

## Minutes of Leven parish council meeting held on Tuesday, 6 April 2021 at 7:15pm remotely on Zoom.

**Present:** Mrs Ablett (chair), S Mathison, K Macklin, R Gibson, D Thorne, R Jennings, P Bakes, Mrs Ellerington-Jennings, Miss Richardson, S Nicholson, Mrs Saunders, Councillor Greenwood, Councillor Gateshill

**20-21/146 Apologies:** None

**20-21/147 Declaration of Interest both pecuniary and non-pecuniary:** D Thorne declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 21/00597/PLF and would not take part in any discussions.

**20-21/148 Co-option of Parish Councillor:** The clerk had received one expression of interest before the closing date and had circulated the document to the councillors. The clerk had invited the applicant to attend the parish council meeting and would be let into the virtual meeting once the voting had taken place. The clerk advised the councillors that if they did not feel that the candidate was suitable then they could say, and the clerk would re-advertise the position. It was agreed to hold a vote. All the parish councillors voted in favour of Mrs Nicola Saunders being co-opted onto the parish council. As the Declaration of Acceptance of Officer of Councillor had not been signed Mrs Saunders was advised that she could be an observer but could not take part in any discussions. The clerk will email the forms for signing and returning before the May meeting.

**20-21/149 Minutes of the last meeting:** S Mathison proposed, Mrs Ellerington-Jennings seconded, and all were in favour of them being signed as a true record. S Nicholson and Miss Richardson abstained from voting as they were not present at the March meeting.

**20-21/150 Clerk's report:** None

**20-21/151 Correspondence**

March 2021	Clerks and Councils Direct	Monthly newsletter
3 March 2021	Humberside Police	Speed Awareness Leven
8 March 2021	Humberside Fire & Rescue Service	Fire Safety Information HFRS
12 March 2021	Michele Scott-Bauckham	Speeding Traffic - Leven
14 March 2021	Angela Davidson	Information Request – 2007 floods
19 March 2021	Humberside Police	Leven Speed Awareness
21 March 2021	Councillor Gateshill	Leven Speed and Road Markings
22 March 2021	Walter Cammish	Horse riding on footpaths
23 March 2021	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	17 and 19 East Street
25 March 2021	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Devolution Proposals
26 March 2021	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Remote meetings
29 March 2021	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	East Street One Way
29 March 2021	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Remote Meetings – Call for Evidence
30 March 2021	Councillor Greenwood	Proposed Devolution Plans

The correspondence from Councillor Greenwood regarding proposed devolution plans was discussed. Councillor Greenwood had forwarded to the clerk a letter from Bishop Burton parish council which had been sent to Mrs Caroline Lacey, Chief Executive, East Riding of Yorkshire Council. D Thorne proposed, K Macklin seconded, and all were in favour of the clerk sending a letter to the Chief Executive backing up what had been communicated by Bishop Burton parish council.

The email from Councillor Gateshill together with emails from the police regarding speed and road markings were discussed. Mrs Ellerington-Jennings thanked Councillor Gateshill for taking the time to meet with herself and P Bakes to look at the worn-out road markings and to witness the speeding traffic exiting and entering the village on North Street.

## **20-21/152 Planning applications**

21/00790/TPO – Mrs J Small - TPO - LEVEN NO. 10 (REF 724) G1 - Remove 1 no. Scots Pine tree (T2) due to the tree having a long thin trunk and a high crown giving the tree a top-heavy appearance, is disproportionate for its size and the problem will increase over time at 7 Apple Tree Garth, Leven – **No objections to the application.**

21/00868/TCA – John Stoney - LEVEN CONSERVATION AREA - Fell 1 no. Poplar tree (T1) due to major limb failures, is at the end of its safe useful life and close proximity to electricity lines; Fell 1 no. Poplar tree (T2) due to tree reaching end of safe useful life and close proximity to electricity lines.; Fell 1 no. Norway Maple tree (T3) due to tree being a poor specimen overshadowed by other trees at 25 East Street Leven – **Decision has already been made by East Riding of Yorkshire Council to grant permission to fell the trees.**

21/00597/PLF – Mrs Sonya Nelson - Change of use of ground floor from restaurant (use Class E) to residential accommodation (use Class C3) at Old School House Restaurant, 67 High Stile, Leven – **No objections to the application.**

21/00766/PLF – Mr & Mrs Rob Tibbetts - Erection of two-storey extension to side, with associated alterations at The Gate House, 81 West Street, Leven – **Object to the application.** Discussions were held regarding the application and how it would fit into the conservation area. The following comments were made:

It is out of character and does not enhance the existing building.

It needs to be more sympathetic in design and needs to be in keeping with the existing property, the streetscene and the conservation area.

The balance between the existing building and the proposed new building is lacking.

The parish council do not feel that the cladding on the new build fits in with the brickwork of the existing property.

The parish council are not against any additional living space being created but would like to see it more sympathetic in design.

Councillor Greenwood is going to ask for the application to be called in and to be taken to committee for a decision to be made.

Miss Richardson proposed, D Thorne seconded, and all were in favour of the above. R Gibson supported the application.

21/00822/PLF – Mr Paul Hobson - Erection of dwelling with integral garage and construction of vehicular access at Land South West Of 7 High Stile, Leven – **No objections to the application.**

21/00745/PLF – Charters Butchers - Erection of extension and alterations to increase roof height to create first floor, external alterations with installation of door and windows to shop front at Charters, 5 South Street, Leven – **Object to the application.** Discussions were held regarding the application and how it would fit into the conservation area. The parish council are mindful of the welfare of the staff and what this space would create. However, we support the comments of the Conservation Officer and ask that the plans are changed to be more in keeping with the building next door. We agree that there should not be any windows on the first floor at the front of the property and neither should the roof level be raised. Councillor Greenwood is going to ask for the application to be called in and to be taken to committee for a decision to be made.

R Gibson proposed, Miss Richardson seconded, and all were in favour of the above. S Nicholson supported the application.

21/00719/PLF – Mr Jim Sturt - Erection of porch canopy extension at Haling Way House, South Street, Leven – **No objections to the application.**

21/00843/PLF – Bryonie Cowen-Leak – Erection of a two-storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear following removal of existing conservatory and utility area at 50 East Street, Leven **No objections to the application.**

#### **20-21/153 Planning decisions**

21/00868/TCA – John Stoney - LEVEN CONSERVATION AREA - Fell 1 no. Poplar tree (T1) due to major limb failures, is at the end of its safe useful life and close proximity to electricity lines; Fell 1 no. Poplar tree (T2) due to tree reaching end of safe useful life and close proximity to electricity lines.; Fell 1 no. Norway Maple tree (T3) due to tree being a poor specimen overshadowed by other trees at 25 East Street Leven **Granted**

#### **20-21/154 Treasurer’s report**

<b>6.4.2021</b>	<b>HMRC</b>	<b>£507.40</b>	<b>Quarterly tax return</b>
	<b>ERNLLCA</b>	<b>£780.10</b>	<b>Membership fees 2021-2022</b>
	<b>ERYC</b>	<b>£154.80</b>	<b>Salt bin fill ups – winter maintenance</b>
	<b>Autela Payroll Services</b>	<b>£77.52</b>	<b>Quarterly payroll fees</b>
<b>25.4.2021</b>	<b>Mrs S L Woolfitt</b>	<b>£379.92</b>	<b>April salary and expenses</b>
	<b>Mr A E Dawson</b>	<b>£193.87</b>	<b>April salary</b>

S Nicholson proposed, Miss Richardson seconded, and all were in favour of the above payments being made.

#### **20-21/155 Financial matters – Summer planters**

Discussions were held regarding the planters and in particular the winter planting. Due to no fault of anyone the winter planting had not been as successful as the parish council would have liked it to be. It was decided that the planters would be underplanted with miniature daffodils and crocuses in the autumn and with winter pansies which hopefully will be hardier. The summer planting was discussed,

and it was decided that we would ask for one variety of plant to be planted up. All were in favour of having a variety of marigolds. S Mathison and the clerk to speak with Mr Peak.

#### **20-21/156 Future parish council meetings / Delegated powers**

The return of face-to-face meetings had been discussed at the March meeting and the parish council were waiting for further instructions to be issued before deciding on future meetings. Confirmation has been received from East Riding of Yorkshire Council that the government has advised that face to face meetings must re-commence from 7 May. East Riding of Yorkshire Council have suggested that, wherever possible, to hold Annual Parish Meetings and Annual General Meetings before 7 May to allow them to be carried out remotely. A case has been taken to the High Court challenging the government's decision and hopefully the High Court will rule that remote meetings are lawful. S Mathison suggested that once people that were having the covid vaccine had had their 2<sup>nd</sup> jab that we could look at going back to face-to-face meetings. None of the councillors were against this. The parish council will continue as they are having remote meetings and the clerk will contact the school to enquire as to whether the parish council could use the school hall for future meetings commencing in September subject to government lockdown rules that are in place at the time. As suggested by East Riding of Yorkshire Council delegated powers can be given to the clerk whilst remote meetings are taking place. S Nicholson proposed, s Mathison seconded, and all were in favour of this course of action.

#### **20-21/157 Representatives reports**

**East Riding of Yorkshire Council:** Councillor Gateshill and Councillor Greenwood did not have anything to report. The chair spoke about the planning application for 89 homes at The Paddock, High Stile, Leven which had been submitted by Peter Ward Homes, had been taken to the planning committee in September 2020, and deferred until a section 106 agreement had been made. The chair asked if the ward councillors would enquire with East Riding of Yorkshire Council as to why it was taking so long for them to come to a decision.

**Leven CE (VC) School:** Mrs Ellerington-Jennings reported that all the children had returned to school in March. The new headteacher, Mrs Cairns has settled in at the school.

#### **20-21/158 General purpose matters**

**Canal path:** S Nicholson reported that a resident had 'dumped' grass cutting round the base of a tree on the canal path. It was starting to smell. The clerk will report this as flytipping.

**20-21/159 Date of next meeting – Tuesday, 4 May 2021at 7:15pm via Zoom. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting.**

**As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9:15pm**