The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Meeting held on Thursday 8th August 2019, at 7.00pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

Members present: Mr. A D Radcliffe (Chairman), Mrs. V A Quane (Vice Chairman), Mr K Brew, Miss V Radcliffe and Mr J Teare. Mrs. M Rimmer the Clerk took the minutes. There was 4 members of the public and no members of the press in attendance.

Mr and Miss Radcliffe were late arriving at the meeting. Mrs Quane assumed the chair in the Chairman’s absence. The members of the public attending were asked the purpose of their attendance and were invited to speak. They had come to seek clarification regarding use of PROW050 (Sulby Village to Sulby Claddagh) and in particular the locked gate placed by Mr Cain and the kissing gate placed by the Commissioners. Mr Knight advised he had spoken to a land lawyer and that the land on which the PROW sits was not private and therefore a gate could not be placed across preventing access. Several years of use was claimed and also a right of way over the dam/weir/sluice gate from his land. Mrs Quane explained the proper use of a PROW. “pedestrian access only” The members agreed to seek the correct ownership of the land in question. Other points raised; a traffic mirror was to be placed opposite the access to the Kella Mill site as part of the planning application in relation to Mr Bairstow’s building (clerk to check); comment regarding the difficulty exiting the Kella Mill since the removal of double yellow lines opposite as vehicles park, (noted) . Mr and Miss Radcliffe arrived during the above discussion. Mr Radcliffe thanked the public for attending and will advise once the necessary information has been sourced.

The clerk was asked to carry out the following tasks. Definitive use of a PROW, all land ownership on land around the PROW. Small gate to be re-hung (not as a kissing gate).

The public meeting continued at 7.30pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the Wednesday 3rd July 2019, having being circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the minutes

The clerk explained to the members the experiment carried out to see how plans could be viewed electronically, via a computer projector. Mr Brew had brought one it to test after the extraordinary meeting held on Monday the 5th August. Members present at the meeting did stay for a short while but it was felt that unless the plans were submitted in a high resolution, viewing them via this method was not clear. The clerk also advised that Ramsey Town Commissioners currently view hard copies of plans. The clerk was asked to seek feedback from all other local authorities.

The clerk advised that she had sought clarification of the road closure on the Tholt y Wil road. Plans showed from the old village and also at the junction with the mountain road. This was the extent of the closure for through traffic. Access maintained for residents.

Equality Act 2017 retirement age policies. Information had been received advising that we should not operate a compulsory retirement age due to changes coming in January 2020 whereby it will be unlawful for LA’s to force an individual to retire at a set retirement age, unless we could objectively justify a reason. The clerk was asked to check what is stated in the current contract of employment. In both cases ages are stated at 65. This matter was discussed and it was agreed that this would only need to be changed if a new employee were to be engaged in the future.

At the last meeting the clerk was asked to seek information to upgrade our online security. The clerk presented information provided by AVG to upgrade some aspects of our protection. The members agreed to this upgrade.

The clerk advised she had written to Mrs Bexon Ingham and also Hartford Homes regarding the condition of paths and growth of bushes/trees etc, but had not heard from back at all. The pavements have been sprayed by our contractor, but no feedback received regarding dealing with the moss. The clerk was asked to chase this up.
The clerk checked she had the correct address of the owner in relation to the Memorial Bench for Mrs Sheard. Mrs Quane advised this was correct.

The clerk advised that she had organised a sweep of the top section of the Glen Auldyn Road in relation to Mrs Hudson request. An email had also been sent to DOI requesting that some of the trees in this area are cut back to prevent less debris falling. No response had been received as yet.

The clerk advised that following clarification/permission from the Fire Officer, hooks had now been fitted to enable the outside doors to the extension to be held open. Mrs Quane advised that the Sulby Horticultural Show appreciated this as it enabled a free flow of visitors to their recent show.

The clerk advised she was still not in receipt of a quote from Chris Clague to paint the outside of the hall windows. To be chased up.

Mr Teare advised the members that he had attended the Planning User Group meeting along with the Clerk recently. This was in relation to changes in planning legislation – Change of Use Development Order (streamlining change of use) and Development Procedure Order (allowing small amendments without having to submit a new application).

Mr Teare also advised his water pressure was still low even though he had altered his stop tap.

**Correspondence**

**Isle of Man Government**

**Cabinet Office**

Tynwald Commissioners for Administration – Stakeholder Consultation – The clerk was asked to distribute copies of this document. AR VR and JT taken. To be copied for VQ. KB to view online.

Isle of Man Government Preservation of War Memorials Committee – to be held on file.

**Treasury - 2nd Supplemental List 2019 – signed off**

**Department of Infrastructure –**

**Highways**

Temporary road closure for A14 Tholt y Wil 9th to 16th August for patching work (on notice board) It had been suggested in correspondence by DOI that we may choose to cut the hedges on this road while it was closed. The members agreed as it would be safer. Clerk to organise

Notice - roads closed to the public - Festival of Motorcycling Road Races 2019 (on notice board)

Rural Roads (Speed Limits) (Amendment)(No2) Order 2019 – This order creates a 40mph buffer zone on the A13 Jurby Road, Lezayre from Ramsey town boundary for a distance of 550 metres in a westerly direction. The members had no comments in relation to this item.

Public Transport – poster on notice board

**Local Government Unit**

Local Authority Transition Review – update – This document is to be circulated to the members.

**Department of Environment Food and Agriculture**

Climate Change Community workshop – advised to members – too short notice to attend.

**Information Commissioner** – renewal for Mr Radcliffe and Mrs Quane. The clerk checked which address was to be stated on this form. To be completed and signed by each member.
Manx Utilities

− Invitation to Manx Utilities briefing − Plans for modernising the Electricity Metering System − Tuesday 20th August 2019 17.45 to 19.00 Dhoo Boardroom, MUA HQ IOM Business Park. The clerk agreed to attend this presentation and feedback to the members at the next meeting

Street light presentation – Trilliant – The clerk advised that she did not attend this presentation but had asked for information to be sent. Lee Smith the engineer did volunteer to come and explain the lighting system to the members. They requested that in the first instance the clerk request some information that explain the benefits.

5G Aware – information already circulated in relation to this and also the Telecommunications Development Order. Mr Teare advised that he had attended this meeting along with the clerk. A presentation was given to explain the dangers (in their opinion) of 5G being rolled out. It was a very interesting presentation with equipment that demonstrated the amount of “waves” in use by mobile phones using blue tooth, wifi etc.

Marown Parish Commissioners – invite to Civic Sunday 29th September at 11am at Marown Parish Church. Mrs Quane advised that she would attend.

Paula Gerrard – looking for assistance/information to set up a facility to redress the gap in provision for those that fall into the IQ 70+ category, and implement change to progress the project to establish a place for those in the IQ 70+ category. The clerk explained this item to the members (as best she could). Mrs Quane advised that the Children’s Centre have a community farm which offers a similar type of service. The members were unable to assist but wished the lady well for the future.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 5th September 2019 at 7pm

Any other Business

Future Fun day - field at Sulby Bridge? Mr Radcliffe asked the members to consider the alternative fun day held this year with the assistance of the Northern Young Farmers and if it should be held on this field in the future. This was discussed – If NYF continue a constituted committee should be established – what support would the Commissioners give? - the committee would write to the Commissioners seeking support of whatever kind; this may be financial/administrative etc.

Mrs Quane explained to the members that a large lawn mower had been left on the green at the junction with the Claddagh Road (Old Village). She had made enquiries regarding ownership, which was now established. Its removal was being dealt with.

CyberIsle Event 2019. Information received from the Local Government Unit advising that a presentation was being organised for small businesses and Local Authorities. The clerk advised that she would like to attend. The members agreed.

Mr Teare advised he had not completed the MORI poll form mentioned at the last meeting. He was going to write a letter. He had missed the submission date and subsequently received a further form. He was not completing the form as it not relevant to the Isle of Man in his opinion.

Mrs Quane advised the members that the Sulby Horticultural Show had held a very successful event. Comments were passed on regarding the hall and grounds which “looked well”.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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