**Great and Little Leighs Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Thursday 18th November 2023 19:45pm

Present: Councillors Kay Barker

 Steve Dowd

 Gill Partridge

 Jeff Thurlow

 James Partridge (Vice-chair)

 James Raven (Chair)

Also in attendance: Debbie Carey (Clerk)

 11 members of the public

**87 Apologies for Absence**

Mike Steel

88 Consideration of Minutes of 21st December 2023 meeting

Accepted as a true representation of last meeting

**89 Declarations of Interest**

 None

**90 Public Forum** – To receive any representations from the public, members or police

Eleven members of public in attendance

Two members to discuss their new build – update the Council with progress

Shared plans for their environmentally friendly new build. Parish Council appreciated the consultation.

Four members to discuss the village flowers that have been proposed at the entrance to the village.

Enquiring to how they can assist and what the process is..

£4k has been budgeted for in 2024/25 Precept so it can be started after April.

Discussed the possible designs, flowers and vandalism.

Five members to discuss the Norwich to Tilbury Pylons – looking for backing from the Parish Council to oppose. Would like banners and posters displayed around the village – funding from the Council if possible.

Agreed that the Parish would support this and organise posters/leaflets specific to Great Leighs. Parish to complete the Heritage Survey.

**91 Planning**

91.1 Reference: 20/01955/S19/1

Address: Buildings At Wakerings Farm Leighs Road Great Leighs

Variation of Condition 2 of approved planning permission 20/01954/FUL (Demolition of building 4 and partial demolition of building 5. Proposed conversion of barns 1, 2, 3 and 6 into 3 residential units, with associated parking. Proposed link extension and cart lodge to barn 3 and extension to barn 5. new Boundary treatments and landscaping.) to change approved plans to proposed drawings for Pond Barn (Barn 6) & alterations to fenestration and internal layouts set out on the proposed floor plans and elevations

Previously commented on this

91.2 Reference: 23/05258/TPO

Address: 2 Greengates Close Great Leighs Chelmsford CM3 1FA

Description of works: T4 Oak- Crown lift by 3.5m from the ground.Reduce sides by 1 to 2m to good growth points. Reason:To maintain the overall shape of the tree.

 No comment

**92 Planning Results**

 Decembers – all pending consideration

 April 23 - Ref: 23/00054/REFUSE

 Land North East Of 1 Slampseys Cottages

**93 Essex County Council Correspondence**

 No correspondence provided from Essex

94 Chelmsford City Council Correspondence

Budget meeting set for next month – Council in debt

Nothing new to report

**95 General Correspondence**

95.1 Request for the Parish to complete a Heritage Survey for the Norwich to Tilbury Pylons – No to Pylons

 Agreed that we would liaise with the group regarding the Survey

**96 Great Leighs Environment**

96.1 Playing Field Matters

3G pitch finished – plans to fit some kick boards

Bookings increasing

Trial block bookings but they will need to pay upfront

Discussed the container and when they will be installed, once the ground is hard

Discussed goals and tidying up area

Monthly Service Proposal – Premier Sports Surface c£260pm

Discussed the service – leaves, anti-mould, brush etc

Agreed to sign up for one year

Need to check the warranty if we don’t go ahead with the warranty after first year

CCTV quotes

Have 3 quotes – quoted to cover the village hall and 3G pitch

Village hall have agreed – happy to contribute on maintenance

£25k in the budget for the upgrade

Question regarding recording minors – laws have changed, need to register

**Highways and Footpaths**

Still a few outstanding locations to be finished but JCM are carrying out – started last week

Overhanging tree on footpath 71

CIL money on village maintenance - Using JCM to replace the Rangers

Brambles – Little Leighs nr Seabrooks

Reported over a year ago - road markings going towards Youngs End – none

Chair have spoken to Mike Steel re the Potholes – they have given way within 6 mths - Contractor need to come back to fix

 **Speed Watch**

 NA

**97 Clerks update**

97.1 JCM have been at work on several areas – path recovery, hedges cutback

97.2 Floodlights – A&J lighting are due out this week to fix the two that need replacing

97.3 GL Signpost – they have acknowledged order and will be working to installation – shut down over Xmas and illness

97.4 Still chasing Wicksteed – came back with cost for labour but this only was for the slide - £2,329.93 – awaiting for other parts labour.

 New quote including the other labour cost £2756+VAT

Agreed happy to go ahead and order as the play area needs to be safe and fully functional.

97.5 VAT return of £8863 submitted

97.6 James followed up litter bins – waiting for weather to dry up

 Dog bin to be ordered once the litter bins are in place

**98 Finance**

 Payments for approval of £11,041.91 listed below

 Agreed to the payments below.



**Closure**

Close of meeting 21.30pm

 Date of next meeting: 15th February 2024

Signed.. …………….. Date 15/02/2024