The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Meeting held on Thursday 3rd January 2019, at 8.15pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present: Mr K Brew (Chairman), Mr. A D Radcliffe (Vice Chairman), Mrs V Quane, and Mr J Teare. Miss V Radcliffe had sent her apologies as she was unable to attend. Mrs M Rimmer the Clerk took the minutes. There were no members of the public and no members of the press in attendance.

Prior to the commencement of the public meeting the members met at 7pm with Abigail Morgan, the planning enforcement officer. She explained the operational policy and the work going on to deal with the back log of inherited cases, categorisation and prioritisation and a harm assessment form which is used to assess any report to determine if action is required. Usually a score of 5 or more would be investigated. Tim Baker MHK is the Political Member for planning and also the Chair of the Planning Committee. Another reason for her visit was to ascertain if the Commissioners could assist by writing to the public on potential breaches, suggesting that they might seek planning advice to avoid possible problems with selling their property in the future. The clerk had prepared a draft letter which could be used. Miss Morgan agreed to send some further useful paragraphs which could be used. Miss Morgan left the meeting at 8.15pm. The members felt the meeting was very interesting and helpful, gaining a better understanding of the challenging process. The members commenced the public meeting at this time.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 6th December 2018, having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the minutes

PROW050 – the clerk advised that she had still not received prices to erect the kissing gate. This is to be chased up by the clerk.

Manx Utilities Authority – the clerk advised that issues with street lights in the Sulby Crossroads area was still ongoing. Any “off” lights still out need to be reported.

Public Footpaths – Bill Dale (Beach Buddies) had reported work carried out on Dale Lane, the Old Railway line from Clenagh Road towards the Wild Life Park and Bride Road Beach footpath. The clerk is to check the work carried out on the Railway line and also if Beach Buddies can install some new wooden steps on the Bride Beach footpath. This is to checked with DOI before giving instruction to Beach Buddies. The Commissioners are grateful to Beach Buddies for their help.

Mrs Quane commented that vehicles have been reported in fields on the sea side of the Bride Road. She agreed to go and take a look and report this onto the Clerk.

At the last meeting the members discussed flooding issues in the Kerrowmoar area on the TT course. It was particularly bad at Wayside Cottage which was flooded during the heavy rainfall last year. The clerk had received some information via Mr Cannan MHK on this matter. DOI have requested an independent survey of the property to review the issues. The clerk was asked to request a copy of the survey. Mrs Quane also advised that the previous owner would maintain a culvert to the front of the property. Was this still in place?

The clerk advised she had driven along the Kella Road and reported its bad condition to the DOI. Mr Teare advised a tree down on this road, that was eventually dealt with by the DOI.

The clerk advised feedback from DOI in connection with the new 40mph section on the Clenagh Road. The members had requested this was increased to include the Kella Road/ Curragh Road crossroads. Feedback stated that Buffer zones (40mph) are created with
set standards, if they are set too far out they are less effective. They also advised that crossroads signs will be chased up again with the relevant officer.

Mr Teare raised concerns regarding the condition of the Clenagh Road especially following the incident reported last month whereby a vehicle sustained damage to its wheel. Mr Brew advised he had reported this road via DOI report a problem. There are several potholes along a large section of this road. The clerk is to take some photographs and send to the DOI.

Mrs Quane advised that since the yellow lines had been lifted on a short section of the main road through the village, a vehicle is parking outside Laureldene on a regular basis. Mrs Quane proposed and Mr Brew seconded that the clerk write to the owner reminding them of the rules of the yellow lines as the parking is causing an obstruction to vehicles exiting Kella Road.

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

Office of the Chief Minister – Holocaust Memorial Service – Sunday 27th January 2019 – St Mary’s Church, Hill Street, at 3pm.

Cabinet Office – Revised Register of Electors 1st January 2019

Department of Infrastructure – Highway Services – Traffic Management Liaison Group meetings. The clerk explained that DOI are changing the approach of these meetings. A new draft document is currently being prepared which will set out the aims of these meetings, focusing on programmed work rather than day to day maintenance issues. A meeting will be arranged in the near future for this document to be discussed.

Visit Isle of Man – renewal papers for hostel registration completed. The clerk explained that a brownie group had visited to see if our facilities were adequate for a summer camp. They had enquired if our board room could be used in addition to the hall. The clerk confirmed that she had made enquiries and was waiting for a response from Tourism.

DEFA - Planning and Building Control – form to advise “intention to demolish a building”. This will need to be completed to enable us to demolish the Ballabrooie toilets along with a fee of £85.00. The clerk was asked to check if we need to advise any neighbours of our intention.

Information Commissioners – Renewal Papers for Clerk – completed to be returned along with cheque for £70 – Papers returned for Mr J Teare.

Winner of Christmas Lights Competition – Mr Brew announced the winner to be property Fo Cronk, Sulby Glen Road. Letter and plaque to be organised for the owner.

Any Other Business

Mr Teare advised the members of a public notice in the Courier in connection with land around the Wildlife Park area. The Attorney General’s office are handling the voluntary registration on the Isle of Man Land Registry.

Mr Brew enquired if the probation team had carried out the work as organised last year. The clerk advised this was happening today as it had been cancelled due to bad weather on the original day.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 7th February at 7pm.

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

Signed…………………………………Chairman       Date……………………