

The minutes of Lezayre Parish Commissioners Public meeting held on Thursday 1st December 2022 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 10th November 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 advised that maps had been received from Highways for us to mark up areas of concern for pedestrians in the village and that she was still awaiting feedback from the Minor Improvement Committee on ways things can be improved to deter speeding and make it safer for pedestrians. Maps to be circulated. Minor Improvements team to be chased up.

Vermin – The clerk advised she had spoken to Mr Willoughby of the Local Government Unit regarding our by law. At the moment we only need it for the Tholt y Wil area, so they will draft something to cover this area. Further areas can be added as and when required. No cockerels at Tholt y Wil at the moment, so the members agreed that we should erect our sign at the Garey Ford, as this had been a problem area in the past.

Car park – under window – Work now complete. The members asked the clerk to speak with our contractor to see if the concrete area could be extended out in this area to use up the gravel that was delivered. Clerk to speak with our contractor.

Highway maintenance charter – Mr Brew and the Clerk attended. They are wanting us to work to a standard agreed with them, so all authorities are working at the same level. Asked us for reporting. Cut hedges up to 5m. They advised they have 8 PROW teams now operating. They also enquired if we have any issues regarding overnight parking. Lezayre asked about access to DOI sweepers as there are very few available. DOI agreed to look into this and advise. We learnt that Garff use Colas. Members agreed Clerk could seek a price from them for sweeping. The clerk was asked to seek clarification after a tree is cut down etc. DOI just leave them in the verge/roadside. Could DOI take it away?

Flag Pole – Not progressed.

Footpath from Dale lane to Millrace estate Mr Brew agreed to look at the fence requiring to be repaired.

Enforcement case for Mrs Megson Still to be completed.

DBC letter re arrangement for non payment of swimming pool rates. The clerk advised that the report on Island Swimming Pools organised by DESC was not yet in the public domain. Mr Halpin gave feedback regarding our question that Douglas Borough Council, along with other authorities in the east do not contribute to the NSC. He explained that the NSC is government run, therefore different from the others and falls outside the rating system.

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.

Skyhill shooting – The clerk read out an email received from Mr Keeling who runs this site, which outlined his efforts to improve noise levels for the residents in the immediate area. He had declined to meet with the Commissioners. The clerk was asked to reply and advise that the Commissioners appreciate his endeavours to improve matters. To request an update with feedback on the situation going forward.

Field at Sulby Bridge. The clerk was asked to seek help from Mr Faragher to remove the

silver type box from the field to Birchalls.

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

Warm Spaces funding through Manx Lottery Trust – the clerk advised that our funding application had been successful for the amount requested. First meeting was 30th November. Feedback from the first event was good,

GTS Corporate Gazetteer – The clerk advised she had obtained a contact to write to at the post office on this matter.

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.

Cabinet Office - LA Election Fees Order The clerk read out the figures based on various inflation rates, CPI and RPI. The members agreed on 9.8% CPI as at April 2022. Clerk to advise Cabinet Office.

Transport Services – Service Review of Local bus service provision – The clerk advised she had not yet written regarding our points. The clerk asked if we could also request for a “Kassell” bus stop for the bus shelter in the village and the stop opposite. The members agreed.

HSBC Bank – Changes to Terms and Conditions, Business price list and additional conditions. The clerk advised she had contacted our bank who had advised there are no issues with us continuing our services.

Web Site The clerk is still to collate information from other Web Designers regarding the possible update of our website.

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

Wall at War Memorial – repairs. The clerk advised she had contacted Stonemason 2000 who will be able to commence work on the war memorial in the new year.

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 members agreed to hold a public meeting or an open afternoon/evening when information could be shared to the Parishioners. The clerk advised that a new timetable had still not been received from the LGU, so a date cannot be fixed yet.

Event to Celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. 6th May Coronation – 8th May Bank Holiday. The members agreed to leave this for now.

Christmas Tree – The members discussed the placement of our Christmas tree structure. Mr Brew canvassed the members for it to be placed in the ground of Sulby Methodist Church. Agreed 4-1 to be placed at the church. Mr Brew agreed to seek permission from the church.

Fly-tipping – Bride Road – The clerk advised she had written to the occupant of the property asking for the branches/hedging fly tipped to be removed. The clerk visited the site a few days later and all cuttings etc, appeared to be removed. The clerk advised further that she had asked if the DOI wardens could keep an eye and report any further issues.

Government House – Governor requesting possible visit to our parish. The clerk confirmed the

visit will take place on Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 9.30. Need to think of places he can visit. A light lunch was suggested to be served at the end of the tour.

Remembrance Sunday – the members agreed to discuss this matter in the new year.

Correspondence

Isle of Man Government

Cabinet Office

Paperwork to complete for the Returning Officer for future elections including swearing an oath..

Local Authority Elections Training - Clerk has agreed to attend on 31st March 2023. Further details for follow.

Attorney General's Chambers

Request for information re searches and fees. The clerk advised she had replied advising as requested.

Department for Enterprise

Domestic Event Fund relaunched – to be forwarded to hospitality businesses in our parish. Sulby Glen Hotel, Ginger Hall Hotel, Milntown and the Victory Cafe.

Department of Infrastructure

Office of the Minister and Chief Executive – Chris Thomas arrange meeting with the Commissioners. The clerk was asked to bring this to our next meeting. Members to consider ideas that we may wish to discuss.

Waste Management – Energy from Waste Plant

Increase in Gate fee for domestic waste from 01.04.23 £104.55

Local Government Team - Items from Clerk Forum

Waste Management and EFW Charges Talk given by Ms Gray of the waste unit advising increase in gate fee by 7.9%. A waste baseline survey/analysis was required on household waste. The Minister was keen to reinstate the Political and Officer waste working group. Clerk to Braddan asked why the gate fee for wood was increased from to the full gate fee, no longer discounted. Ms Gray explained that the reduced gate fee was to encourage commercial builders not to burn wood on site and to bring it to the EFW where it is burnt, reducing unsafe emissions into the air. It was not aimed at Local Authorities to take advantage of. It was agreed that education was key going forward if everyone is to understand how we deal with our waste.

Energy Efficiency Scheme – Mr Bell outlined items that will become available to householders to help them reduce their energy use. Items, such as free led light bulbs, draft excluders, window seals, letter box covers, radiator valves and insulation. Eligibility – median income and below, self certifying. Cap of £750 per household with a further £500 for those that meet further eligibility criteria. Media release to follow. Information to be shared on how to deal with condensation within properties.

Local Government Amendment Bill – Mr Willoughby advised the current situation on this bill. It was due to be considered by Leg Co but had stalled and may now be re-considered by the House of Keys, effectively starting again.

Swimming Pool Review – Mr Willoughby advised that Co Min have asked for more information. They did not get out of the review, what they wanted.

Follow up documents received –

information on condensation

2006 Waste Composition Analysis

Kerbside and DOI recycling scheme tonnages

Mr Teare advised he would be attending a NPRCB meeting on Tuesday 13th December 2023, when the refuse rate for 23-24 would be set.

Swimming Pool rates – explanation of rate calculation – noted

Highways

Statutory Notices

DOI 450 Temporary 40mph – section of B10 Beinn-y-Phott Road Lezayre 28.11.22 – 23.12.22 for ditching works.

DOI 446 Temporary 40mph – section of A14 Tholt y Wil Road Lezayre 28.11.22 – 23.12.22 and 09.01.23 to 13.01.23 for ditching works. Extended to include Zig Zags down to Tholt y Wil House

DOI 434 Closure section of D10 Skyhill Track 21.11.22 – 31.03.23- scraping back of carriageway surface to remove ruts and extension to boardwalk.

RCO425 Various road closures for 2023 ION Youth Tour 20th to 30th April 2023
Smiley Sids Data – Sulby Village October/November 2022

DOI482 Temporary imposition of 40mph speed limit between Glen Auldyn Road and Glen Duff – additional period from 6pm on 29th November until 6pm on 23 December 2023 for footway patching works.

Report a Problem – Blocked drain – Sulby School – DOI have advised that there is a problem with the soak away for this road drain. DOI have asked us to keep the road drain clear of debris until the issue is resolved. DOI are to report back their findings.

Jurby Road – email to advise that “pedestrians in the carriageway” signs have been erected.

Smiley Sids in Village Oct/Nov – data received V85 (critical velocity for the first 85% of vehicles) By Ballabrooie towards Sulby Bridge 41mph – By Millrace towards Ballaugh 37mph
The members asked the clerk to enquire is the Smiley Sids could be placed by the Old Shop (towards Ballaugh) when they are next in the village.

Treasury – Rateable Value to be used to calculate our budget/rates for 23-24 £112,762

RTLCL – Taxi/buses – ADN circular 548 24.11.22 no Lezayre issues

Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board – estimated costs for 2023-24 – Mr Halpin confirmed that the figure for Local Authority contributions was calculated at 6p in the pound.

Tim Johnston – MUA – advice on Electricity Prices from April 2023. The clerk advised she had sought information regarding the price of electricity for next year to assist when we set the rate for 23/24. The reply advised that they expect to have a clearer idea early in the new year and send out as soon as appropriate.

Jones – Road Sweeping – request to sweep Sulby Glen Road, delayed due to vehicles off road for MOT. Will be done asap.

Information Commissioner – renewal for Julian Teare

Sulby Primary School – Invite to Nativity Play – Wednesday 14th December 1.45pm – Thursday 15th December 6pm. Mr Brew requested 2 tickets for the afternoon performance.

Alan Smith – Website service – Website update cost information to be collated for consideration within next years budget.

Any Other Business

Fibre Broadband into the building – the clerk explained a recent scenario where proper access to the internet would be very useful in the hall for our hirers. Mr Brew asked the clerk to explore purchasing a booster for the hall, which hopefully, would improve Wifi for our users.

Outside toilet – the clerk explained an issue with the outside loo. A user had reported that the light was flashing. On investigation, water had found its way into the light. At this point the toilet was closed to the public. The electrician was called who disconnected the light and Culshaws were called to check the roof for leaks etc. Cracked roof tiles were discovered on the roof above the toilet. These were repaired. Further investigation showed a potential leak in the roof valley between the indoor toilet roof and the kitchen roof. Needs to be further investigated during heavy rain fall to determine the leak. Weather has been dry now, so the light will be re fixed and the toilet opened again to the public.

Ramsey Boundary Extension – The members had met on the 16th November to discuss our response. At this meeting the members had agreed to formulate their response that could then be brought together in one document. Mr Halpin had agreed to write the introduction. The clerk had advised everyone by email, that she has obtained a short extension for our submission to the 7th December. Mr Brew and Mrs Rimmer agreed to meet up on Sunday 4th December to bring together all points raised and written by the members. This would then be circulated for approval by the members.

Mr Brew asked the clerk to speak with DOI regarding the mirrors at the junction of Churchtown Loop road and the TT course at the War Memorial. Better mirrors are needed to assist drivers. Also to speak with DOI regarding the drain by Glen Mooar House. Has this collapsed. Clerk to seek an update.

Date for next meeting - It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 5th January 2023 at 7pm.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

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