

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS
Mid Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 21st September 2011, 6.45pm
Minutes

Present: Mr J James (Chairman), Mr G Pearce-White (Vice Chairman), Mr S Haddock, Mrs S Jones, Mr P Kinnish, Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

In Attendance: John Bate, Mark Britton.

61/11 Guest Speaker – Inspector Mark Britton – Eastern Neighbourhood Police Team.

JJ welcomed **MB** to the meeting and introduced the Board members and Clerk. **MB** stated he that since PC Andy Reed had left the ENTP, Laxey had been without a dedicated Community officer and **MB** wanted rectify the situation and allocate an officer to Laxey once he had identified a suitable candidate. **MB** stated he wanted to focus on Road safety and young people and that SPC Malcolm Walken will be assisting with policing in the Village. **PK** stated there was an issue with the speed limit on Mines Road which is currently 30mph and said this should be reduced to 20mph due to the number of parked cars on both sides of the road. **PK** said there were problems with groups of youths in car and on motor bikes, who were hanging round the village causing damage, although this damage is not malicious. **PK** stated there had been a funeral on Minorca Methodist Church on Friday and the road had become blocked with traffic and said there should be passing places. **GPW** said he had attended the Central Traffic Management Liaison Committee meeting the previous day and the DoI were progressing a scheme to create a passing by installing double yellow lines opposite the entrance to the MEA substation. **GPW** enquired reference the Smiley Sid sign that was located on New Road on the Approach to the Queens Hotel. The Clerk advised the MEA had asked that the sign and the bracket be removed from the property for Health and Safety reasons. **SJ** said there were still issues with youths driving cars at speed up and down the promenade at night, on some occasions with girls on the bonnets. **SJ** said there were major problems with people parking on the double yellow lines outside the Coop. **MB** replied saying he thought the lines required repainting. **SJ** stated there had been a shortage of clearway signs for the Moddey Dhoo TT Bike show. These signs are supplied by the DoI. **MB** said he would ensure the DoI were given plenty of notice re provision of signage for the 2012 event. **SJ** asked for feedback from the Laxey Bike show. **SJ** said a meeting about the organisation of the bike show had been deliberately moved so she could not attend. **MB** to speak to Sergeant Steve Goldsmith. **SJ** reported there had been an incident in the prom shelter recently when the police were unable to view the CCTV footage. The Clerk briefed the meeting on matters relating to this incident. **JB** reported there had been an incident on the campsite during the Manx Grand Prix week when 30 dust caps were removed from motor bikes and the tyres deflated, fortunately this was spotted before anyone rode the bikes.

JJ thanked **MB** for attending.

MB left at 7.20pm

62/11 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 11/01224/B of 31.08.11 in respect of removal of chimney stack and roof repair works at Glen Mill, Glen Mill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3547].

Approved.

63/11 General correspondence

- a) Treasury e-mails at 1217 hours on 07.09.11 a consultation on Personal Allowance Credit and Tax Relief for Letting a Room in your Home. Submissions before 31st October 2011. *Noted.*
- b) PC Lizzie Stobbard calls into the office at 1425hrs to report that persons playing football on the bowling green have kicked footballs into the garden at Streamside on Glen Road and have broken glass in the green house. Suggested moving the samba goal onto the Henry Bloom Noble recreation

Action

Ground and long term erect a fence to protect the green house.

PK said the Board had agreed to investigate the cost of erecting a fence and that the Henry Bloom Noble recreation ground pitch was now becoming to wet for the kids to play on.

- c) DoI CTMLG Minutes of 28.06.11 and next meeting on Tuesday 20th September 2011 at 0930 hours at Peregrine House, Peel Road. *Noted.*
- d) Report from the Chairman, Mr James regarding Mr Kinnish seen on Friday 9th September 2011 at 1730 hours on the Laxey beach with a dog in the prohibited area during the relevant period. Mr Kinnish when challenged stated that there were no signs regarding the dog laws. Mr James directs that this matter is raised in September.
JJ asked **PK** if he had been on the beach with his dog at the time specified. **PK** admitted to being on the beach at this time with his dog, but stated there were no signs indicating the bylaws and he did not know what the bylaws were. **PK** stated he had gone on to the beach to inspect the raft. The Clerk advised there were 5 dog bylaw signs on the promenade. **PK** said he had spoken to a resident in Back Shore Road and they were OK. **PK** stated he had been issued with a fixed penalty notice sometime ago for allowing his dog on the Henry Bloom Recreation Ground on Glen Road, and he had a good idea who had reported him. **PK** said he was not been given the opportunity to take legal advice as he believed the Commissioners Dog Bylaws may not be enforceable as the HBN Ground is leased to Laxey and Lonan Sports and Community Facilities Ltd. **JJ** reminded **PK** he was on 6 months probation reference a compliant relating to his conduct. **PK** said he could not recall being put on 6 months probation. **PK** made a statement to the Board relating to the events that had lead to the complaint. **JJ** stated that one of the complainants had asked him if there was "one rule for the residents of Laxey and another for Mr Peter Kinnish". **PK** apologised.
JJ advised **PK** that when this meeting had finished he would be holding a closed meeting with **SH**, **SJ**, and **GPW**, to discuss the compliant.
- e) Miss Gore of 36 Tynwald Road, Willaston writes on 10.09.11 to congratulate LVC on improvements in Laxey but expresses concern about proposed development on land near the Corn Mill and hopes that this application will be resisted. *Noted.*
- f) Jurby Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 25th September at 1100 hours at Jurby Parish Church. *No one available to attend.*
- g) Colin Ring e-mails at 1544 hours on 12.09.11 asking for LVC view on forming Laxey Community Choir. *A discussion took place and the Board resolved they fully support Mr Ring proposals and suggested he contact the local churches.*
- h) Lonan Commissioner Civic Service Sunday 9th October 2011 at 1100hrs, All Saints Church, Lonan. *JJ will try to attend.*
- i) Quotation for the supply of replacement parts for the see saw on the Children's play area on Laxey Prom £417.75 ex vat. The second main spring has broken and as a matter of course a number of other items have to be replaced.
Proposed SH, Seconded SJ
- j) Henry Bloom Noble Recreation Ground trees – Following a report of a large branch falling from a Ash tree Jason Bolt from DEFRA was called out to advise on Licences fro tree work. The large Ash that had dropped the branch was found to have a cavity in the trunk caused by rot. This is likely to compromise the tree at a future date as the rot progresses, Jason recommended that this tree is felled. At the same time the surrounding Sycamores could be have there height reduced. During the visit Jason viewed the fallen tree on the bank at the BMX track and recommend the branches were removed but the root ball and a section of the trunk should left in place to prevent the whole lot rolling in the lade. Jason also point out a dead Sycamore which required topping to reduce its height and prevent it falling on to the track. Also a small Ash tree which was likely to damage the fence could be removed.
The Board resolved to progress with the licence application and obtain quotes for these works.
- k) Works and Amenities. *{PK}.*
JJ welcomed **JB** to the meeting. **JB** advised the Board the campsite had been up grade from

Commended to Commended with 2 stars. JB said that to retain the grading the campsite had to maintain it's standards and recommended the followings works were undertaken during the winter:

- New perimeter fence.
- Install a pull down hair dryer in the ladies toilet.
- Outside light on toilet block has been fitted but needs wiring up.
- The 3 wash basins in the ladies toilets are cracked and require replacing – Recommend fitting a work top with 3 vanity basins.
- Recommend a none slip floor covering is installed in the toilet block. This would be easier to keep clean and would save time and money repainting each year. A present the floor needs painting every year and a sealed
- Recommend the installation of a chemical toilet disposal point utilising the existing manhole next to the gas bottles.
- Recommend the repairs to areas of the grass which are wearing badly.
- Contact Manx Gas and request the meter is removed this will reduce standing charges.

The Board Unanimously approved the Works recommend by JB.

JJ thanked JB for attending.

64/11 Any Other Business

- a) Yvonne Crawford of Noah's Ark Nursery, Shore Road, Laxey writes on 10.09.11 asking for donations towards equipment purchase and/or supply of equipment. They wish to provide the best nursery facilities for Laxey children.

Clerk to write advising the Local Authority is unable to make donations however they Commissioners wish them every success.

- b) Braddan Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 6th November 2011 at 1500 hours at Kirk Braddan. *No Commissioners available to attend.*

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm
Date of Next Meeting: 5th October 2011 at 6.45pm.