAN WALLET CARDS AND CASH STOLEN
LEIGH	FLANCHFORD RD	OFFICERS ATTENDED ALARM ACTIVATION. SET OFF ACCIDENTLY
LEIGH	BUNCE COMMON RD	ALARM - MONITORING STATION - FALSE ACTIVATION
LEIGH	IRONSBOTTOM	LOW HANGING TREE BRANCHES LEANING DOWN INTO THE ROAD WITH DEBRIS

<https://www.police.uk/your-area/surrey-police/dorking-rural-east/?tab=Statistics>

APPENDIX B –Action points status

Action point	Owner	Status at 10 th November
Gravel Layby adoption	LM	Awaiting response from SCC
New emails set up for council use	LM/All	Set up but to be adopted by all
Contact SCC ROW team regarding stile funding	LM	Awaiting response
Speed limit survey. Requested from SHighways	LM	To be done in Spring 2022
Write proposal to enable the allotment site to be used more effectively.	LM	Completed. Still to be circulated.
Your Fund application	RT	In progress

APPENDIX C –

Planning Applications (15thOctober onwards)

Registered Applications	Description	Location	Pub end date
MO/2021/1722	Erection of 6 No. dwellings with associated landscaping	Rosemar Farm House, Shellwood Road, Leigh, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8NT	02-Dec-2021

	and parking following de		
MO/2021/1931	Discharge of conditions 3 and 4 of approved planning permission MO/2021/0404 for	Moon Hall School, Burys Court, Flanchford Road, Leigh, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8RE	Not available
Decisions	Description	Location	Outcome
MO/2021/1501	Demolition of rear conservatory and front porch and erection of single storey re	Kiln Meadow, Shellwood Road, Leigh, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8NX	Decision made 28-Oct2021 APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
MO/2021/1711	Variation of Condition 7 of planning permission MO/2021/0404 for the erection of	Moon Hall School, Burys Court, Flanchford Road, Leigh, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8RE	Decision made 02-Nov2021 APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
Appeals			
MO/2020/1814	Erection of single storey rear extension.	Barn Cottage, Church Road, Leigh, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8RF	REFUSED (AND DISMISSED ON APPEAL)

APPENDIX D - Payments Payments

due:

Payee	Description	Date	Amount	Cheque number	Status
L Mann	Salary November	5/11/2021	499.63	BACS	PAID
SCA	Payroll quarter	30/10/21	18.00	599	PAID

APPENDIX E – Receipts

<u>Date</u>	<u>Paid by</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>	<u>Account</u>
8/11/21	Plot holder	Annual rent	£30	Current
8/11/21	Plot holder	Annual rent	£45	Current
5/11/21	Plot holder	Annual rent	£20	Current
5/11/21	Plot holder	Annual rent	£15	Current
4/11/21	Plot holder	Annual rent	£20	Current
4/11/21	Plot holder	Annual rent	£25	Current
4/11/21	HMRC	VAT rebate	£306.06	Current
29/10/21	Bank	Interest	£0.09	Reserve

APPENDIX F – Key datesNext Council meeting – December 13thFinance Meeting – November 22ndNext Leigh Post deadline – 8th December