

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.10 m, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present:, Mrs. V A Quane (Chairman), Mr J Teare and Miss M Westall joined the meeting via a Teams video connection. Mr K Brew (Vice Chairman) did not attend and gave his apologies. Mr P Halpin did not attend and had given his apologies to the clerk prior to the meeting. Mrs. M Rimmer the Clerk took the minutes. There were no members of the press and no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 2nd December 2021, having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the minutes

Vermin Sulby Glen The Clerk updated the members advising that a further reply had been received from the landowner of the area involved advising the best solution was for them to separate the area off with a dry wall, to match existing with gate for access etc. They are also asking for our help to contact planning and DOI for the necessary authorisation. The members agreed for the clerk to assist. The clerk advised further that prices are being sought for a road sign (A1 or A2) to be placed regarding dumping of birds etc. The members still need to advise which by laws are required and also which areas they are to apply to. The members agreed to bring their ideas to the next meeting. The clerk had written a press release which required approval from the members. To be finalised and circulated.

Abbeylands The clerk advised the members that the tenant of this land had called to apologise for the lack of progress on the site and explained that due to illness this had not progressed. It was noted that the white van had been moved.

Hall Car park - wet area outside kitchen window. The clerk advised that she still needs to price and order the materials required for our contractor to undertake this work.

Trees – Sulby Community Hall Car Park The clerk advised the Work to the trees was still to be undertaken. Members need to agree price provided. The clerk was asked to obtain a further quote for comparison.

Drain Issues – Claddagh Road - The clerk advised that she had finally heard from DOI, Noel Farrell who had agreed to look at this problem and report back. The clerk advised that once this was resolved she would raise the others one at a time. (Sulby Glen Road x 2)

St Stephens Meadow- overgrown area – The clerk advised she had chased for a response, but no reply yet.

Conservation area – The clerk advised that she had not had time to evaluate the information provided by the SLHT submitted to Planning some year ago.

Planning enforcement issues – the clerk advised that she is currently drafting a letter to send to members of the planning team along with the DEFA Minister. To be brought to the next meeting.

The clerk advised she had contacted our contractors to ask if any increases are forthcoming due to changes in red diesel etc. Road sweeping will increase because of this, and grass cutting at the hall. No changes with red diesel for hedge cutting, but contractor has advised that his prices will increase. (Hedge cutting price has not increased since 2015 when work given to LA's by DOI). Road sweepings taken to Ballanevan will double in price due to increase implemented by them. Gully emptying will increase.

Reminder to members advising Marown Commissioners Civic Sunday 30th January 2022, Marown Parish Church at 10.30am.

The clerk advised that the Community Service team had carried out the removal of the overgrown bushes to the front of the property Fernleigh. They had done a great job. The

members agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent. Still no response from the owner of the property.

Zurich – Insurance cover obligations – The clerk advised she had spoken to our contact who had stated that the values declared by us are fine for this year. We should consider having our property valued again at the time of renewal through the RICS valuation to ensure that we are not under insured.

MUA Charging points – Ms Westall suggested that the clerk contact MUA to ask if they would consider installing charging points at the Claddagh, Community Hall Car Park and the Wildlife Car Park. The other members agreed for the clerk to make contact.

Mr Teare advised the members that the refuse rate for Lezyare would remain unchanged for the financial year 2022-23 – 67p in the pound and a fixed charge of £48 per property. One driver resigned. Agreed to purchase 2nd hand wagon.

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

Cabinet Office -

Keys and Local Elections – update – advising delay in bringing Local Elections under the same rules as Keys Elections. This should be in place by 1st July 2022. Until then any by elections etc will have to be carried out under the current Local Election legislation.

Climate Change Transformation Team – enquiry re our building and employees. Clerk to provide.

Infrastructure -

Local Government Unit – Feedback from Anti Bribery and Corruption Project. The members agreed that Mrs Quane could assist the clerk with our feedback.

New Staff member in the Local Government Unit team. Nadia Katsaiti who has replaced Tracey Woods.

Highways -

Dhoor Bridge House – blocked gullies – these have been dealt with by our contactor.

Application for road closure – Glen Auldyn Road – over green bridge opposite Glen Auldyn Chapel 10.02.22 to 05.03.22 Tarmac Overlay. Clerk is to check that DOI have advised the refuse board of this closure.

RTL – Goods vehicles no 27 24.12.21 All operators discs to be registration specific

Ramsey Town Commissioners – report of fly tipping Bride Road - Two televisions– the clerk was asked to obtain some photographs and write a piece for the newspaper to deter further fly tipping and also to organise removal.

Northern Swimming Pool Board – The members discussed the implication of the increase in the rates for the swimming pool, which is unfair on the ratepayer. Funding for the increase in energy costs, should be met by central government. The present situation is inherently unfair. The clerk read out a piece she had written to bring this matter to the attention of the public. To be placed on the notice board and also on the website.

Information Commissioners – to be renewed for Clerk expires 03.02.2022 - renewed

Municipal Association – list of meeting dates for 2022 given to Mrs Quane.

Sulby School – Attendance to concerts. Explanation re non invitation to Christmas concert – restricted number of seats due to covid mitigations.

Items from the general public

Ginger Hall Bring Banks – copy of complaint as bins not emptied – now resolved – Issue as collecting company were unable to access site due to contractors using the car park (Sulby Bridge Wall repairs)

Garey Road – Road sweep please and shooting range Sky Hill. The clerk explained the situation following work in the area of Garey Ford/Chequers properties. Sweep to be organised. In connection of the shooting range the clerk was asked to seek information from planning to understand what can take place on the hill and at what times and noise nuisance was a problem. Mrs Quane advised the members that broken clay debris was littering the sky hill road and surrounding areas.

Any other business

Discuss Planning application Carrick – The clerk advised the members that this planning application was still not determined. This is to lower the wall as the applicant had not sought permission to alter the walls at the access. Suggest when approved that a date is written for the work to be completed by, as it is a road safety issue. All agreed that the clerk write to planning on this matter.

Christmas tree ideas for 2022 – location etc The clerk showed the members some alternative ideas for future Christmas trees. The members agreed to give this matter some thought for future display and location.

Electrical items in kitchen – check list for weekly checks. The clerk showed the members the check list that our caretaker will undertake on a weekly basis.

Date for next meeting - The next meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd February 2022.

Any other business

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – are we planning to hold a event? Bank Holidays 2nd and 3rd June 22 The members agreed to give this matter some thought, perhaps an afternoon tea.

Hall Window Frames – in need of repairs? The clerk showed the members some photographs which show the poor condition of the window frames in the south facing side of the hall. The clerk was asked to obtain some quotes for repairs etc. Two window sills were cracked which will need to be repaired.

Lottery Funding – potential funding for repairs to hall. The clerk was asked to bring application forms to the next meeting.

Civic Sunday - Update. Mrs Quane advised the members that plans are in place for Sunday 13th March at 3pm – Lezayre Church, with refreshments served afterwards.

Sky Hill - Clay Pigeon shooting – discussed above.

The Clerk asked the members if a thank you letter could be sent to the Probation Service who had organised the team who undertook work outside Fernleigh property clearing the overgrown bushes etc. The members agreed and were also very pleased with the results. The clerk advised that a skip had been organised for the disposal of the cuttings and debris at £125 which was the best value for their removal. This cost is to be recovered from the owner of the property.

Mr Teare advised the members that he had not been able to attend the last two meetings of the Refuse Board. This was due to issues with his computer, which were now resolved.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

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