

**Minutes of the Meeting of Lessingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
September 2023 at 7.30pm at Lessingham Village Hall**

**Present:** Peter Peruzzi (Chairman)  
Sue Allen  
Jennifer Boardman  
James Holden  
Catherine Moore, Parish Clerk

**Also present:** County Councillor Richard Price.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Cull.

**2. Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda**

None.

**3. Co-option of Parish Councillor**

The Council still had one vacancy following the election. There had been no applications for co-option. Councillors were asked to speak with anyone who might be interested.

**ACTION: All**

It was noted that Alan Shields had resigned from the position of Councillor, and the vacancy was going through the statutory period of notice to call a by-election.

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

The minutes of the last meeting were **agreed**, proposed by Jeni Boardman, seconded by James Holden, all in favour, and were signed by the Chairman.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

a) Hedge Cutting - Bridleway

Peter Peruzzi reported that the landowner had been approached who had willingly cut back their part of the hedge. The bin lorries were a problem simply because they were large. There had been communication regarding Seaside Lane however it was the responsibility of the landowner to keep their hedge cut back.

b) Lessingham Telephone Box Refurbishment

James Holden reported that the telephone box had been painted by person or persons unknown. It was thought this might have been BT.

The Clerk was asked to order telephone signs for the top; and glass panes as needed (to be advised by James Holden), proposed by James Holden, seconded Jeni Boardman, all in favour.

**ACTION: Clerk**

c) Defibrillator

Jeni Boardman reported that she had been in contact with UK Power Networks regarding a connection, which would be £2,500 just for the connection. As this was not feasible it was not taken further. No-one had come forward to host a defibrillator on their house yet. Sue Allen would be looking into CPR training. It was suggested that Vattenfall could be approached for funding, or other organisations such as Tesco or Awards for All. Sue Allen agreed to approach Vattenfall.

**ACTION: SA**

d) Environment Agency Sea Defence Works

Richard Price reported that when attending a recent meeting he had discussed this with the relevant manager from the Environment Agency and would follow up on this

matter. He had asked for the Parish Council to be notified when they would be next attending to inspect.

**ACTION: RP**

## **6. Public Forum**

a) Public  
None.

b) District Councillor  
Luke Paterson was not present.

c) County Councillor  
Richard Price reported that the Community Road Safety Fund speed roundels would be installed on the Ingham road and the Happisburgh road. The SAM2 was currently with Hickling, it had been delayed in Sea Palling due to a vehicle colliding with the post. The remote download facility had proved useful and Richard was campaigning to roll this out. He was also looking at ANPR cameras.  
Richard noted that he sat on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and the next meeting would be scrutinising Norfolk and Suffolk Mental Health services.

## **7. Planning**

a) New Applications  
None.

b) Applications considered between meetings  
RV/23/1477 Tresillian, Bush Drive, Eccles-on-Sea: Variation of condition 3 (materials) of planning permission PF/23/0632 (Single storey rear extension to dwelling) to allow for all external walls of extension to be built from concrete block with smooth cement render finish, instead of LBC Milton Buff bricks. **NO COMMENTS**

c) Decisions  
IS/23/0834 Land North of Marais Vue, The Street, Lessingham: 3 bungalows (pre-application advice). **ADVICE GIVEN**

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## **8. Finance**

a) Finances 2023/24 To Date  
The accounts were noted.

b) Closure of Barclays Accounts  
The Clerk reported that the accounts had been closed, following a complaint being made and further submission of the documents. Compensation of £75 had been received from Barclays.

c) Payments  
It was **agreed** to pay the following, proposed by James Holden, seconded by Peter Peruzzi, all in favour:-

C Moore	Salary July – August 2023	£317.60
HMRC	PAYE July – August 2023	£76.80
Unity Bank	Service Charges	£18.00

**9. Correspondence****a) Correspondence regarding Private Roads in Eccles on Sea**

The correspondence received had been circulated. It was noted that these were unadopted private roads and therefore are a private matter for the householders.

**b) Complaint regarding correspondence and responses over footpath cutting Village Hall to Church**

The Clerk had circulated a complaint from a member of the public regarding how correspondence had been handled by her, together with copies of the correspondence in question and a timeline of events. It was felt that the Clerk and Councillors involved had responded quickly and been helpful in their responses, although the complainant may not have felt this because she had a different view of the matter. The Chairman would draft a response which would be sent from the Parish Council email in his name.

**ACTION: PP / Clerk**

**c) General Correspondence**

None.

**10. Other Matters****a) Schemes for Parish Partnership Scheme 2024/25**

There were no schemes suggested.

**b) Dog Waste / Litter Bins**

It was noted that emptying of litter bins, which could take dog waste, was £2.85 per collection. There were still bins available from Hemsby Parish Council. Councillors were asked to look at locations for approval, this would be discussed on the next agenda.

**ACTION: All**

**c) Cutting of Footpath from Church to Village Hall**

It was **agreed** not to cut footpaths due to liability issues, as well as setting a precedent for other footpath cutting in the parish. It was noted that the landowner was responsible for ensuring that a footpath was passable.

**d) Complaints Policy**

The Clerk would bring this to the next meeting, together with the remaining suite of policies which needed to be adopted.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**e) Councillor Portfolios and Risk Assessments**

Peter Peruzzi reported that no feedback had been received from councillors, this would be considered again at the next meeting. Peter would resend the documents.

**ACTION: PP / Clerk**

**11. Reports from Councillors**

Peter Peruzzi noted that the RSPB communication was welcomed, especially as a hut had appeared on the beach without any communication from them.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023** at 7.30pm at Lessingham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm. **CHAIRMAN**