

**Minutes of the Meeting of Lessingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
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**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. Resignation of Andrew Cull**

It was noted that Andrew Cull had resigned from the Council, and the vacancy would be advertised shortly.

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

None.

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

There had been no applications for co-option to the vacant seats. It was suggested that the community could be leafleted and details could be put into the news sheet and Facebook.

**ACTION: JB**

**5. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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

**6. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**7. Public Forum**

a) Public  
None.

b) County Councillor

Richard Price reported that the SAM2 would be renamed so that the username was Lessingham instead of the chairman's name. It was **agreed** that this could go ahead. The General Election had returned a change in government, and it was noted that this could be reflected in the County Council elections next year. It was noted that the Parish Partnership Scheme was not guaranteed beyond 2025/6 funding, with the closing date for applications for that year being 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

It was noted that groynes were being replaced along the coast, and that permission had been delayed which meant that the scheme was delayed due to seals, Little Terns, and tourists.

The email regarding enlargement of the Little Tern area was discussed, including vegetation clearance. The Environment Agency had suggested that this would not affect the stability of the dunes, however concern was expressed that the removal of marram grass could be detrimental to this stability. Peter Peruzzi would raise this and copy Richard in.

**ACTION: PP**

- c) District Councillor  
Not present.

## 8. Planning

- a) New Applications  
None.

- b) Applications considered between meetings

PF/24/0838 Kingfishers, Abbots Way, Bus Estate, Eccles-on-Sea: Stationing of 2 bedroom static caravan or lodge on site of dwelling recently demolished due to fire damage.

**NO VIEWS OR COMMENTS**

PF/24/0979 4 School Road, Lessingham: Dormer to rear elevation of dwelling to facilitate loft conversion.

**NO VIEWS OR COMMENTS**

- c) Decisions

PF/24/0850 Land on Beach, Sand Hills, Eccles-on-Sea: Erection of temporary welfare structure.

**APPROVED**

## 9. Finance

- a) Finances 2024/25 To Date

The accounts were noted. Since the last meeting the following had been received:

- Interest - £57.81

- b) Payments

It was **agreed** to pay the following, proposed by Jeni Boardman, seconded by Peter Peruzzi, all in favour:-

C Moore	Salary May – June 2024	£337.50
HMRC	PAYE May – June 2024	£82.00

## 10. Correspondence

- a) General Correspondence

An email had been received regarding broadband provision in Eccles on Sea, the Clerk would be forwarding this to Better Broadband for Norfolk for response.

**ACTION: Clerk**

The Parish Partnership Scheme would be discussed at the next meeting, all councillors were asked to consider projects for funding.

**ACTION: ALL**

## 11. Other Matters

- a) Dog Waste / Litter Bins

The Clerk reported that she needed to make an application to Norfolk County Council for a street furniture licence for the bin. The Clerk would find out who owned the land and an approach would be made by Peter to check whether the bin would affect farm machinery.

**ACTION: Clerk / PP**

The Environment Agency had replied regarding the one in Eccles, this just needed a reply giving more detailed information on specification and exact location. Peter agreed to send some pictures.

**ACTION: Clerk / PP**

- b) Councillor Portfolios and Risk Assessments

Nothing to report.

c) Alternative Model of Standing Orders

A simpler, Plain English version of the Standing Orders was presented for consideration. It was **agreed** to adopt these, proposed by James Holden, seconded by Sue Allen, all in favour. **ACTION: Clerk**

**12. Reports from Councillors**

Jeni Boardman reported that she had also been approached about the broadband cabinet.

Jeni Boardman reported that she had been approached about planning and noise complaints on the Bush Estate and had been directed to North Norfolk District Council on both of these matters.

Jeni Boardman reported an approach from a parishioner about use of an electric bike on private roads. Although this was potentially a police matter, the resident was taking legal advice on what could be done.

Peter Peruzzi reported that there was flooding at the church again, this needed pulling out.

James Holden asked about the donation that was made to the Village Hall, it was confirmed that this was towards grounds maintenance.

Concerns were raised about the removal of scrub and vegetation on the dunes, and this would be monitored. Peter Peruzzi would send an email asking for more information. **ACTION: PP**

James Holden noted that the speed sign could be deployed on School Road, as there had been concerns from residents about speeding. The data would be shared with other councillors.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would take place on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024** at 7.30pm at Lessingham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

**CHAIRMAN**