

**Pre-meeting Reports
1 August 2017**

73. Presentation on forming a Community Land Trust

Debbie Wildridge of Community Land Trust East gave the meeting a very thorough overview of how to form a Community Land Trust and what they are used for. She gave some very useful examples and answered all the questions.

**At a meeting of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on
TUESDAY 1 AUGUST 2017 at 8.10pm**

PRESENT

**Councillor Mrs L Hill (in the Chair)
Councillor D Bailey
Councillor Mrs S Betson
Councillor D Boast
Councillor Miss F Casagrande
Councillor Mrs S Geater
Councillor C Ginger
Councillor P Harle
Councillor T E Hodgson
Councillor W M Howard
Councillor J N Last
Councillor Mrs S Levermore
Councillor D Morsley**

74.. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Last, seconded by Cllr Boast and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 4 July 2017 be signed as a true record.

75. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Nichols, Cllr Cooper, County Cllr Russ Rainger and Mrs Gibson.

76. Chairman's Communications

The Chairman reported thus;
I attended with Councillor Betson and Councillor Howard the Citizens Advice AGM on 12th July. Nick Liddiard was re-elected as Chairman and Ed Day as Treasurer. Following the business of the evening there was an interesting talk by their Guest Speaker Stephen Singleton, the Chief Executive of the Suffolk Community Foundation and an opportunity to meet other people involved with Citizens Advice.

Together with Chris Betson of the Leiston and District Community Partnership and District Councillor Geoff Holdcroft I served on an appointments panel and interviewed three candidates for the post of Chairman of the Leiston Together

Partnership. The panel decided to appoint Mr Barry Norman, who has since 2011 been Operations Manager for Access Community Trust in Suffolk. Barry will be chairing his first Leiston Together meeting on 23rd August.

Last week I was appointed as Chairman of the Leiston Surgery Patient Participation Group. The Group are planning to continue with their work of encouraging more people to register online and hope to play a part in the Leiston Together Dementia Project. Most of the 1,000 copies of the Health and Care Directory, funded by the Town Council, have been issued to various groups and organisations.

77. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hill regarding Leiston Film Theatre and Cllr Geater in item 10a and 10b.

78. Open Spaces Committee Meeting of 27 June 2017

Members noted the minutes from the Open Spaces Committee meeting of 27 June and discussed the following recommendations;

Proposed Shelter and Hardstanding around the Boules Piste

Members noted the report which gave costings for installing a hardstanding around the Boules Piste to make the facility more weather proof for the wetter weather. The two options consisted of concrete all around or two rows of slabs all around. The shelter proposed was the same as the one installed on the skatepark and, for the BMX track (see next paragraph).

Proposed shelter on the KGA Recreation Ground

It was recommended that a further shelter, again, the same as that already installed at the skatepark, be provided for young people on the KGA recreation ground near the BMX track. Cllr Betson drew attention to the poor state of the current shelter in the small children's play area and requested that an additional new shelter also be considered as part of this upgrade bearing in mind the discount being obtained for two shelters. It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed that a grant for the three shelters and the groundworks for the Boules area applied for from the S106 Sports Fund held by SCDC. If successful a site visit to the Boules area and the KGA recreation ground be scheduled before purchase and installation.

Marking out and installation of goals for a football pitch on the KGA Sports Field.

Members agreed with the Deputy Town Clerks report and, on a proposition from Cllr Levermore, seconded by Cllr Bailey, it was agreed to spend £150 on marking out a 7v7 football pitch (along with the annual sum of £600 for ongoing maintenance to re-lign as necessary) and to purchase and install goals at a cost of up to £900.

Cllr Howard reminded everyone that it would be the responsibility of all users to ensure that the football pitch is clear of hazards before use.

Cllr Last asked that the cost of marking out a running track be obtained.

Toilets on the KGA recreation ground

Members appreciated the cost implications of installing toilets on the field but were keen to get more details. It was suggested that the National Playing Fields Association be contacted to see if they could provide any advice on the type and placement of toilets and that the Clerk be authorised to spend money on getting a quote estimate from an appropriate source.

79. Ground Maintenance Meeting of 12 July

Members noted the report.

80. Leiston Together update.

The Clerk gave Mrs Gibson's apologies and just informed members that a new Independent Chair had been appointed to oversee the Board and that the next Board meeting was scheduled for 23 August. The Clerk also informed members that preparations were still being made to make the Tour of Britain cycle race, coming through Leiston on 8 September, a community affair with competitions and other entertainment in the town and along the route. The newsletter would be advertising this.

81. Sizewell Sign unveiling.

Cllr Morsley updated members on the project. On behalf of the Sizewell residents he thanked the funders of the sign, the local artist whose design was chosen and NJB for putting in the footings. The official unveiling is scheduled for 18 September and invites will be sent out in good time.

82. Finance and Personnel

a) Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Last and agreed that accounts presented in the sum of £18,598.27 along with £13,831.64 paid since the last meeting, be approved for payment.

83. Planning Matters

- a) DC/17/3058/FUL – Change of use holiday let to dwelling at Meadow View, 31 Abbey Road, Leiston

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

During the above item Cllr Mrs Geater declared an interest and left the room

- b) DC/17/3054/VOC – Variation of Condition No 2 of C/13/0073 – Use of land for general caravan and camping use. 20 units proposed. Installation of 'hook up' points, widening of driveway and access splays, new passing places and conversion of building to accommodate toilets and showers. We would like the amount of units raised from 20 to 30, but only with the addition of 10 tents and not caravans at Applefields, The Orchard, Abbey Road, Leiston. (Cllr Howard and Casagrande abstained)

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- c) DC/17/3105/OUT – New bungalow in side garden in Part Side Garden, 8 Andrew Close, Leiston. Members again thought that this site was unsuitable for the proposed development as nothing had materially changed from the previous application. (Cllr Casagrande abstained)

RECOMMEND REFUSAL

84. County Matters

Cllr Hodgson (and others) were very disappointed at the way the County had gone about commissioning the Boyer report on alternative campus accommodation for SZC. They felt that it was extremely disrespectful to have done so without consulting or even informing Leiston Town Council. The resulting report was very flawed with spurious legacy claims and used the Neighbourhood Plan erroneously to make assumptions. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Rainger to obtain the cost of the report and the Chairman pointed out that this would be on the September agenda for further discussion. Members also asked the Clerk to write a separate letter to Cllr Rainger to express their concern at the lack of action on the roads and cycleways in the Parish. The tree that had blocked the cyclepath to Sizewell was not cleared quick enough and not cleared properly when it was addressed – it is still a hazard. The corner opposite 20 Heath View was a real concern for the residents as the material used to fill the pothole (inside the kerb) was spilling out onto the road.

85. District Matters

Cllr Harle asked the Clerk to try and address the issues raised from an allotment holder regarding the tree roots coming from the Caravan Park.

86. Correspondence

Fun Fair on Victory Road Recreation Ground

Councillors noted the letter from Stocks regarding holding a small funfair on Victory Park from 21-24 September. Members were happy to allow this as the fair used to be an annual event some years ago and was always popular. A suitable hire fee was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed that the fair be allowed to hire Victory Park for a fee of £600 with a £300 returnable deposit taken beforehand in case of any damage. The Clerk was asked to address the issue of access and cleaning up with Mrs Stocks.

Community Hall Equipment

A very terse and disrespectful letter was received regarding the Council's facilities in the Community Centre. The issue was the fact that the dishwasher was currently only allowed to be used by the lunch club. Members discussed this and agreed to put this to the Management Committee at their next meeting to get clarity on the situation. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to write to the hirer of the hall to see if they were aware of the letter that had been sent and to see, in view of the problems, whether they would like to continue using the venue.

Love Lane Waste Recycling Plant

Members were pleased to note Mr Mike Smith's e-mail and work package he had put together, after the site meeting, to try and make the entrance to the site safer.

Remembrance

Cllrs were disappointed that EU safety rules meant that we were no longer able to fire a maroon to mark the two minutes silence. It was suggested that a fireworks operator might be willing to provide the service which the Clerk would look into. In any case, it was requested that a small article be placed in the newsletter to remind residents of the ceremony that takes place on Victory Park each year.

87. Questions to the Chairman

Cllr Harle asked if the litter could be arranged to be picked up between the surgery and Park Hill. This is not currently on the sweepers route as the path belongs to the surgery.

Cllr Levermore asked whether she could take over the battery replacement duty for the speed sign on Aldeburgh Road. After a short discussion about the possibility of a solar powered installation it was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next Highways meeting.

The chairman responded to a question on weeds. She had established that they had been treated on schedule but was told to wait for three weeks to see the results.

Other items were brought up for the clerk to respond to after the meeting.

The meeting finished at 9.40pm.

Chair -----

Dated -----