

LAKENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Lakenheath Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2018
at the Methodist Church Chapel commencing at 7:00pm

Present

Councillors E Morley (Chairman), P Gyte (Vice-Chair), W Newman, J Hastings, C Lucas, G Kelly, H Brown, R Norman and I Frost.

1 Apologies for Absence

Sqdn Ldr Neild and Cllr Gentle.

Members accepted the apologies for absence.

2 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Gyte - Lakenheath Good Neighbours and Lakenheath Consolidated Charities

Cllr Newman - Lakenheath News

Cllr Hastings - Lakenheath Keep Fit & Curling Clubs

Cllr Lucas - Sutton Services Ltd & Lakenheath Playingfield Committee (Elveden Farms)

Cllr Norman - Village Hall

Cllr Brown - Lakenheath Youth FC Treasurer & Lakenheath Heritage Group

Cllr Frost - Friends of Lakenheath Library (Trustee)

Cllr Kelly - Hon. Commander 48MDSS RAF Lakenheath

3 Police Matters

Cllr Norman suggested inviting the new Community Engagement Officer to the next meeting.

4 Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings held on 4th June 2018

After amendment it was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Council meeting on 4th June were signed as an accurate record of the meeting. All agreed.

5 Representations from Members of the Public

There were none.

6 Reports & Questions-

(a) RAF Commander Lakenheath

There were none.

(b) Forest Heath District Council

There were none.

(c) Suffolk County Council

There were none.

7 Planning Matters:-

(a) To receive report from Planning Committee

(b) To consider any other outstanding applications/matters/including Lakenheath Hall

Representations made in support by the planning sub-committee:

- DC/18/0711/FUL - Planning Application - Partial Change of use from A3 (Store and Kitchen) to C3 (Bedsit/Dwelling) – 154 High Street, Lakenheath - commented that it appeared no welfare facility would be left for shop staff.

Representations made to object by the planning sub-committee:

- DC/17/2307/FUL - Planning Application - Change of use from Hotel (C1) to 3 no. residential apartments (C3) - The Lakenheath Hotel 124 High Street Lakenheath
- DC/18/0556/FUL - Planning Application - 1no. dwelling with attached garage – Land to rear of 29 Wings Road, Lakenheath

Applications in circulation:

- DC/18/1073/FUL - Planning Application - Change of use from garden centre (Class A1) to 1no. dwelling (Class C3) (part retrospective) - 18 High Street Lakenheath IP27 9JS

Enforcement: There has been no update as to the action being taken in relation to the illuminated sign at 62 High Street, Kings. Action will be sought.

Electricity supply upgrade for the intensification works at RAF Lakenheath: A reminder that Lakenheath is not impacted with the work but increased traffic is still expected as Brandon road works are avoided. UK Power network are excavating in the road, laying ducts and then backfilling as they go. Cable will be laid later within the sleeves now being installed.

Major developments: Negotiations on the S106 agreement with all developers are now coming to a close. FHDC intend to return the cases for final approvals. This will be to report on Appropriate Assessments, a new EU requirement. In short it is just a detailed report on protected habitats. The buffer measures will be looked at in greater detail and will be reported to Natural England who will respond either that they are content with the mitigation measures or additional facilities are required. There are no arguments in relation to habitats as everything previously requested by Natural England was incorporated within the proposals. However, this is an opportunity for the Planners to bring the committee up to date on the noise assessments. It is thought that the case for Briscoe Way will go before committee in August.

Data is awaited from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation regarding the data used in the predictive noise contour reports.

The major landowner of the Station Road North site has changed. FHDC have informed that Pigeon Investments are no longer involved and that the new agent for both Rabbithill Covert and Station Road North are Cocksedge Building Contractors. Cocksedge are now up to speed with the Parish concerns regarding the two sites.

Proposed new school: Suffolk CC have confirmed a delay until September 2020 for a school opening. The consultation is awaited. The items reported last month are still outstanding i.e. air quality and new information on noise and ecology details as contained in the Environmental statement.

In May the new leader of Suffolk County Council was asked to reconsider the siting of the new school. The response in short stated that he was happy with the deliberations and could see no reason to “replay the issues at this stage”.

Cllr Brown proposed and it was seconded that a response should be given by the planning sub-committee on their disappointment as the new leader had stated he wanted to properly engage with communities and be seen to be transparent. All agreed.

SIR: Following additional submissions early in June, the hearings on the main modifications were heard by the Inspectors last week. Cllr Brown attended all hearings. Unfortunately the Inspectors were not concerned with the issues raised. It was not about the changes that had occurred since the last hearings nor the de-allocations proposed, but more about the potential deliverability of Hatchfield Farm and horse crossings to protect the unique nature of Newmarket.

The Department for Communities in local Government is to reopen the Hatchfield Farm case, following the determination earlier in the year by the High Court that the development should proceed. As this will be treated as a new case, representations will be submitted on similar terms to the original.

Tesco Site: There is a planning application to convert part of the old shop from commercial to residential. The planning subcommittee are likely to object. There has been no application for the larger part of the two sites.

Lakenheath Hall: The completed two houses are on the market with interest which the developers hope will ultimately lead to sales.

After protracted discussions with the planners the developers believe they are close to obtaining planning consent for the other seven houses on the site. There is existing planning consent for seven new houses but they felt these properties were not sufficiently in keeping. The new proposals were very much upgraded more in keeping with the spaciousness of the new dwellings.

Hall Drive has been resurfaced and, under the watchful eye of the developer’s arboriculturist, the trees have been cut back to ensure they pose no threat to neighbouring properties.

8 Lakenheath Cemetery

(a) To receive a Cemetery Report

The Chairman and Cllr Lucas agreed that the cemetery was in good order.

Cllr Lucas gave her report on the cottage and suggested that all Councillors should visit and make a list of improvements that should be made. It was agreed to meet on Thursday 5th July.

(b) To Confirm Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial

There were two.

(c) Trees

CGM had quoted £180 +VAT to remove the lime tree that is dying on the boundary with Maids Cross Way along with £140 +VAT to remove the maple tree near to the new Garden of Rest which is causing movement to the memorials, cuttings will be propagated ready to replant elsewhere with the Brownie's memorial plaque. Cllr Newman proposed and Cllr Frost seconded accepting the quotes. All agreed.

(d) Memorial Bench - New Cemetery

Details were discussed for a request to position a memorial bench in the new cemetery. Cllr Brown queried the position of the bench. Cllr Morley agreed to visit the applicant, to agree the position. It was proposed and seconded that once the position was agreed, the memorial bench could be sited in the new cemetery. All agreed.

9 Financial Matters including:-**(a) Payments of Accounts**

It was proposed and seconded to authorise the release of online payments and signing of cheques for payments previously agreed. All agreed.

Cheque	Payee	Description of supply	Amount
Online	Ely & District Training Group	PA1 Pesticide Course	£90.00
Online	Camb Proficiency Test Committee	PA1 Pesticide Test	£90.00
Online & D/D	Staff	June Salaries, Income Tax, NI & Pension	£3,969.76
Online	Clare Shimmon (Reimbursement)		
		Mileage, Stationery, Pruning Saw, First Aid Kit, Accident Book and Poster, Office Telephone, Dutch Hoe, Bedding Plants and Compost, Sun Lotion, and Ear defenders (H&S) Strimmer Line, Chapel Electricity, CCTV Camera, Batteries and Stickers, Petrol and Postage	£466.96
3917	James Holdgate	Telephone Box Refurbishment	£62.00
Online	Scott Evans (Reimbursement)	Mileage	£12.60
Online	BT Payment Services	Parish Office Broadband & Telephone	£71.02
Online	NFU Mutual	Mower Insurance	£402.91
Online	Sunrise Services (East Anglia) Ltd	Cleaning Public Toilets	£192.00
Online	Anglian Water Business Ltd	Public Toilets – Wings Road	£876.97
Online	G & J Peck Ltd	Machinery Repairs	£,1414.88
Online	G & J Peck Ltd	Machinery Repairs	£1,953.58
Online	Roughts Building Services	Churchyard Wall Repairs	£8,910.00

(b) Bank Reconciliation

A bank reconciliation for 31st May 2018 was presented. It was proposed and seconded to accept. All agreed.

10 St Mary's Churchyard**(a) Wall**

It was reported that a number of bricks and capping stones had gone missing from the churchyard. The cost to replace those missing totalled £330.

Cllr Newman proposed and Cllr Frost seconded covering the additional £330. All agreed.

(b) Trees

It was reported that a number of trees in St Mary's churchyard require attention.

CGM had provided a quotation which includes obtaining planning consent and making suitable arrangements with UK Power Networks. The quotation totalled £2,860 +VAT.

Cllr Kelly proposed and Cllr Lucas seconded accepting the quotation. All agreed

11 Children's Play Area Toilets - Weekend Opening

The Village Keeper had agreed to open and close the children's play area toilets at weekends.

Cllr Hastings proposed and Cllr Brown seconded paying one hour overtime each day. All agreed.

12 Village Spring Clean

Cllr Frost reported that the date has moved from June 30th to Sept 29th. It would start at 9:30am from the Abundant Life Church and refreshments would be provided. It was suggested to rename to Keep Lakenheath Tidy.

13 Dog Fouling Campaign

Sites were suggested and agreed for the positioning of Dog Fouling signs.

14 Telephone Boxes

Cllr Hastings asked for an update and whether the Beavers had been contacted about 'adoption' of the telephone box outside the library.

15 Items for Future Meetings

- Cemetery Cottage
- Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018
- Road Crossing
- Playingfield - Trees

16 Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered as a matter of urgency
Cllr Norman gave an update on the Peace Memorial Hall and the new committee.

17 To note date of next Meeting - Monday 6th August 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:20pm.