

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners meeting held on Thursday 10th August 7.20pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present: Mrs. V A Quane, Mr K Brew and Mr J Teare. Mr. A D Radcliffe and Miss V Radcliffe were unable to attend and had sent their apologies to the clerk. Mrs. M Rimmer the Clerk took the minutes. There were no members of the public and no members of the press in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 6th July 2017, having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

The clerk had been asked to check out any available space in the storeroom for the storage of old paper records from organisations in the parishes history. One 5 drawer filing cabinet could be made available if required. Mr Brew suggested that perhaps items of greater interest could be displayed in the boardroom.

The clerk advised that she had not yet organised painting the wooden poles placed to identify the edge of our car park. Could paint be applied to them as they were coated with creosote? As an alternative it was suggested that reflectors could be attached so that they are visible to drivers when it is dark. To be organised by the clerk.

The clerk advised that she had chased up the works that were promised to the pavement on the Sulby Glen Road. Confirmation had been received regarding repairs to the footpath, but the drop kerb was awaiting permission from Estates (School) prior to installation.

At the last meeting three discharge licences were considered to the Sulby River/field drains. No specific comments were submitted but the Commissioners were interested to know the readings of the river currently, how often the river would be checked and is this information available to the public. The clerk advised that she had received a reply from DEFA which advised that currently the reading in Sulby River are excellent, checks will be made as resources allow but the onus is on the licence holder to ensure that they do not breach any of the licence conditions. Information is available to the public on request.

Two consultations were brought forward from the last meeting. **Department of Home Affairs – Consultation on Proposals to Contract-Out certain Police Functions and Cabinet Office – Consultation – High level Policy on Means Testing.** No comments.

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

Department of Economic Development –

Consultation on changes to the requirement for notice in advance of voluntary land registrations – closing date 4th September 2017 – No comments

Consultation on the Control of Employment Act 2014 – Proposals for New Secondary Legislation – closing date 31st August 2017 – The members in general support changes but would not like to see any dilution of checks regarding criminals.

Consultation on proposed Central Registry Bill – closing date 15th September 2017 – no comment

Department of Health and Social Care -

Consultation on National Health and Care Service Charter – closing date 12th September 2017 – Mrs Quane requested copy of the documents to read through.

Treasury – Income Tax Division

Consultation on Ending Contracting-out of the State Second Pension – closing date 1st September 2017 – no comment

Consultation of Proposed Pension Freedoms – closing date 15th September 2017 – no comment

2nd Supplemental List 2017

Infrastructure - Strategy, Policy and Performance

Attendance at Meetings and Allowances – reminder to send return – The clerk confirmed that the return for Lezayre Parish Commissioners had been submitted on the 25th July 2017 to both our Auditors and the Local Government Unit.

Freedom of Information – Local Authorities – Assistance offered if required – the members considered the questionnaire and the clerk is to advise accordingly. More training in this area would be most welcome.

Consultation Encouraging Active Travel on the Isle of Man – closes 25th September 2017. The clerk agreed to submit comments.

Cabinet Office -

Freedom of Information – training workshop – the clerk is to advise attendance by two members along with herself on the chosen day/time.

Guidance information – Tender process – Confidentiality - Noted

Infrastructure

NTLGM – Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26th September 2017 9.30am Ramsey Town Hall. The clerk was asked to enquire if Mrs Quane could attend as Mr Teare may not be available.

Highway Services – A18 Mountain Road Temporary Closure – each evening between 6.30pm and 10.30pm from **8th August 2017 until 9th August 2017**. (on notice board)

Hedge Cutting and Trees –Complaints received – DOI wrote to advise that they had received complaints from the public regarding hedges being cut unnecessarily as wild flowers grow in them. The clerk advised that we have only cut in the interest of road safety, and further cutting would take place after the end of the month. Guidelines had also been sent and Mr Teare suggested that we give a copy of these guidelines to our hedge cutting contractor. The point regarding trees was also reiterated as the DOI had agreed to deal with any overhanging trees that are beyond the reach or capability of any hedge cutting machine used by the contractor we engage. The clerk advised that work had still not been undertaken with regard to trees reported on the Sulby Glen Road and the Clenagh Road. The clerk is to chase this up again. The members discussed future cutting of hedges and verges cut before 31st March and after 31st August – Cutting within this period only as required for road safety – all other cutting to be carried out after 1st September.

The clerk advised that Mr Gale had reported that the verge/hedge opposite The Stables on Jurby Road needed to be cut as it was obscuring visibility when driving onto his property. This had been organised with our contractor.

Information Commissioner – renewal papers for Mrs Quane and Mr Radcliffe

Royal Air forces Association – Battle of Britain Concert – Friday 15th September 2017 at 7pm – Church Service St Georges Church Sunday 17th September at 11am

Cathedral Isle of Man – invitation chair and guest – Enthronement of the Right Rev'd Peter Eagles Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man on Saturday 30th September Service commencing at 4pm. Mrs Quane may attend.

HSBC Bank – UK Ring Fencing – Changes to HSBC in the Channel Island and Isle of Man

Isle of Man Constabulary Introduction letter for Inspector Mark Newey. The members asked the

clerk to send a copy of our letter to Inspector Roberts in respect of the Claddagh/Dale Lane PROW.

Manx Auto Sport – PokerStars Rally 10/11 November 2017 – Information and maps – to be displayed on the notice board from mid October 2017.

Alex Allinson MHK – Dark Horse Music Festival – Complaints received from Ramsey residents, had any complaints been received from residents in the Parish of Lezayre? Non received, but the members suggested that complaints received by him should be directed to the organiser of Dark Horse, so that consideration could be given for future events.

Ken Grattan – Flooding – insurance? Sulby River maintenance. The clerk read out the emails received regarding flooding, Sulby River maintenance and insurance issues.

Danielle Kneale – Sulby Community – The clerk was to check the matters raised and reply accordingly. In relation to dog waste bins, this had been investigated previously and the cost to the ratepayer was felt by the Commissioners to be prohibitive. Dog owners should be responsible and dispose of any waste in their own bins.

Mr Brew – Sulby Claddagh – In the arboretum area it was felt that improvements could be made to the path surface giving access for wheelchair user and pushchairs. The clerk is to write to DEFA making this suggestion. Recently the clerk had written to the landowner regarding items dumped on Sky Hill. Although items have been removed further items have been noticed. The clerk is to write again.

Mr Teare – Party Boundary Ditch – Copy of letter for information.

Sulby Methodist Church – thank you note re fun day – The clerk was reminded to arrange a meeting to discuss the fun day held this year.

Mr Morris – Newsletters – 344 345 346 347 348 – letters received are to be marked return to sender

Any other Business –

Mrs Quane pointed out that Mr Postlethwaite looks after the grassed area at Sulby Old Village and it is a pity that other green areas are not looked after so well. Sulby Bridge and the Churchtown Point are looked after by the DOI. The clerk is to write to ask for them to be cut regularly, or perhaps cutting will/can be organised by the Commissioners

Remembrance Sunday will be held on Sunday 12th November 2017 – the service has been arranged.

The clerk enquired if recycling bins could be placed at the hall to enable our users to dispose of such items. Glass/plastic/paper/cans This was an idea put forward by Mrs Arnold who would also be happy to remove recycling to the CA site. The members supported this idea. The clerk is to obtain the necessary receptacles and add information to our booking form.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 7th September at 7.30pm. Please note later start time.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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