

Meeting of South Leverton Parish Council

Minutes of the **Meeting of South Leverton Parish Council** held on the 21st Sep 2021 at South Leverton Memorial Institute, the meeting commenced at 6:00pm.

Council Members & Officer Present:

Cllr Pete Beeston	Chairman
Cllr Catherine Hoyle	Cllr Sam Chambers
Cllr Agi Tomlinson	Cllr Chris Buckland
Ed Knox	Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
Will Wilson	Bassetlaw DC Lead Neighbourhood Planner
Tom Gill	Bassetlaw DC Neighbourhood Planning Policy Officer
John Ogle	County Councillor
0 Members of the Public	

Also, Present

40/21 To Elect a Chairman of the Council

Cllr Hoyle **Proposed**, Cllr Buckland **Seconded** that Cllr Beeston be Chairman. Therefore, the Council **resolved** that Cllr Beeston be elected Chairman. Cllr Beeston together with the Proper Officer, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman form.

41/21 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Chambers **Proposed**, Cllr Beeston **Seconded** that the Council approved the apologies of Cllr Hardie who is abroad working and Cllr Styring isolating due to Covid.

42/21 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

Cllr Hoyle declared an interest in item 5 and took no part in the debate or decision making.

43/21 To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

After discussion, Cllr Chambers **Proposed**, Cllr Hoyle **Seconded** that the minutes be approved and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

44/21 To Discuss the future of the Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman allowed the Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Planning Officer and Planning Policy Officer to take part in the discussion, after further debate, the Chairman draw matters to a close and called for a vote on the future of the Neighbourhood Plan and its Steering Group. Cllr Tomlinson **Proposed**, Cllr Buckland **Seconded** and all members present voted in favour (bar Cllr Hoyle who took no part), therefore the Council unanimously **resolved** that the existing Steering Group be dissolved with immediate effect and that should the Parish Council proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan for South Leverton Parish, it will be led by the Parish Council as the qualifying body, to liaise with Will and Tom from Bassetlaw DC regards potential options to deliver this. The Bassetlaw Local Plan context has changed, meaning that any future Neighbourhood Plan would be simplified without the requirement to allocate any specific housing development sites. The representatives from Bassetlaw Council will contact the Council with any updates and will attend future meetings to assist the Council as necessary.

➤ Adjournment for Public Forum

The Chairman adjourned the meeting. County Cllr John Ogle introduced himself to the Council and explained his remit and the remit of the County Council. Cllr Ogle then explained the County Council's stance on the Bassetlaw Local Plan and why the Conservatives are voting against it as they wish it to be paused due to the overall housing targets across Bassetlaw District are exceeding those set by Central Govt Targets.

The Chairman closed the public forum and reconvened the meeting.

45/21 Finance:

Monthly Income & Expenditure

All payments made since the previous meeting have been in-line with delegated authority. After discussion of the financial information circulated by email before the meeting, Cllr Beeston **Proposed**, Cllr Buckland **Seconded** and the council the council **resolved** to accept them as a true and accurate record. Direct Debits, and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE, all **approved** unanimously.

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None		
Total Payments		<u>£0.00</u>

456

Signed _____

Date _____

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None		
Total Receipts		<u>£0.00</u>
<u>Bank Balances</u>		
The Current Account Balance		<u>£9,196.52</u>
The Deposit Account Balance		<u>£5,708.59</u>

46/21 To Raise Speeding Concerns and other highways matters with Notts County Council

Cllr Tomlinson requested that the Highways Manager from County meets with Cllrs Beeston & Tomlinson in Leverton on Tues 9th November at 10am to look at and discuss potential improvements to various South Leverton road issues as follows:

Treswell Road Issues

Speed limit sign too far into the village, not repeated

Interactive Speed Sign is in a poor location and overgrown by vegetation

Busses reversing into Glover Close

Treswell Potential Solutions

30 mph signs request to be relocated earlier on approach from Treswell

Can County install a new sign 'welcome to South Leverton, please drive carefully'

Relocation of interactive speed sign to the start of the village as entering from Treswell side

Can county install a new sign 'Children Playing' before Glover Close?

High street Issues

Blind exit onto Treswell Road

High street Potential Solutions

Can County install a mirror? Or can Highways Manager suggest an alternative improvement?

Retford Road Issues

Interactive Speed Sign in the wrong place

Retford Road Potential Solutions

Move to start of the village further along Retford Road.

Millfield road/Meeting House Lane Issues

According to current signs it's a National Speed Limit Road with houses along it

Millfield road/Meeting House Potential Solutions

Can speed limit be reduced due to further homes in the 60mph zone?

Rampton Lane/Mill Lane – Verge Parking Issues

Can the County Council do anything to stop the large amount of cars parking regularly on the verge on this narrow lane?

Historic Sign Post – Junct Retford Road/Church St

Can the County Council remove the corrosion and restore the paintwork?

After discussion, the Council **resolved** that the above would be reported to the Notts County Council Highways Manager at the on-site meeting on the 9th November, Cllr Tomlinson encouraged fellow Cllrs to ask members of the public when talking to the local community, to tell them of any other Highways related issues in the parish and add this to the list to talk with the Highways Manager.

Foot Path No 31 as you walk north from Broad Lane, at the side of Catchwater Drain

This issue has been reported several times to County Council. Walking through the first field from the road, you cannot proceed further because the style/kissing gate was removed by network rail. In June 2019 the Previous Footpaths Officer at County Council advised "I have contacted Network Rail about South Leverton Footpath No31. This is the path that crosses the railway line (line no longer in use was for Cottam pwr Stn). I will give you a further update when I can." No further update has been received. The kissing gates and styles were removed by Network rail several years ago who were doing repair works on the line, which is now redundant railway line. They never reinstated them, if you walk up to the edge of the line, you can go no further, a post points you north, there's no gate, no access. Some walkers who are brave have climbed onto and over the barbed wire fence and scrambled through the vegetation which is not acceptable form of access. Please investigate and arrange for the access styles/gates to be reinserted. On 2nd Aug 2021 the current Rights of Way Officer has advised "Unfortunately this is still unresolved despite negotiations with Network Rail. My colleague at NCC RoW team, is dealing with NR and I understand he has spoken with Mrs Cawthorne earlier in the year with an update. If any progress is made, I will let you know."

The Council **resolved** that it wishes to escalate the above matter seeking assistance from the County Councillor to see what can be done to arrange for the County Council to progress matters and force Network Rail into taking action to restore the access. County Cllr Ogle explained that he has now escalated the matter to the senior management and would send a copy of the response to the Clerk in due course.

47/21 To Approach landowners for a potential playground

After Discussion, Cllr Beeston **agreed** to approach a local landowner (who previously indicated that they may be willing to allow a portion of an unused field, close to Glover Close and High Street to be used as a playground) to see if they are willing to donate or lease any land on a long-term lease for a peppercorn rent for a playground. Cllr Beeston will report back at the next meeting, if the landowner is favourable then this project will be looked at for this location, if the landowner is not able to help, a call for sites for a playground will be made to try and reach out to landowners for a potentially suitable location.

48/21 Closure of the Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:30pm. The Chairman advised County Cllr Ogle that the Parish Council are meeting bi-monthly going forward.