

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners meeting held on Thursday 11th November, at 7.20pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre. The meeting started late as the Vice Chairman was late arriving for the meeting

Members present:, Mr K Brew (Vice Chairman) Mr J Teare and Mr P Halpin. Mrs. V A Quane (Chairman) and Miss M Westall were both and unable to attend and had given 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 7th October 2021, having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Vice Chairman.

Matters arising from the minutes

DEFA Future Management of Sulby Claddagh – The clerk advised she had now had a response from DEFA. The Commissioners had asked for advice given by the Attorney General's office. Permission was being sought to pass this onto the Commissioners.

Vermin Sulby Glen The clerk advised that following the meeting held with DEFA and other interested parties, she had received as promised an email from DEFA outlining how best for us to proceed. The clerk was instructed to draft a letter to the landowner concerned in the first instance, pointing out the various issues for approval by the members. By laws will be needed and the clerk suggested that while we are considering by laws, we should look to see if any others needed to be created and have them all done at the same time. Clerk to suggest which may be applicable. Mr Teare wondered how long by laws last. The clerk advised she would find out. A notice is to be created for the notice board expanding on the issue of vermin in the Glen to advise the public of the problems.

Hall Car park - wet area outside kitchen window. The clerk advised that our contractor had called to the office to look at an alternative method of dealing with this problem. Work will be undertaken in the new year due to current work load.

Trees – Sulby Community Hall Car Park The clerk advised the members that she had contacted out contractor asking him to carry out the initial work as agreed. Permission would not be needed after all from DEFA as the trees are not on the registered trees listing.

Andreas Road The clerk advised she had driven passed the area and work had been undertaken to remove the debris and overhanging trees as requested by the Commissioners. The clerk is to organise a road sweep of the area, once the second week spray had been carried out.

Opposite Ellan Bane – West of the Nappin The clerk advised that following the letter written to the landowner a call had been received from the tenant of the land. He had promised to write to the Commissioners to explain this situation. Another tenant of the land had also phoned who advised they would write in prior to our meeting next month.

Fernleigh The clerk advised she had made several calls regarding trees etc, but had not received any response. The clerk was requested to write a 7 day notice letter.

Christmas Tree Price List 2021 – The clerk advised the members that permission had been granted by Mr Radcliffe for our tree to be placed behind the wall at the old shop. Following this confirmation, Mrs Quane had contacted Mr Kneale, who agreed to choose a tree on our behalf. Contact had been received from DEFA asking when we wanted our tree to be delivered. The members agreed week ending 3rd December. The clerk was asked to contact Mr Radcliffe to see if he could offer any help in erecting the tree.

Road Traffic Regulation (weight limit) Order 2021 – The clerk advised she had written as requested to check the increase in the weight limit from 2t to 3.5t for Tholt y Wil bridge. DOI had advised that they have “no concerns on the change from 2T to 3.5T. This weight limit is to prevent large vehicles from traversing the hairpins and narrow road. The raising from 2T reflects

the increase in weight of modern cars from safety standards etc. and puts this in line with other weight limits elsewhere”.

Sulby School – Use of Sulby Community Hall in case of evacuation. The clerk advised that she had checked with various bodies as requested who saw no issue with the school using our hall at such times. The clerk advised that the Headteacher had called over to undertake a risk assessment which was all fine. An “open” booking form and a key holder form are to be completed and an extra key cut for their use.

Pelican Crossing question Sulby Village – The clerk advised she had spoken to DOI regarding our request. An email had also been received outlining the criteria for a crossing. The potential site would have to be evaluated. The email advised further that to warrant a form of pedestrian crossing 250 pedestrians crossing over a 4 hour period would be required.

Drain issues Sulby Glen Road – x 3. The clerk advised she had provided information to Chris Lally of DOI regarding these issues and had also chased for response. None received. The clerk is to continue to chase up.

Mr Teare enquired about the additional pieces of land put forward for the North and West Area Plan and asked if he could see them. (From last months minutes - [LR036 - Field No 134817 Loughen-e-Yeigh](#) Residential. The Commissioners do not support the use for this land. Field prone to flooding – not suitable).

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

President of Tynwald – Invitation to Tynwald Christmas Carol Service 16th Dec 2021 at 1.10pm St Mary of the Isle RC Church Hill Street Douglas.

Cabinet Office -

Anti Bribery and Corruption Project – the clerk handed out copies of the slides presented at the recent clerk forum.

Area Plan for North and West – additional site Ramsey South Beach. The members do not support this site for development. It should be left as a beach.

Enterprise – Visit Isle of Man – need to update our listing for hostel

Department of Environment Food and Agriculture

Climate Change Bill for Public Bodies – leaflet – meeting at RTC at 7pm for members. Members are attending.

Biosphere Isle of Man – leaflet from Municipal presentation

Department of Infrastructure

Highway Services

Glen Auldyn –

Resurfacing Scheme - Completion of works to road – white lining and speed roundels to be reinstated in due course.

New Drainage Work – Vicinity of Race Cottage commencing 15.10.21 lasting for 2-3 weeks. Residents have been advised by letter.

Temporary closure – Mountain Road between 9.15am to 4.00pm each day from 8th and 11th November. Winter Maintenance

Local Government Unit

Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours Competition. The clerk was asked to circulate this information to the members.

Road Traffic Licensing Committee Good vehicles 26 – No lezayre issues.

Manx Wildlife Magazine – for display

Culture Vannin – Reih Bleeaney Vanannan Nominations. The clerk was asked to circulate this information to the members.

Douglas Borough Council –

Local Government Superannuation Scheme – Scheme reform communication. Lezayre Parish Commissioners are not part of this scheme.

Electric Vehicles – charging points – observations – challenges. The clerk was asked to seek information from MUA regarding charging points on the Island and particularly for Lezayre.

BBC Local Democracy Reported – Sarah Hendy – requesting information regarding when our meetings are held. The clerk told the members that she had advised when our meetings are held and a copy of our agenda was sent. The clerk advised that if any items are to be reported we should make sure all information is correct before being publicised.

Island Life – Promoting Island Life – information

Glen Auldyn Shoot – days of shoots advised – on Glen Auldyn notice board. The clerk advised that she had to create a poster to advise this to residents. Next time the shoot are to provide a poster themselves.

Items from the general public

Butterflies Nursery – request to cut verges on footpath on Sulby Glen Road from the nursery. Our contractor had been contacted to undertake this work.

St Stephen's Meadow – vegetation on land owned by Hartford Homes – overgrown – nuisance
The clerk showed the members some photographs taken recently and some from 2011 which highlighted the extend of the overgrown areas. The Commissioners are happy to support this problem. The clerk is to write to Hartford Homes.

For Sale signage – for information

Any other business

Conservation area – discuss. The clerk advised she has noticed 3 proposed conservation areas when searching on the Government website for the registered tree areas and had contacted planning to check what this was about. Apparently they had been put forward in 2005 by the Sulby and Lezayre Heritage Trust (SLHT), (now dissolved) but never progressed. In the Southern Area Plan, conservation areas had been put forward, so the clerk wondered if these areas should be put forward in the North and West Area Plan. The members asked the clerk to speak with Mr Vernon (SLHT) ex member to understand the reasoning behind these areas being put forward. Bring to the next meeting for discussion.

Report Planning enforcement – The clerk reported to the members a breach of planning at Land to West of Old School. Work has commenced without the applicant satisfying several conditions of the approval. The members agreed that the clerk report this as a breach of planning.

Planning enforcement issues – Planning and Building control work independently of each other. The clerk explained that in connection with the above breach it has come to light that following a planning approval and subsequent building control application, no checks are undertaken to ensure that all planning conditions have been met. Following conversations with planning the clerk was advised that both departments work independently of each others and any checking of conditions is not part of the building control process. The clerk explained further that perhaps if closer working was in place, this may reduce the number of enforcement cases as they would be controlled at the building control stage. Planning has suggested that we write to Head of

Planning and MHK's as Legislation would have to be changed. The members supported this idea and the clerk is to write as suggested to the department etc.

Re-rated property - 2nd Supplemental list – The clerk advised a property that had been re rated following the removal of the restaurant element of the building. It is now operating as a takeaway business, which Treasury have advised will not increase the rateable value.

Renewed insurance documents – employers liability displayed.

Attendance Allowance – The clerk asked the new member if he would like to claim the attendance allowance for attending meetings. The new member advised he would not be claiming attendance allowance.

Changes to Red Diesel use – the Clerk advised that changes to duty on red diesel coming into effect on 1st April 2022, may have an effect on charges made to us by contractors that undertake work on our behalf in connection with Local Services. We should bear this in mind in our next budget.

Annual Accounts for March 21 – to be signed – Chairman and RFO. As the Chairman was absent, the clerk sought permission to call to Mrs Quane's house tomorrow to have the accounts signed. The members agreed.

Date for next meeting - The next meeting will take place on Thursday 2nd December at 7pm.

Any other business

Arrange to meet new MHK's. The members asked the clerk to arrange to meet with our MHK's and for them to be invited to attend our next meeting in December.

Ramsey Town Boundary extension The clerk circulated to the members the latest correspondence received from the Local Government Unit in connection with the boundary extension. Ramsey Town Commissioners still have to submit more detailed information on this matter and complete maps that clearly identify the new proposed boundary.

The clerk explained that our premises had been inspected recently by the Fire Department. Following a service of the equipment (Fire alarm and Emergency lighting) 3 items were found to be defective. These have all been replaced/repared and we have now been re-inspected and now signed off. The electricians who undertook the work have advised that the servicing need to be every 6 months, but the record book advises annually. Clerk to clarify.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....