

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Meeting held on Thursday 22nd April 2021, at 7.00pm, The Community Hall, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Lezayre.

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

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

Matters arising from the March 2021 minutes

The clerk advised the members that Mr Livesey will schedule the work of debris removal at the roadside in the Cronk Ruagh area on the Jurby Road.

The clerk advised she had still not heard from Government Technical Services in relation to access to electoral role by File Transfer Protocol. Need to be sure as we have the Local Elections coming up in July this year.

The clerk advised she had chased up feedback re lighting up times on St Stephen's Meadow but they have advised that due to Covid they staff have not been able to go out and check.

The clerk confirmed she had forwarded the email regarding refuse collection for Narradale to the NPRCB clerk as requested, but had not received a response.

The clerk advised she had contacted DOI for feedback in connection with the drainage issue up Glen Auldyn, but no response received. The members were keen to know if the problem had been resolved.

The clerk advised the members that the Churchyard rate had remained the same as last year at 0.08p in the pound.

The clerk advised that she had investigated further regarding the ownership of land between numbers one and two of St Stephen's Meadow. It was now established that it still belonged to Hartford Homes, which they acknowledged confirming that the tree on this land will be dealt with by them.

The clerk advised that she had looked at possible places where dog poo signs could be put up along the Sulby Straight to deter dog walkers from leaving their dog's faeces along the pavement etc. There were a few places, but they would need to be stapled onto trees where a steel pole was not present. The clerk also advised that she had started to walk each day along this stretch of road and had noticed very little litter and dog faeces. The situation is to be monitored.

The clerk asked the members for feedback regarding the "Island wide dog fouling problem" paperwork handed out at the last meeting. The members agreed to wait for a response to a Freedom of Information request regarding this subject.

Correspondence

As the agenda was quite large, the members agreed that some items may be discussed at the next meeting. They would be marked as such.

Isle of Man Government - Cabinet Office

Area Plan for the North and West – paperwork already distributed to members. The members briefly discussed this item. Mr Radcliffe proposed and the members agreed that a separate meeting be held to discuss this item along with the proposed Ramsey Boundary extension. A meeting was agreed to take place on Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 7pm.

Department for Enterprise – Tourism –

2021 Quality Assessments for Hostel – The clerk advised that this was being undertaken virtually as an in person visit could not be made.

Financial Support for Hostel – the clerk advised she had checked our figures and established that we were not entitled to any further support.

Certificate for Hostel status to be displayed

Department of Environment Food and Agriculture

Planning – Consultation - Town and Country Planning (Permitted Development) (Amendment) Order 2021. The clerk explained that this was in relation to allowing the felling of trees in certain situations.

Environmental Protection Officer – Pollution to Ditch Kella Road – The members discussed this matter at length with varying points of view as to how and when the matter should be reported and followed up. It was acknowledged that the matter was under investigation by the Environmental Protection Unit. Mr Teare proposed and Mrs Quane seconded that we write a letter to Environmental Health asking them to establish if the area of pollution is a public health issue. The members discussed procedures when dealing with matters of this nature.

Department of Infrastructure

Local Government Unit –

Procurement Policy Review – consultation – ended 25.03.21.

Election and Meetings (Local Authority's) Bill 2021 – Department of Justice - Royal Assent given. All members to remain in office until 1st August 2021, with an election taking place on a date in July as the Department may determine in the year 2021.

Update re outdoor leisure facilities following some relaxation of Covid 19 rules. The clerk advised the members she will try to find information regarding indoor facilities, in relation to the use of our hall for clubs/parties etc.

Highways

Glen Auldyn Road – Works for this road scheduled for September 2021 – advised jet patcher will deal with the worst parts of the road in the meantime. Jet patcher has undertaken work now.

All Island One-Way Draft Proposed Order 21 – all one way roads combined into one order. No one way roads in Lezayre.

Bus Stop – Carrick Park – The clerk advised the members that she had emailed DOI as instructed at a previous meeting, suggesting the current owner of the land to the

rear of the Ginger Hall Hotel, but had advised that planning at this location had expired. On checking again this was not the case. The clerk is to write again pointing this out.

Treasury

2021/22 Rate Demands – Should receive rates from Treasury in normal manner – 80% by end July.

1st Supplemental list 2021 – one new property Sabrew

Statutory Boards

Road Transport Licensing Committee - Goods Vehicles – No Lezayre Issues

Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading – requiring feedback re provision of Demand responsive Services by Bus Vannin. The clerk was advised to respond as directed.

Local Authorities

Andreas Commissioners – Litter at Snaefel /Bungalow Car park. The members felt this was an old matter when a bin was put out for an event and then not emptied by the organiser – possibly litter blown out by the wind. Litter not evident now.

Joint Boards/Committees

Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board – advice of attendance

Northern Civic Amenity Site – Feedback re opening of site during Covid 19

Manx Utilities

Street Lighting Contract for signature – no changes in fees – same as 2020/21. Mr Radcliffe signed the document. To be countersigned by the Clerk and returned to MUA.

Any other Company/Business

Isle of Man Bank – advising introduction of monthly fees on all accounts – The Commissioners hold two accounts with IOM bank. One is a current account and the other a cash management account. The clerk advised she had contacted the bank who confirmed that the cash management account will attract a charge of £10 per month, but not charges would be applied to the current account. The members agreed unanimously for the account to be closed and all funds to be paid into the HSBC current account held by the Commissioners.

Manx Whippy – requesting new license – the members agreed to grant a license to cover the period April – October 2021.

Manx Telecom – Proposed withdrawal of telephone box Kella Sulby Village and near Cooilbane Cottages. Could be taken over by the Local Authority. The clerk was asked to create a poster for the notice board to seek feedback from the local residents of the village.

Sulby Methodist Church – New date for Thanks and Blessing Service for Emergency Services – Sunday 6th June 2021. Seated by 10.15am for 10.30am start. 4 members agreed to attend. To be advised to the organiser.

Individuals/Member of the Public

Looking for parcel of land. The clerk had advised that the Commissioners were not aware of any available land.

Reporting fly tipping – forwarded onto DEFA due to location

Speeding traffic through Sulby Old Village – copy of email sent to DOI. The clerk advised that she had received a copy of the reply from the DOI in relation to this matter, the outcome of which was that 20mph speed limit which had been requested could not be supported by DOI at this time. It stated that *Both the collision record and collision rate indicate that the current distribution of traffic speeds on the A14 are appropriate for the road function, usage and characteristics.* The clerk reminded the members of previous emails from residents regarding the speed of traffic through the old village. DOI had recommended we obtain a PC Flat. The clerk had been in contact with the Roads Policing Team who advised they may have available soon some new models which included flat children (boy and girl) which had proven to be quite effective at the road side. The clerk asked the members who we might engage to put this out and take it back in as it should not be left out continuously. The clerk suggested we contact one of our contractors who would have the relevant insurance to work on the roadside to undertake this on our behalf. The clerk also suggested some raised white paint strips placed at each end of the old village. The clerk is to see if this is something DOI would consider.

Request for use of Land when hiring hall. The clerk was asked to make enquiries with our insurer and also suggested that the hirer visits the site to make a risk assessment for the grassed area to be used. Perhaps taping off the car park area for safety etc.

Date for next meeting - The date for the next meeting agreed to take place on Thursday 6th May 2021.

Any other business

Appoint Clerk as returning officer for potential July 21 Local Election. The members agreed to appoint the clerk as the returning officer for the Election in July 2021.

Sulby Claddagh – **Next meeting.** Mr Radcliffe proposed when discussed at the next meeting we discuss the legality of Minister Boot's suggestion, seeking interest from suitable persons to run the Claddagh with a campsite.

Local Services Budget – information of costs so far from 15/16 to current year – **Next meeting**

LPC FOI Request – Illness from contact with dog faeces – once response received, to be used in connection all "Island wide dog fouling problem".

Manx Development Corporation – The clerk asked if we should contact this organisation to obtain details of what they hope to achieve – There may be areas in Ramsey.

Arterial Routes – take back by DOI. The clerk asked the members for feedback for this idea. The clerk was asked to enquire regarding bus routes and in particular

overhanging trees.

The clerk advised the members that Mr Edwards, had called to the office and spoke about the war memorial and the removal of wreaths and crosses placed for the Remembrance Services held. He asked in relation to the crosses, which are placed by individuals to not be taken off, and for them to be passed to him, so he could place them in the notice board alongside the war memorial. The members agreed that Mr Edwards could take responsibility of the crosses, removing at the appropriate time in February. Mr Edwards also advised a few issues in relation to our War Memorial. The Clerk is to visit the site and take a look and report back to the Commissioners.

The clerk advised she had sourced a more suitable complaints procedure for the size of our Parish. The members agreed for this to be used going forward.

Mr Teare advised the members of the changes at the General Registry in Douglas and that you can no longer obtain a copy of documents and that you have to pay to view a printed copy. There are no reference books, all deeds are now on line only.

Mrs Quane advised the members regarding an issue in the village where sand and grounded glass mix were blowing around in the vicinity of the new Sabrew properties. The clerk advised she had contacted DOI to see if the road had been swept, which it had, but was asked to find out who the owner of the property was so the sand mix could be removed or covered over to prevent further spread. The Clerk was successful in making contact with the owner, via the architect and the matter would be dealt with.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 3.30pm.

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