

LEIGH AND BRANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Leigh and Bransford Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 28th September 2021 at Leigh & Bransford Memorial Hall

Attended by Mr J Sharp (chairman), Mr D Fereday, Mr P Ralph, Mr M Hinchliffe, Mr N Cresswell, Mr P King, Mr R Husband, J Barker (clerk), Cllr K Hanks (WCC), seven members of the public (part meeting)

- 45/21 Apologies – Mr B Porter, Mrs A Oliver, Mr G Jones, Mr P Hawkins, Cllr P Whatley, Cllr S Rouse
- 46/21 a) Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda (personal and prejudicial) - None
b) Notification of any changes to the Register of Interests - None

Closure of meeting for Open Forum

Residents from Bransford spoke regarding a move by Platform Housing to sell the strip of land to the rear of their properties, and in particular their concern that they will lose this access to their properties. The chairman referred the matter to Cllr Hanks who agreed to follow up with the residents and take the matter up with Platform.

Residents from Leigh Hurst spoke on their objections to planning application 21/01573/FUL, The Old School House, in particular that it will overlook their properties, block their view and is not in keeping with other properties in the area. The application will be considered under item 50c.

The chairman thanked the residents for their contributions and the parish council meeting was re-convened.

- 47/21 Minutes
The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 27th July 2021 had been circulated. Proposed by Mr Fereday, seconded by Mr Cresswell, approved unanimously.

- 48/21 Reports from representatives of other bodies:

WCC – Cllr Hanks provided a report including recent use of her discretionary fund, progress on highways issues in the parish and the WCC economic recovery framework.

MHDC – The chairman read out a report provided by Cllrs Rouse and Whatley which gave updates on MHDC economic and community development strategies, the 5-year land supply and SWDPr, and local issues, in particular relating to speeding and road safety.

- 49/21 Progress reports on ongoing issues
- The VAS upgrade to Bluetooth is complete and data will be available from this and the new SID soon.
 - The first community gardening session has taken place in Jubilee Garden.
 - Work on the bus shelter is now complete.
 - The telephone kiosk door is ready to be fitted and painting will be completed soon.
 - 30mph stickers have been distributed to all residents on roads with 30mph speed limits. The chairman has some spares. Excess will be offered to neighbouring parishes.

Planning committee chair Mr Fereday took the chair for item 50/21

- 50/21 Planning

- a) To consider and approve the minutes of the planning committee meeting held 24th August 2021
The minutes were proposed by Mr Husband, seconded by Mr King, and approved unanimously.

b) Updates on ongoing planning matters – no updates

c) Planning applications received

Application ref	Location	Proposal	Recommendation
21/00537/HP	Crowcroft Bakery Crowcroft Leigh Sinton, WR13 5ED	Residential single-storey and two storey extensions.	PR proposed approval, PK seconded, approval recommended unanimously
21/01381/HP	Bransford Acre Leigh, WR6 5LD	Removal of existing garages. Construction of triple garage with ancillary dependent living accommodation above.	PR proposed approval with restrictions (see note 1). PK seconded, approval recommended unanimously
21/00711/HP	The Sett Dingle Road Leigh, WR6 5JX	New lounge/garden room and replacement double garage.	RH proposed approval, PR seconded, approval recommended unanimously
21/01573/FUL	The Old School House Suckley Road Leigh, WR6 5LE	Demolition of an existing dwelling and the construction of a replacement dwelling, including associated landscaping works.	RH proposed refusal, PK seconded, carried six in favour of refusal, one abstained. (See note 2)

Note 1 – The parish council recommend approval of 21/01381/HP on the condition that the proposed living accommodation is not let outside the family or sold as a separate property. We would also request clarification of the height of the new build in relation to the existing property as this is not clear from the plans.

Note 2 – The parish council recommend refusal of application 21/01573/FUL on the following grounds:

- It does not fit in with the vernacular of the local area
- The proposed property will exacerbate drainage problems in the area
- The proposed property overlooks neighbouring properties

d) Planning decisions received from MHDC

21/01220/HP Lambs Farm, Coles Green Replacement two-storey extension Approved

e) Neighbourhood Planning

Mr King reported that the consultation went out on 3rd September and is ongoing.

Mr Sharp resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

51/21 To consider a request for a speed indication VAS on the approach to Leigh Sinton village from Malvern
The request made by Leigh Sinton Community group was discussed and the recent accidents in the village noted. The Chairman and Mr King to look into options including the possibility of a solar powered unit and liaise with community group representatives.

52/21 To consider a request for a grant towards an additional war memorial at Leigh & Bransford Memorial Hall
A request for a grant to the Memorial Hall towards the purchase of a Silent Soldier metal statue to be sited by the exit doors of the new extension was discussed and considered. The total cost is £582 (net

of VAT) Mr Husband proposed a grant of £300, Mr Cresswell seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

- 53/21 To discuss dead and dangerous fruit trees at the entrance to Orchard Way, Leigh. Platform Housing have already dealt with the matter.

54/21 Finance

To approve accounts paid

J Barker	Clerk – July	£798.66
NEST	Pension - July	£55.18
Viking	Office supplies	£56.95
SLCC	Annual membership	£166.00
Malvern Rise Management Co.	Grant	£500.00
Westcotec Ltd	VAS batteries & Bluetooth upgrade	£498.00
S Rouse (reimbursed)	Refreshments – Garden group	£92.10
J Barker	Clerk – August	£771.09
NEST	Pension – August	£55.18
First Paige	Printing – NDP	£427.80
My Wheelie Bin	30mph stickers	£469.99
R Lancey	Bus shelter repairs	£500.00
PKF Littlejohn	Annual return 2020/21	£360.00

Approval proposed by Mr King, seconded by Mr Husband, approved unanimously.

Bank Balance £41,727.60

55/21 Reports of committees and working groups

Memorial Hall – Mr Husband reported the hall committee is purchasing an additional fifty chairs and removing damaged tables. A heating survey has been carried out with a view to improving insulation, and the committee is also considering installing a mast for wifi.

56/21 Reports and items for consideration at future meetings

Mr King provided a photo of the bus stop on the A4103 near Suffield Close showing limited space for waiting pedestrians to stand back from passing traffic. It was agreed that the matter should be investigated. There may be s106 funds that can be allocated to improvement.

Mr Ralph noted the bus stop opposite the Royal Oak also needs improvement. This will be investigated and discussed further at the next meeting.

The chair raised an overhanging hedge blocking the pavement and obscuring the view of traffic outside Medway on the Malvern Road. The clerk to write to the resident requesting it be cut back.

57/21 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 23rd November 7.00pm at Leigh and Bransford Memorial Hall

Planning committee meeting - Tuesday 26th October 7.00pm at Leigh and Bransford Memorial Hall (if required)

Chairman.....

Date.....

23/11/21