

LEICESTER FOREST EAST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning, Trees and Highways Committee Meeting on Tuesday 6th June 2023, held in the Parish Hall, Kings Drive, Leicester Forest East commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: P. Kitchen (Chair) R. Darlison C. wells

Four Members of the Public, in person.
Mrs H. E. Mann – Clerk to the Council.

PTH 23.58 **To elect a Chairman for the Planning, Trees and Highways Committee for the year 2023/2024**
Resolution: The Committee resolved to elect Cllr. Kitchen as Chair of the planning, Trees and Highways Committee for the year 2023/2024.

Councillor Kitchen signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

PTH 23.59 **To elect a Vice-Chairman for the Planning, Trees and Highways Committee for the year 2023/2024**
Resolution: The Committee resolved to elect Cllr. Wells as Vice-Chair of the planning, Trees and Highways Committee for the year 2023/2024.

Councillor Wells signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

PTH 23.60 **To note resignation of a Parish Councillor**
Clerk to add 'To note resignation of a Parish Councillor' to the Council agenda.

PTH 23.61 **To receive apologies for absence**
Resolution: The Committee resolved to accept apologies, sent in advance of the meeting, from Councillors Dawes and Di Palma.

PTH 23.62 **To receive Disclosures of Interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct**
None.

PTH 23.63 **To adjourn the meeting to receive Questions from the Public**
Several residents had contacted the Chair of the Committee (following his article in LiFE magazine) to raise traffic issues. One resident had also contacted Blaby District Council, LCC Highways and the Police to raise concerns over traffic on Beggars Lane including the following issues:

- Pedestrians coming out from Bosworth Way struggle to cross the road, even with a crossing point in the middle of the road. The resident had asked authorities for a crossing but was refused.
- The resident had attended an historic Parish Council meeting where traffic calming was discussed but any plans have since been shelved by the county council.
- Speeding along Beggars Lane appears to be rife. A chief superintendent, of Leicestershire Police, stated to the resident that speed would be monitored on that road but this does not appear to have been done.
- It appears that the traffic issues on Beggars Lane are exacerbated by people not wanting to use Tay Road, Lubbethorpe due to the speed bumps there.
- There is also a large amount of litter being thrown from vehicles at the traffic lights on the junction with the A47.
- Parking on the pavement along Beggars Lane is also an issue, making it hard to people with pushchairs etc. to get past and increasing the bottle neck of traffic.
- Ultimately, the resident is concerned there will be an accident.

The Committee responded to the resident's points explaining that the Parish Council has no jurisdiction over these issues, unfortunately. When the Parish Council arranged a meeting last year to discuss traffic issues for Warren Lane and the surrounding roads, many of the authorities did not attend which was disappointing. In relation to traffic calming, speed bumps were originally proposed by the developer but residents rejected these; unless the developer comes back with another idea further

traffic calming will not take place as LCC Highways will not pay for these measures. The members of the public were thanked for attending.

The Committee also raised the issue of how it makes residents aware of relevant meetings as some residents have said they were unaware of previous meetings to discuss traffic etc.

Clerk to contact Highways and ask that the 30mph speed limit sign on Beggars Lane is made clearer by cutting back surrounding vegetation.

PTH 23.64 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning, Trees and Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Resolution: The Committee resolved to accept the Planning, Trees and Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 as a true and accurate record.

Clerk to remove the word 'draft' from the Planning, Trees and Highways Committee minutes (meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023) on the website.

PTH 23.65 To discuss matters arising from those minutes:

(a) To discuss new MVAS for Warren Lane

MVAS posts are due to be installed on Warren Lane within the next two to four weeks.

Clerk to take combine MVAS for Warren Lane and new 'Welcome to Leicester Forest East' type signs on Planning agenda, under '£25,000 funding each County Councillor is receiving for Highways Improvements'.

(b) Christmas Lights 2022-2024, plus Christmas tree outside St. Andrew's Church

Clerk to:

- *Obtain quotes for cut Christmas tree, to be 20 feet above ground.*
- *Obtain quotes for a root ball Christmas tree to be planted in St. Andrew's Church grounds.*

(c) To discuss £25,000 funding each County Councillor is receiving for Highways Improvements

Clerk to contact LCC Highways and indicate the Parish Council's preferred design for 'Welcome to Leicester Forest East' type signs.

PTH 23.66 To discuss Planning Applications:

(a) 23/0312/HH – 16 South Avenue – single storey rear extension

No Comment.

(b) 22/1168/HH – 10 Knight Close – two storey front extension removed and two storey side extension set down and set back.

No Comment.

(c) 23/0229/HH – 5 Kingfisher Close – first floor front and side extensions and single storey front and side/rear extension

No Comment.

(d) 23/0221/HH – 52 Forest House Lane – first floor extension above garage to include dormer window with partial conversion of existing garage

No Comment.

(e) 23/0290/CLP – 82 Forest House Lane – construction of a single storey side extension

No Comment.

(f) 23/0222/VAR – 150 Hinckley Road – variation of condition 4 (operating hours) of planning permission to allow opening hours of 0600 to 2200 seven days a week

The Parish Council objects to the change of opening hours at 150 Hinckley Road (23/0222/VAR) until it is known what retail concerns will occupy the garages/units.

Clerk to send objections to 23/0222/VAR to BDC a.s.a.p. specifically, that The Parish Council objects to the change of opening hours at 150 Hinckley Road (23/0222/VAR) until it is known what retail concerns will occupy the garages/units.

PTH 23.67 **To note Planning Decisions:**
None.

PTH 23.68 **To note planning enforcement cases:**

(a) E23/0089/UDRES – 29 Hinckley Road – erection of structure to rear of property – status CLOSED
Noted.

(b) E23/0102/ADV – Nisa Local, 150 Hinckley Road – display of advertisement boards – status PCO
Noted.

(c) E23/0113/UD – 19 Warren Lane – erection of fence – status PCO
Noted.

Clerk to establish what ‘status PCO’ means on planning enforcement cases.

PTH 23.69 **To discuss or note Planning Applications/Decisions/Enforcement cases received after agenda was prepared:**
None.

PTH 22.70 **To discuss traffic on Beggars Lane**

The Committee decided to discuss this item at agenda point PTH 23.63 above as members of the public were present and, therefore, able to point forward their views.

PTH 22.71 **To discuss Blaby District Council’s Planning Enforcement Policy Review**

The Planning Committee decided to make no comment on Blaby District Council’s Planning Enforcement Policy Review.

PTH 22.72 **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 4th July at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.36pm.