

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Public meeting held on Thursday 5th January 2023 at 7.00pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present: Mr K Brew (Chairman), Mr J Teare (Vice Chairman), Mrs V A Quane, Mr P Halpin and Miss Westall. 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 1st December 2022, having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the minutes

Pedestrian crossing. The clerk circulated the maps provided by DOI for us to mark up areas of concern for pedestrians in the village. Maps to be brought to our next meeting. Still awaiting feedback from the Minor Improvement Committee on ways things can be improved to deter speeding and make it safer for pedestrians. Minor Improvements team to be chased up.

Vermin – Sign “dumping of unwanted poultry” to be erected at the Garey. Mr Brew agreed to visit the site to ascertain the best location.

The clerk advised she had not progressed several items from the minutes as she had been busy with the document in connection with the Ramsey Town Boundary Extension.

Car park – under window – Speak with contractor re potential concrete work or infill.

Flag Pole – Not progressed.

Footpath from Dale lane to Millrace estate Mr Brew advised he had looked at the lane. The fence once leaning appears to have been repaired.

Enforcement case for Mrs Megson Still to be completed.

Manx Telecom – phone box in village – Still to be followed up.

Narradale – passing places – The clerk has not heard from anyone, DOI or Manx Wildlife Trust. Both parties to be chased up to share information.

Field at Sulby Bridge. Silver type box still needs to be removed from the field at Sulby Bridge.

Lane at Ramsey/Lezayre boundary Dog poo signs to be placed/stuck to trees at this location by the Clerk.

GTS Corporate Gazetteer – Still need to write re Lezayre addresses stating Ramsey.

Smiley Sids signs for village – Website information received from DOI. Need to find prices etc.

Glen Auldyn 20mph speed request The clerk asked if we could write further to our previous request for a 20mph speed limit. Since the road was resurfaced, the 30mph roundels need to be reinstated. Could we request that instead 20mph roundels are put down along with signage on entry to the Glen. What are the cost involved and has our request been assessed yet? The members agreed. Still to be written by the clerk.

Web Site The clerk advised she had contacted 3 local companies who build websites. Only

heard back from from one company who wanted to come and discuss our requirements. Simple self build sites were suggested, but this required time by the clerk to create. Clerk to meet and discuss options.

Grand Island Picnic Site – Clerk still to respond to this item.

Kella Road – verge markers required for ditch and stable in field. - The clerk advised that these matters still need to be reported.

Public meeting for the proposed Ramsey Town Boundary Extension – The clerk advised that a new time table to process the boundary extension was not yet created. LGU are hoping to have a chairman in place, for the inquiry by the end of January, early February. Mr Halpin suggested that a letter is drafted to the LGU asking for the process to be halted as RTC application not based on an imminent requirement, but a wish on their part, Section 6 of the LG Act has not been established for such an application and also to wait for the completion/outcome of the Area Plan for the North and West and the All Island Plan. Mr Halpin agreed to draft the letter, which would then be circulated. All agreed.

Office of the Minister and Chief Executive – Chris Thomas Meeting with the Commissioners. The clerk asked the members what they would like to discuss at this meeting. It was agreed to discuss the Boundary Extension, Highway Charger and the Swimming Pool review.

Smiley Sids to be placed by the Old Shop (towards Ballaugh) The clerk advised that she still needs to speak with DOI with this request.

Fibre Broadband into the building – The clerk is still to explore purchasing a booster for the hall, which hopefully, would improve Wifi for our users.

Church Town Loop Road junction with TT Course Clerk still to speak with DOI re better mirrors when pulling off this junction.

Road Drain outside Glen Mooar House clerk still to seek feedback. Has this collapsed?

Correspondence

Department of Education Sport and Culture - Swimming Pool review by Knight, Kavanagh and Page. Copies of this review had been circulated by email when it was released by DESC. The members discussed some elements of the review. The clerk advised that at the January 2023 Tynwald sitting DESC Minister Julie Edge was to set the ball rolling on a piece of work to cost a long term plan to transfer the regional pools into her department and form regional sports hubs. This report would come back to Tynwald in October 2023. The clerk advised further that she had read a statement by the DOI Minister Chris Thomas about potential funding, which might still come from Local Authorities. The members agreed for now to wait and see what the outcome from the initial statement to be made in January 2023 Tynwald.

Department for Enterprise –

Accommodation Registration for our Hostel to be completed by 27th January 2023.

Financial Assistance Scheme – Employee Incentives Review. The clerk advised we had not taken part in this scheme. Unable to comment.

Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture Climate Change Transformation Team

Information advising dedicated area on the NetZero website for Public bodies and also a dedicated email address.

Respond to Tynwald Question – our NetZero plans. The clerk advised she had not managed to respond to this request.

Consultation – Making public bodies' climate reporting easier. Closes 21st February 2023

Ecosystem Policy Team – New Wildlife Act General Licenses for the control of birds.

Department of Infrastructure

Highways

Draft Highways Maintenance Service Level agreement for comments – The clerk circulated copies to the members so that the document could be discussed. The document indicates that DOI expect the LA's to undertake additional work, reporting of assets (drainage), dealing with trees. Comments were recorded by the clerk on her copy to be submitted to DOI. The clerk pointed out that the additional work DOI would like us to undertake would add costs to our expenditure and therefore increase our rates to the Parishioners.

Draft Reserved Parking Places Order 2023 - None for Lezayre

Treasury

End of year update – exempt and charity allowances – explained what Treasury are doing to establish a correct list of zero rated properties, or properties put on hold due to renovation work along with charity allowances. This should then agree with the figure that is shown on our annual rates statement. No update on proposed changes for payments to AG costs at present.

Manx Care- Leaflet signposting health and social care options on the Isle of Man

Road Traffic Licensing Committee

No 549 14.12.22 – Buses and Taxis – No Lezayre issues

No 37 15.12.22 – Goods vehicles – No Lezayre issues

Information Commissioner – renewal for Clerk - 3rd February 2023

HSBC – closure of Ramsey Branch – do we need to look to change our account to another bank? The clerk explained that some hall hirers pay by cheque, and that cash is also received. These would still need to be banked. Mr Brew and Mr Halpin both volunteered to bank monies at the Douglas Branch. Mrs Quane advised we should check to see if this is allowed.

Insurance Claim – Roof damaged in high wind and damage to neighbours vehicle. The clerk explained to the members what had happened and advised that a claim had been submitted to claim for the roof and the damage to the neighbours vehicle.

Any other business

Copy emails from resident of Carrick Park in connection with the building plot to the rear of the Ginger Hall – concerns regarding the ditch and flooding. Further email received from DOI Flood Risk Manager, Malcolm Cowin who is looking into the best solution to address the flooding from the watercourse/ditch. The clerk was asked to write to all parties advising that the Commissioners support the action to improve the culvert to reduce flooding etc.

Christmas Tree – Sulby Methodist Church – The clerk was asked to write to the Church thanking them for allowing our alternative tree to be displayed on their grounds and to ask if they would like a contribution to electricity costs.

Items in relation to the Community Hall – The clerk asked the members if a small 2 step ladder could be purchased along with a more sturdy ladder. The members agreed. The clerk also explained about the orange chairs stored in the container. These were required for a function in the hall, but on inspection they were found to be in poor condition. The clerk asked if 30 chairs could be purchased and kept in the hall, so that we have 120 chairs on the premises as stated on our booking form (maximum seating). The members also agreed and it was suggested to keep a look out for chairs on Chrystals Auction site.

Date for next meeting - It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 7pm.

It was also agreed to hold the rate setting meeting on Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 7pm. Clerk agreed to circulate calculations by 18th January 2023 for the members to consider.

Mr Brew asked the clerk if the Clenagh Road could be swept. Clerk to organise.

Mr Brew made some suggestions about the visit of the Governor in June 2023. Perhaps Mr Vernon could take him on a walk around Sulby, visit Sulby School. Mrs Quane suggested the Grest Home. Light lunch back at the hall/boardroom. Ideas to be collated.

Mr Brew also asked the clerk to ask if Sulby School are holding an event to celebrate the Kings Coronation and if so could Lezayre Commissioners join and assist.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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