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**MINUTES**  
**of the LAKENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**at the METHODIST CHAPEL, BACK STREET, LAKENHEATH**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

Present:

Cllr G Kelly (Chairman)

Cllr J Hastings (Vice Chairman)

Cllr J Cahill

Cllr I Frost

Cllr A Gyte

Cllr P Gyte

Cllr M Hugo

Cllr D Smith

Cllr N Smith

In attendance: N Glading, Parish Clerk, and one member of the public

**2023/89 Chairman's welcome and confirmation of recording**

2023/90 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Sqn. Ldr. S Geary, Cllr W Overy, Cllr M Rowntree, C/Cllr C Noble

**2023/91 Public Participation: Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**2023/92 Reports & Questions**

- a. Update from Sqn Leader S Geary: not present
  
- b. Update from West Suffolk District Councillor G Kelly: Lots going on, there was some disruption at last Tuesday's Council meeting. The visitors repeated what they said the previous month and monopolised the microphone. A man turned up in orange suit. The Chairman adjourned the meeting. Cllr Kelly arrived home at 1.25am that night.  
Streetlights - grant to replace old sodium bulbs LED - this will come out of the WSC Environment Fund and now been signed off. This is a straightforward grant which can be back dated to April of last year. The Councillors congratulated D/Cllr Kelly on his part in getting this programme through.

Western Way Hub has been halted. The initial plan was to be a bit like Mildenhall hub but, as time went by, but all the potential occupants pulled out apart from the Archives Dept. Suffolk County are facing a £22m hole in budget.

Eriswell Road site: Cllr Kelly has put on notice a reserved matters application-going to full committee in December, when a Councillors calls it in it has to go to full Committee, i.e. not decided by Delegation Panel. There is acceptance from the planning department that before that happens there must be an up to date noise report. MoD reports were in 2015 prior to F15 arrival. D/Cllr Kelly is getting 3 or 4 calls a week complaining about noise levels.

There has been a lot of social media traffic around the postal system in Lakenheath, here are reports of e.g. hospital appointments arriving too late. D/Cllr Kelly`s notes for District Council meeting arrived on the Thursday, the meeting was on the previous Tuesday. He wrote an article for Suffolk Free Press and will meet with the BBC on Wednesday morning to highlight the appalling postal system in Lakenheath. It appears that at one stage only one and a half of the five postal rounds were covered. D/Cllr Kelly attempted to speak to a Royal mail manager and was told that a form needed to be filled in if there was a complaint. The Finance Director at Royal Mail received £1m pounds `for his efforts` last year and we don`t get any post. Ofcom were challenged by an MP last month and the MP was told `but we are holding down second class post charges`. This seems to have occurred since the move of the sorting office to Thetford, LPC tried to find an alternate venue in Lakenheath but were told it was taking too long and the Royal Mail managers went ahead with the closure immediately.

- c. Update from Suffolk County Councillor: not present

### **2023/93 Confirmation of accuracy of the Minutes of the LPC Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

The Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were unanimously **AGREED** as an accurate record. The Chairman signed the Minutes

### **2023/94 Payment of Accounts** (*Appendices at A*)

The Councillors considered the Financial Matters August/ Sept 2023

Cllr A Gyte: Question about the payment of charges for the Cemetery tap

Answer: Clerk- this was because I had to find a plumber on a Sunday as water was streaming from one of the watering taps. I was very grateful to the contractor who came out on Sunday. Councillors cannot be paid for work carried out.

The payments were unanimously **AGREED**.

Further, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the contract for the clerk's phone would be cancelled and that, going forward, a payment of £10 pcm would be made to the clerk for usage of her own mobile. The current clerk has never used the allocated phone. Cllr Hugo suggested that the clerk's personal mobile number should be published: the Chairman disagreed as there is a landline. All the Councillors are aware of the clerk's mobile number.

b. The Bank Reconciliation was unanimously **AGREED**

c. Annual Governance Review Cllr Kelly read out the External Auditors Report. The AGR was **RECEIVED** with no questions.

2023/95 **Parish Report**- Chairman/ Clerk on recent and forthcoming issues/ topics

- a. New School update: full planning is now out for consultation, please encourage everyone to join in: there are still issues with traffic on Station Road, the new plan includes 10 more dropping off points. Cllr Kelly told the meeting that SCC recommendations are based on size of school plus one in four of every new house built. Councillors asked to encourage people to look at the consultation when it is available.
- b. ANPR: Westcotec cannot sell ANPRs to anyone until the Police and SCC agree. Cllr P Gyte confirmed that she has spoken to PC Stephen Wright, who had agreed that this is correct and gave the following reasons: 1. Data protection 2. Police cannot handle the amount of data and 3. No dedicated employee. PC Wright assured Cllr Gyte that SIDs were enough of a speed deterrent.  
Cllr Kelly has contacted the link director who is a former Chief Superintendent.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to give permission to the Chairman to take this initiative forward, negotiate buying an ANPR, LPC to buy, install and the Police to analyse and process the results without sharing the information on individual prosecutions with LPC, thus getting over data protection issues. Only the overall figures will be shared e.g., X number of drivers were prosecuted

- c. Recent scam email- It was **NOTED** that Gerald Kelly (Chairman) will never ask for money, favours, or even a simple email response without explanation- please forward to GK if this re-occurs.
- d. Thermal imaging camera The Clerk explained the offer of a free one week loan of a thermal imaging camera which identifies heat loss from resident's homes and signpost resident to potential sources of help. Councillors discussed the initiative and the motion to take part was **NOT CARRIED**: There were 9 Councillors present: 4 Agreed, 2 abstained and 3 were against taking up the offer.

- e. Update on Speed Limit Reminders (Clerk) SLRs are the flashing signs which remind motorists of the designated speed on that road. No recording of volume or speed is taken. The clerk had been asked to look at this by Cllr Rowntree at the last meeting. It was **RESOLVED** not progress the SLR initiative.
- f. The Concerns raised by a resident and LPC Chairman`s reply were **NOTED** (*Appendix B*).
- g. The Concerns from a resident on aircraft noise were **NOTED** (*Appendix C*)
- h. The Playground Reports (regular and annual) were **NOTED**. The comments were all low risk. The hip hop roundabout has been repaired by IA Play, (still under warranty) The clerk will summarise and obtain costings for all the other repairs.
- i. Churchyard: Cllr Kelly informed the Councillors that the Joshua Tree pollarding two years ago was only half done. A resident has complained that branches remain overhanging his garden. Part of the problem is that UKPN have not fulfilled their obligations in terms of removing the branches near to wires. This has been overlooked by LPC and remedial action is required.

The Councillors considered the matter; it was **RESOLVED** that a regular tree maintenance arrangement should be put in place

A proposal put forward by the clerk and Cllr A Gyte that one survey is commissioned for a definitive Lakenheath Tree Survey and then quotations sought from three different suppliers for remedial work was not considered.

Cllr Hugo offered to manage the project, she suggested putting out a tender to a number of consulting firms, that they put a plan together for us, draw up a management plan with costs, LPC review it and make a commitment over a year or two years to implement. Cllr Hugo feels that the Council has been massively overpaying for tree work.

It was thought that Joshua Tree had completed a tree survey about two years ago. It was established that this was in fact only at the Churchyard.

Cllr Hastings suggested that a timetable is diarised for the work.

The contractors will contact UKPN (who are obliged to deal with branches overhanging cables) about work needed next to any cables.

It was **AGREED**, with one abstention, that Cllr Hugo will manage and supervise the Tree project, getting quotations for:

1. A Tree Survey to establish which trees LPC are responsible for and
2. Prices for remedial action.

The Councillors confirmed that the areas of trees managed by LPC are:

1. Churchyard
2. Cemetery
3. Strip of land adjoining the War Memorial
4. Trees at Mutford Green

Tree maintenance to be an item on the LPC Agenda going forward.

- j. Community Chest funding application closed last Friday no-one from Lakenheath has applied, which was thought to be disappointing. The clerk had applied for grants in the past but it is not prudent for this to continue.
- k. USAF volunteers: Woodlands: the disagreement over dogs has been resolved. Cllr Kelly has spoken to senior officers on the Base and pointed out that there is very little community hook up. As a result, Cllr Kelly is giving a guided tour of village soon, pointing out what needs doing, e.g., planting bulbs, litter picks, telephone building, Northern gateway.
- l. Village Keeper sickness- the clerk reported that she had litter picked and half emptied the bins at the playground as they were overflowing due to the Village Keepers sickness. This had been difficult because she does not have the Village Keepers opening mechanism/ key for the bins, so has to reach in and get out rubbish as best she can. It would be prudent to ask for the keys for everything so that LPC can continue with what needs doing should the Village Keeper remain sick. LPC would not want to disturb the Village Keepers recovery, so any date must be convenient for him. Cllr J Cahill agreed to assist the clerk with key collection.

SIDs are both down as batteries need replacing. The clerk is not physically able to do this. Clerk authorised to collect the Village Keepers keys.

Cllr J Cahill had agreed to assist the clerk with key collection.

- m. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Smith, Cllr Hastings for cleaning the War Memorial, an excellent job.
- n. Christmas 2023: Cllr Hastings is getting ideas ready. Last year was the first year that any decorations were put up. Clerk to apply to Elveden for tree. Cllr Kelly to look into electricity. One idea was cardboard greetings round lampposts.  
A Budget of £500 was unanimously **AGREED**.  
Note: to ask Americans for help, both monetary and physical - Cllr Hugo offered to help with sourcing volunteers.
- o. Telephone boxes: The Library have a problem with the phone box outside the Library, as it needs a sort out and clean. Clerk to ask Wendy Barnes to look into the appearance and cleanliness.

p. 2023/96 Report from the Planning Sub Committee of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The report from the planning sub committee was **RECEIVED** (*Appendix D*)  
Cllr Kelly reported that 14 Mayfields is up for the WSC delegation panel. An application is now in for the Restaurant.

2023/97 Lakenheath Parish Councillor/ officer Reports

**To receive reports from**

- a. Business forum (Cllr W Overy): not present
- b. Environmental update: Cllr J Cahill told the meeting that she seeks help with the project from parish councillors. There is a litter pick in the morning on Saturday, the Scouts and Cubs are helping, the Brownies and Rainbows may also help.  
4,500 bulbs are still waiting to be planted  
BT site: Cllr Kelly confirmed that the permission was only for a year and that he would like to see this increased
- c. Mobile network infrastructure: Cllr Frost reported that this is a work in progress, he has tried to contact a William Connery (3 Network), but he was off and no reply has been received to the email. He has asked District and County Councillors to help
- d. Lakenheath Streetlights Cllr Frost asked that this item to be moved adjacent to c. This meeting has to consider before January 2024 what the rules are: West Suffolk do not care who the contractor are as long as they are legal. Tele sensors do mean that you can control when they are off/on
- e. SID Report **NOTED** (*Appendix E*)
- f. Speedwatch team ANPR was dealt with at 2023/95 b.
- g. Potential new post for SID on Eriswell Road near Avenue Road turning (Clerk): this had been looked at previously and the position remains unchanged in that there are overhead cables. Cllr Rowntree is going to have another look at this
- h. LPC Facebook page: Cllr Hugo asked for contributions from Cllrs Kelly and Hastings she has a generic template that she will share

2023/98 Matters relating to Lakenheath Cemetery/ Yard

- a. Cemetery Committee Report: Cllr A Gyte reported that all is looking neat and tidy there had been no soap in the dispenser or toilet rolls at the toilets. The Chafer bug infestation is being treated with Nematodes. Awaiting outcome. Out for tender at the moment regarding plans for a memorial garden are being discussed, along with benches.

2023/99 Grant Requests

- a. None

2023/100 **Items for Future Meetings**

Streetlighting

The rotten fence outside the allotments on High Street, clerk has sent LPC grant application form

Old school building what is going to happen to it. Listing unsuccessful

2023/101 **Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chairman,** should be considered as a matter of urgency

2023/102 **Information** A map of the Conservation area is in the parish office

2023/103 The public were asked to leave the meeting as the following items were confidential/ of a sensitive nature.

Meeting closed 9.15

Appendix A  
**LAKENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT**  
**OCTOBER 2023**

1. Please find bank reconciliation for month end 31<sup>st</sup> August attached.
2. Please find a summary of payments, for authorisation attached.

**3. Annual Governance**

Please find the External Auditors report and certificate attached. Please note the *other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority*:

- *The smaller authority has been unable to provide one of the year end bank statements to support the bank reconciliation to Section 2, Box 8. The Cambridge Building Society only issues bank statements once a year at 31 December and so we have been unable to verify the balance at the year end. The bank statements were requested as part of our intermediate review procedures.*

The Cambridge Building Society is a 'passbook' account and in fact no statements are issued, the 'passbook' is updated annually when interest is added. A copy of the 'passbook' was presented to the auditors, showing the balance when the annual interest had been added 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

In addition, in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations:

*2.2 On a regular basis, at least once in each quarter, and at each financial year end, a member other than the Chairman shall be appointed to verify bank reconciliations (for all accounts) produced by the RFO. The member shall sign the reconciliations and the original bank statements (or similar document) as evidence of verification. This activity shall on conclusion be reported, including any exceptions, to and noted by the Council.*

*Clare Shimmon*  
*Interim Responsible Financial Officer*

LAKENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL			2nd October 2023	
Date		Payee	Description of Supply	Amount
<b>Payments</b>				
August			Interest Payments	£186.04
September			Cemetery Fees	£635.00
September			Interest Payments	£113.40
14.09.2023		Amazon	Refund of Transaction 04.09.2023 dead nemotodes	£32.99
Date	n Type	Payee	Description of Supply	Amount
<b>Payments Made</b>				
08.09.2023	Online	BT Payment Services	Parish Office Telephone & Broa	£84.50
11.09.2023	Direct Deb	British Gas	Electricity - Public Toilets	£38.30
11.09.2023	Debit Card	Amazon	Chafer Control	£24.99
12.09.2023	Online	BT Payment Services	Parish Office - Broadband & Telephone	£84.50
13.09.2023	Debit Card	Green Gardener	Nemotodes	£55.98
15.09.2023	Direct Deb	EDF Energy	Electricity - Cemetery Chapel	£23.00
25.09.2023	Online	Staff	Salary Payments - September	£3,929.69
25.09.2023	Online	Zurich Town & Parish	Annual Insurance	£2,251.50
25.09.2023	Debit Card	Co-op	Mtg refreshments	£19.05
29.09.2023	Debit Card	Amazon	Nemotodes	£24.99
06.10.2023	Online	BT Payment Services	Parish Office Telephone & Broadband	£83.36
06.10.2023	Online	BT Payment Services	Parish Mobile	£39.30
06.10.2023	Online	RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath Donation ( £20 to be paid by Eriswell PC)	£80.00
06.10.2023	Online	Cllr J Chaill (reimbursement)	Bulbs	£501.54
06.10.2023	Online	R H Landscaping & Maintenance Services Ltd	Village Maintenance	£1,440.00
06.10.2023	Online	DEG Plumbing & Heating Ltd	Callout repair Running outside tap at Cemetery (Sunday out of hours)	£275.95
06.10.2023	Online	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Limited Assurance Review	£756.00
06.10.2023	Online	Cllr J Hastings (reimbursesement)	Poppies for War Memorial	£23.38
06.10.2023	Online	Micheal Murfet	Mole Catcher - Lakenheath Cem	£65.00
06.10.2023	Online	ARCO	Village Keeper - Workwear	£166.72
06.10.2023	Online			£113.98

## Lakenheath Parish Council

### Bank Reconciliation 31st August 2023

Balance at 31.07.2023	<b>£355,793.67</b>
Uncleared payments from previous period	£780.79
	<b>£355,012.88</b>
Income	£1,775.40
	<b>£356,788.28</b>
Less Expenditure (Chqs, Online Pmts + D/Ds)	£10,518.81
	<b>£346,269.47</b>
Represented by:	
Balance in Current Account	£3,751.09
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	£96,258.01
Balance in Unity Trust Bank Deposit Account	£77,035.93
Balance in Nationwide Deposit Account	£84,793.31
Balance in Cambridge Building Society	£80,714.17
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account - Speedwatch	£642.90
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account - NP	£0.00
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account - Lakenheath Times	£3,982.64
	<b>£347,178.05</b>
Less Payments not Presented	
HMRC	£908.58
	<b>£908.58</b>
	<b>£346,269.47</b>

### Section 3 – External Auditor’s Report and Certificate 2022/23

In respect of **LAKENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL - SF0236**

#### 1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/>

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2023; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

#### 2 External auditor’s limited assurance opinion 2022/23

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

The smaller authority has been unable to provide one of the year end bank statements to support the bank reconciliation to Section 2, Box 8. The Cambridge Building Society only issues bank statements once a year at 31 December and so we have been unable to verify the balance at the year end. The bank statements were requested as part of our intermediate review procedures.

#### 3 External auditor certificate 2022/23

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

External Auditor Name

**PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP**

External Auditor Signature

*PKF Littlejohn LLP*

Date

12/09/2023

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 Form 3  
Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities\*

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Appendix B

Good afternoon,

Not sure if this is the right way to raise my concerns but thought this was a good place to begin.

Let me start by introducing myself I am ... and I have lived in Lakenheath Village for all my life and my family have also lived here for generations. I am concerned for our village and for the place I have called home for 49 years.

We have two large developments that are to be built at each end of the village which we do not have the infrastructure in place at present for this influx of people.

Our present doctors surgery barely copes with the patients that it has now.

Are there plans for additional services, a new doctors, a dentist, retail units for shops, Better bus services, I hear that we have a train station that stop that's news to me as I am sure its news to you. Are we ready for the influx of cars to on the road?

Is there going to be a new school? This seems to have gone quiet?

And more importantly are the younger generation going to be able to purchase these homes and not pushed to the wayside by the investors and both developments become an extended base housing.

Also the unkept state of the village, what's happened? We used to have no weeds on our paths/roads, with the verges/greens regularly cut. Everywhere just looks sad & run down.

Is there any plans to improve the high street in anyway?

My other concern is the speeding cars in & our of the village living on Eriswell Rd most drivers speed. Its especially bad in the evenings with cars going by at least 50/60 MPH with loud exhausts.

Just feel like the village is changing but not for the better, which saddens me.

Reply from the Chairman

19 Sept

2023

Thanks for your email. There are several issues in there, so probably best to separate them out.

Firstly I think we can remove some nonsense. The developers of the Eriswell Rd site have, I understand, already been reported to Trading Standards for their advertising of "Liberty Gate". Clearly there are no rail services as described from the station, nowhere to park and no footpath, and it is increasingly difficult for bus operators to even keep the existing services going.

So the real issues. I agree that we don't have the infrastructure to support the number of houses that are on the way. Firstly there are the roads themselves which are a County Council responsibility and Colin Noble may wish to comment on that. I would say though that I have recently discovered that Suffolk Highways are bound by some frankly bizarre national rules which don't help us.

Speeding is an issue which is as much as anything a Police matter. The Parish Council is now extracting data from the Speed Indicator machines on Eriswell and Station Roads. These machines don't record registration numbers, but they do record numbers, times and speed. This data is now passed to the Police and to Suffolk Highways, but so far all that does is to emphasise that there are problems. We do have the opportunity to purchase an Automatic Number Plate recognition system which does collect registration details and a photo which can be used by the Police to prosecute. For this we need Highways and Police permission and we are working on that. The slightly good news is that you are wrong – most vehicles do not speed, but then most vehicles don't cause accidents or anxiety. The noisy speeders are I believe known individuals; all I can suggest is that we all encourage the Police to take action before we have any more serious accidents.

There are plans for retail shops on the old Matthews site, which will hopefully move the Coop off the High Street. This would tie in wonderfully with the Regenerating High Street project and ease the dangerous situation around the zebra crossing.

I am afraid that I have spent a considerable amount of time unsuccessfully trying to find a dentist willing to come to Lakenheath. Even though there is unmet need for us, and an almost guaranteed source of private patient activity from the base, it seems there are simply not enough dentists out there; it's a national rather than a specifically Lakenheath problem, but I will keep trying. There should be some extra funding for the surgery as the houses are built.

As I am sure you know, we do have volunteers who regularly pick up litter, but a lot of the problem is a decision by West Suffolk to ban the Weedkiller Glyphosate. The problem was that the ban was imposed without a suitable alternative, and the weather this year has produced a near jungle of weeds. The new Council has this as a top priority because some of the weeds are so vigorous that they are breaking up the surface of our paths. It is dangerous as well as unsightly.

I am sorry that I can't reassure you that it will be resolved overnight, especially given the pressure on Council budgets. But I hope I can reassure you that Parish, District and County Councillors are very aware of the issues and will be doing all they can to get them resolved.

Regards  
Gerald Kelly

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#### Appendix C

Good afternoon,

I noted on the parish council Facebook page a request for email regarding aircraft noise etc. On occasions during June and July I noted at least 7 times when planes were not using the designated flight path called point Charlie? This has become increasingly the norm over the past couple of weeks. Whilst I understand there is currently an exercise taking place it's completely unacceptable for planes to fly directly over our homes. The noise is beyond horrendous and please don't tell me I live near an active base or to move!

I've lived here twenty years and never experienced noise like this or planes directly overhead. Fridays in particular with the so called unrestricted take-offs are driving me out of the village on these days. This cannot be right.

I know many people in the village are struggling with the noise since the F35s arrived but are afraid to stand up and be counted because of the unkindness of those that 'enjoy' the aircraft.

The last couple of weeks has been very hot with time spent in the garden and windows open. The noise and smell of aircraft fuel has driven us indoors, even the garden furniture vibrates.

On these occasions 8/9/23 at 17-35 three aircraft from Sharps corner overflew 12 Arrowhead low and deafening.

7/9/23 at 11-32 two planes directly above 12 Arrowhead one quite low the other higher crossed each other in opposite directions engines screaming. The noise actually hurt our ears.

6/9/23 two planes directly over The Hall and then Arrowhead flying low and turning sideways engines screaming again.

Please can the Parish Council and our West Suffolk councillors take this up with the USAF and fight our corner?

When our forces are based in other countries we are ordered to respect our host nation a little bit of that wouldn't go amiss here!

Second email: Evening, further to my earlier email at 17-53 today 11/9/ 23. 3 jets came directly over Flint Way, Gentle Rise the first 2 over Arrowhead drive, Delph rd, Woodcutters.

The 3rd did a right turn (plane was side on) the undercarriage facing us and flew along the direction of Arrowhead drive gardens. The noise was deafening. I couldn't get my phone quit enough to take photos.

I would appreciate anonymity regarding my emails as I really don't need the animosity associated with any criticism of the jets.

## Appendix D

Lakenheath Parish Council Planning Sub Committee

### **Notes**

**From the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 at 9.30 am.**

**Location: Parish Office, Peace Memorial Hall, Lakenheath**

The members of the Planning Committee are

Cllr W Overy, Cllr A Gyte, Cllr N Smith, Cllr M Hugo and the LPC Chairman, Cllr G Kelly.

Present at the meeting: Cllr Smith, Cllr Hugo, Cllr A Gyte

***SOURCE: PLANNING PORTAL ON 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023***

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest - none
2. Members of the public may speak about an item on the agenda (3 minutes limit) - none
3. The following requests for consultation were considered:

**A. [TPO 01 \(2011\) tree preservation order - one Horse chestnut \(T1 on plan, T1540 on order\) and one Scots pine \(T1544 on plan and order\) fell](#)**

Planning Application expires 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

4 Flint Way Lakenheath Suffolk IP27 9ND

Ref. No: DC/23/1383/TPO | Received: Wed 23 Aug 2023 | Validated: Wed 23 Aug 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

DECISION: LPC will agree with advice from the arboriculture specialist officer at WSC

**B. [Planning application - variation of condition 2 \(approved plans\) of DC/21/1049/FUL to enable use of revised plans to allow for change of house type](#)**

Planning Application

Plot 19 Land At Lakenheath Hall Drive Lakenheath Suffolk

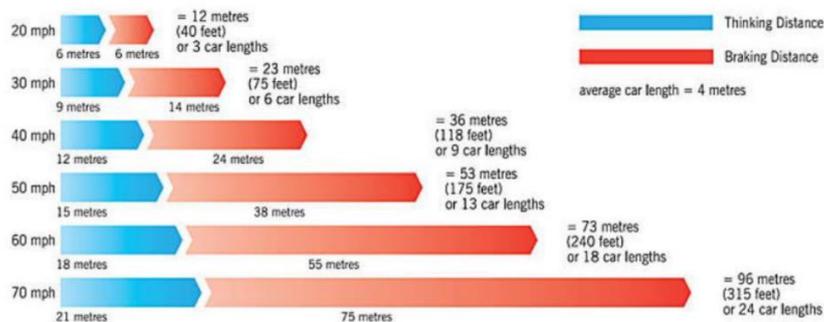
**DECISION: SUPPORT**

4. Next Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

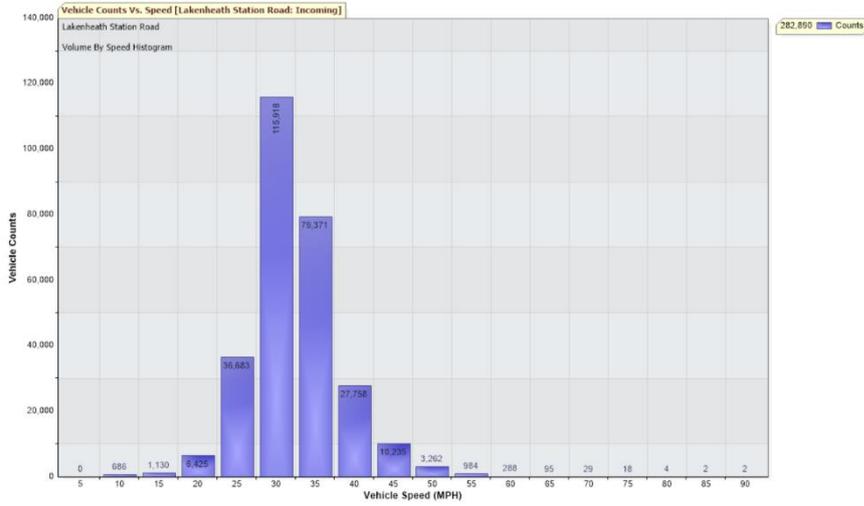
## Appendix E SID Report

On 15 June 2023 at 10:00 the new SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole located on Station Road. The SID was positioned to monitor traffic coming into Lakenheath from Wangford. Traffic speed and counts were measured up until 14:00 of 22 September 2023. The measurement point is 450m past the point where the 30MPH zone starts. There are between 2900 and 3600 vehicles per weekday passing this point heading into Lakenheath. There are between 2100 and 2500 vehicles per day over the weekend heading into Lakenheath. The busiest times during the week are 07:30-08:30 (Avg. 212 cars p/h) and 16:30-17:30 (Avg. 294 cars p/h). The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below 35.0 MPH past his point. The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 29.2 MPH past his point. The fastest speed recorded was 90MPH. There were also 438 vehicles exceeding 55MPH.

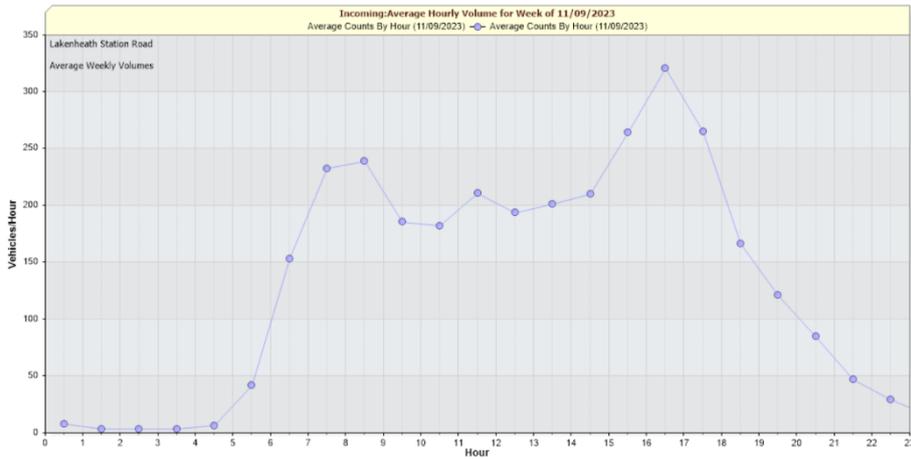
The next pages show: - Stopping Distances vs Speed - Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above. - Average hourly volumes passing this point - Typical daily volumes passing this point. - Speed exceedances of 35MPH for this period The solar panel has kept this SID charged throughout this entire period. Battery voltage at time of last measurement was 11.6V



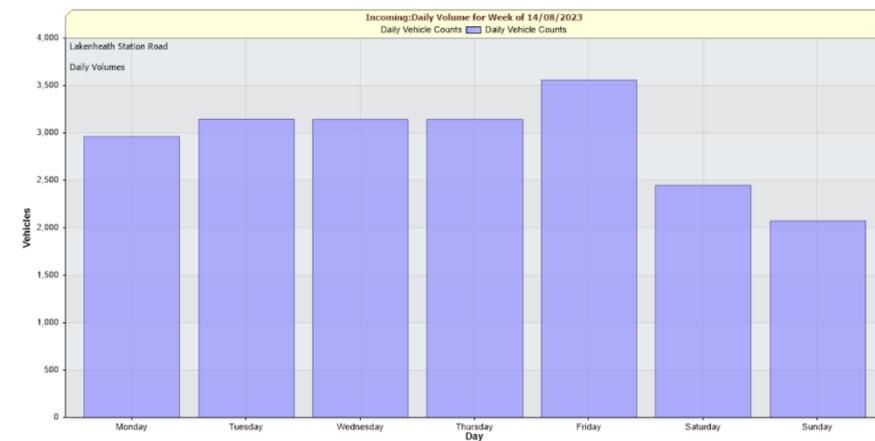
**It takes 3 times the distance to stop at 60MPH as it does to stop at 30 MPH**



**15/06/2023 to 22/09/2023 on Station Road – Traffic from Wangford**



**Average hourly volumes heading into Lakenheath from Wangford**



**Typical daily volumes heading into Lakenheath from Wangford**

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	10	12	17	14	13	23	31
1 - 2	5	10	5	9	7	10	4
2 - 3	3	4	9	2	5	12	5
3 - 4	7	4	9	5	5	6	4
4 - 5	16	18	17	15	15	8	5
5 - 6	47	67	71	58	67	20	10
6 - 7	140	189	194	183	141	52	38
7 - 8	165	186	180	175	138	72	42
8 - 9	100	118	118	129	87	79	65
9 - 10	97	86	101	89	78	79	74
10 - 11	99	100	96	86	86	100	102
11 - 12	97	103	99	111	75	79	83
12 - 13	114	89	106	87	87	104	116
13 - 14	120	124	143	131	105	123	139
14 - 15	118	114	117	141	121	147	126
15 - 16	131	143	159	142	136	105	169
16 - 17	166	179	243	207	135	147	137
17 - 18	133	135	217	184	119	115	115
18 - 19	125	128	151	144	149	128	130
19 - 20	104	129	126	120	104	97	99
20 - 21	103	77	105	101	85	78	75
21 - 22	55	54	72	57	56	61	47
22 - 23	30	39	44	62	44	41	29
23 - 24	18	29	28	26	27	41	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2137</b>	<b>2427</b>	<b>2278</b>	<b>1885</b>	<b>1727</b>	<b>1662</b>

Exceeding Speed of 35MPH - August