The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners meeting held on Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 7.00pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present: Mrs. V A Quane (Chairman), Mr K Brew (Vice Chairman), Mr J Teare and Mr P Halpin. Miss M Westall did not attend the meeting and had given her apologies to the clerk, earlier in the day. 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 12th January 2022, 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 and advised them of recent events due to bird flu and that the cockerels in Sulby Glen were no more. The clerk was asked to write to the landowner explaining the situation and to ask him to get on with building the wall. (planning not required if wall not over 1m high) Wall to be stone to blend with existing walls in Glen, 12ft gate required by DOI flood Management to access river and also when the wall will be built. Prices for signage had been obtained. The members agreed that 2 A2 signs should be purchased. Mr Teare advised he had seen a sign regarding cockerels at the Devil’s Elbow in German Parish. The clerk was asked to contact them to establish wording for consistency. The clerk is to create and process a by law re – feeding of birds. The clerk was also asked to enquire how long the yellow barriers will remain at the location and to ask DEFA to undertake a one off treatment for vermin to the area as agreed previously.

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 a further price for this work, which was favourable. The members agreed for the work to be undertaken and the clerk was asked to contact the resident to advise that a small contribution would be required for branches into their garden. Clerk to organise.

Drain Issues – Claddagh Road - The clerk advised that work had been undertaken at this location to try to remedy the issue of water flowing in the wrong direction. The clerk was asked to seek information to show what had been done and how this would work. It was hoped that this would correct the water flow, but this would only be proved in times of heavy rain. (wait and see). The clerk is to chase up two further road drain issues on Sulby Glen.

St Stephens Meadow- overgrown area – The clerk was asked to chase again, as this work needs to be carried out before the nesting season, 1st March.

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 that the Anti Bribery consultation had been completed and submitted.

Fly tipping Bride Road - Two televisions– the clerk advised the members that Karl had offered to go and look for the items as she had not yet visited the site. He couldn’t see them but did notice an issue with the PROW at this location, down to the shore. This issue was reported to DOI as they are responsible for maintenance. The clerk advised further she had contacted the owners of the land and called to the property to establish their exact location. Mr Brew agreed to take a look to see if he would be able to assist with their removal. The clerk was also asked to contact Norman Cannel RTC Finance officer to advise their possible delivery to the Civic Amenity site. The piece for the newspaper is still to be written.
Northern Swimming Pool. The clerk advised she had prepared a notice regarding the increase in the swimming pool rate, which was now not needed due to the required order not being submitted in time, which had been advised by our representative Mr Halpin. He advised further that the North West and South would work together and fight against the increase.

Garey Road – Road sweep please – still to be organised.

Skyhill Shooting/scrambling – the clerk advised receipt of further emails on this matter and asked for permission to gather information regarding the use of the site and submit an enforcement case, so that the site can be investigated. The members agreed.

Hall Window Frames – The clerk needs to obtain quotes for this work. The members suggested Mr Culshaw, and another joiner. Clerk to contact.

Lottery Funding – potential funding for repairs to hall. The clerk had printed off the information regarding applying for funding and was unsure if our need was appropriate for their support. The clerk was asked to contact them to try and clarify the position.

The Clerk advised that a thank you letter had been sent to the Probation Service regarding work undertaken at Fernleigh and a response received thanking us for our kind words, which had been passed onto the team. They did enquire if we would make a comment on Social Media, which we don't currently have. Mr Brew agreed to forward information to the clerk regarding access to a Lezayre Parish Commissioners facebook page which he had recently set up. Contact with the owner of this property had still not been made. Although our original letter had been sent recorded delivery, there was no trace of the letter having been received and was not returned as undeliverable. Mr Brew agreed to take a letter in person to the property owners business.

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

Cabinet Office – Consultations
The clerk advised a short list of closing consultations. One was on “changes to the on-island non emergency patient transport service. Mrs Quane asked for a copy of this so she could complete and send in.

Infrastructure -

Highway services -

Upcoming works –

A18 Mountain Road - Road Closures
28th February 2022 to 15th April 2022 from Barrule Park to the Bungalow - 4th April 2022 to 15th April - Bungalow to Creg na Baa daytime closure between - 9.15am to 4pm Monday to Friday. This item was circulated as the members were requested to submit any comments prior to this meeting. Responses received were passed back to DOI. - concerns with more traffic using the Tholt y Wil Road, safety issue for pedestrians.

Glen Auldyn
10th February 2022 to 5th March 2022 U16 Glen Auldyn back road is closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic from its river crossing bridge to it terminus adjacent to property Far End. At the last meeting the clerk was asked to check with DOI that a copy of this closure had been sent to the refuse board clerk. This was checked and advised yes. Yesterday the clerk contacted the refuse clerk to see if he had received this information. He advised he hadn’t, which was disappointing. The members suggested that the clerk contact the refuse clerk for him to liaise directly with the contractor of IDG to fix a solution for the collection of refuse.

Reserved Parking Places Designation Order 2022 – non listed for Lezayre
Active Travel Liaison Officer (Schools)  Play Streets pilot project – The clerk gave some feedback received from Miss Westall, who had attended an online virtual meeting. The scheme was not really suitable for the more rural areas such as Lezayre. Not very positive. Just an exercise so that a box could be ticked.

Local Government Unit – copy letter sent to Vicar and Wardens of Lezayre – Burial rate 0.08p/£

RTLC Circular 531 27.01.22 No Lezayre items
RTLC Goods Vehicles 28 27.01.22 No Lezayre items

Malew Commissioners – Civic Sunday invite Sunday 6th March 2022 at 3pm, Abbey Church Ballasalla, with light refreshments in the Ballasalla Village Hall afterwards.

Items from the general public

Request for road sweeping – Jurby Road – Keys Lane to Westhill. The clerk advised she was waiting for the Cronk Ruagh bends to be cleared before sending the road sweeper out.

Street Light issue Carrick Park. Street light shining into adjacent property. Can a shroud be attached to lessen the glow. The clerk advised she had asked for a price for this work from Mr Smith of MUA, but not received yet. Wait for quote.

Isle of Man issues raised at the recent MHK’s political surgery. For information. It was noted that most items were on a national level.

Road Ownership – off Churchtown Loop Road (side of Tranent up to Ballachree Cottage. The members studied the information received and other documents held, but were unable to assist.

Any other business

Swimming Pool – Comments sent in by Miss Westall in relation to the potential increase in the rate that did not go ahead were read to the members by the clerk. To be filed with other swimming pool information for future use.

Mr Teare advised the members that his computer was now all sorted. He did not attend any interviews for the new refuse driver as he was not invited to take part.

Date for next meeting - The next meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd March 2022. Mr Halpin gave his apologies as he would be unable to attend the next meeting.

The clerk advised she had received a call from Sarah Hendy, the Local Democracy Reporter for Manx Radio. She was looking for a Commissioner who would talk with her about the rates and outstanding rates. The members agreed to create a general statement in relation to this request.

Mrs Quane raised a matter regarding the Ballacaley Road and the amount of tree debris left on the grass verges. The members did not reach a conclusion as to how to deal with this.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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