

LAYHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm on
Wednesday 26 February 2025 in the Village Hall

Present: Gillie Cranfield (GC)
Jane Cryer - Clerk (JC)
John Curran - Vice Chairman (JDC)
Sue Keeble (SK)
Steve Laing - Chairman (SL)
Sheila Roberts (SR)

Apologies: Julie Thickpenny (JT)
Will Dunn (WD)
Georgia Hall, Suffolk CC (GH)
John Ward, Babergh DC (JW)

25.2.1 APOLOGIES

See above; apologies were accepted from JT.

25.2.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

25.2.3 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present; however, a parishioner had queried the demolition of a wall in Upper Street, which they believed was listed; JC would look into this and report back.

25.2.4 ADJOURNMENT TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

25.2.4.1 District Council

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. With regard to the devolution consultation, it was agreed that the PC should respond. JC had circulated the papers and questions; councillors would email her with their comments and she would bring a draft response to the March meeting for approval.

25.2.4.2 County Council

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

25.2.5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by JDC, seconded by SR and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 January 2025 should be accepted as an accurate record and signed accordingly.

25.2.6 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Most of the actions were either ongoing or were on the agenda. There were updates on the following:

25.2.6.1 Road repairs

JC's had circulated the response from Highways explaining how they monitored road repairs carried out by their contractors.

25.2.7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

25.2.7.1 RFO's report

It was proposed by SL, seconded by GC and agreed unanimously that the finance report for 26.2.25 should be approved and payments of £1,196.07 authorised; the bank statement was noted.

25.2.8 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

25.2.8.1 Emergency Plan

The minutes of the two working party meetings held during February were noted and the action being taken was endorsed.

25.2.8.2 Speeding

The minutes of the working party meeting held in February were noted and the action being taken was endorsed. There were still problems downloading data from the SIDs; it was agreed to write to Elan City. JC would also chase SCC re a second ANPR trial and also the installation of the VAS.

25.2.9 PLANNING

25.2.9.1 DC/25/00761 - Cherry Orchard Farm, Stoke Road

There were no objections to the erection of a detached dwelling including double garage.

25.2.9.2 DC/24/05028 - Brick Kiln House, Shelley Road

It was noted that permission had been granted for a new self-build dwelling.

25.2.9.3 DC/24/05386 - Barn north of Hill Farm

It was noted that permission had been granted for conversion of the barn.

25.2.10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Following research and a full discussion, it was agreed not to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan at the current time.

25.2.11 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

JC would request that a representative from the police attend for the speeding item, when Speedwatch would also be on the agenda.

25.2.12 SPRING CLEAN

This would take place on Saturday 22 March, from 10am - 12 noon. SR would produce guidelines and a risk assessment.

25.2.13 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

25.2.13.1 Mill Lane

There had been ongoing correspondence about vehicles parking in Mill Lane opposite the entrance to Brett Green; JC had not yet received a response to her enquiry about double yellow lines.

25.2.13.2 Thanks to Babergh

Mike Woods had asked the PC to pass on his thanks to Babergh's Public Realm department for the excellent grounds maintenance work carried out by them over the past year.

25.2.13.3 Defibrillator

A defibrillator had been donated to the PC by a retired First Responder as it was no longer required; it was agreed to offer this to Raydon PC.

25.2.14 CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

None.

25.2.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm on Wednesday 26 March 2025, in the Village Hall.

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