

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 1st July 2010

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), D Champion, Mrs S Dew, M Gee, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, B Manley, G Potter, Mrs J Wilson
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

Mrs K France (Press) was also in attendance.

Public Forum

No member of the public sought to address the Council.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8 pm

- 43 Apologies for absence.
Cllr Bald – work commitments. Cllr Cox – family commitments. Cllr Krarup – holiday.
- 44 The new Councillors, Mr David Champion, Mrs Sally Dew and Mr Brian Manley were welcomed to the Council. Their Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms were signed. Mrs Dew was confirmed as being a member of the Planning Committee. A full list of committees will be sent out so that the new councillors can decide whether they wish to join any of them. **Clerk**
- 45 Declaration of Interests from Members. Cllr Hickford expressed a personal interest under item 55, 27, Linton Action For Youth (LA4Y)
- 46 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2010. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Linsdell and agreed by the meeting.
- 47 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2010.
Under item 38 it was noted that the Statement of Common Ground had been sent by AECOM to the Planning Inspector. It was agreed to request acknowledgement of receipt. **Clerk**
- 48 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 17th June 2010. These were noted.
- 49 Approval of the Minutes of the Finance meeting held on 22nd April 2010. The minutes could not be agreed as Cllrs Linsdell and Cox were the only remaining members of Council who were on the Finance Committee on 22nd April and Cllr Cox was absent.
- 50 Reports from Co-ordinators:
- I. Open Spaces and Environment – There was nothing to report.
 - II. Recreation Ground
Update on pavilion extension – Cllr Manley reported that a meeting of the users to discuss the proposed pavilion extension would take place shortly. **BM**
Cllr Potter reported that the Meadow Lane gate needed to be re-hung and help would be required with this. Cllr Hickford offered his help.
Cllr Potter reported that trees between the two storage containers were overhanging the path and the situation would be monitored.
Cllr Hickford offered to paint the white railings at the bottom of Joiners Road and this was agreed with thanks. **RH**
 - III. Cemetery

A request for memorial was considered. It was agreed that the memorial now complied with the Cemetery Regulations however no regulation currently existed for the depth of a plinth of a memorial and this would need to be added to the regulations. Cllr Gee proposed that the memorial be permitted subject to confirmation from Hibbitt and Sons Masonry Ltd that permission to use the trademark name 'Guinness' had been received. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

A request for a memorial seat was considered. Cllr Gee proposed that a backless granite bench be permitted. This could be placed under the tree at the foot of the grave. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

Hibbett and Sons Masonry Ltd would be advised of the precise positioning of the bench and no fee would be charged by the Council.

IV. Rights of Way - There was nothing to report.

V. Venture Playground - It was confirmed that a quotation for minor repairs to various pieces of play equipment had been received. Cllr Potter reported that the aerial runway had again become stuck and could not be used. It appeared that no tyre or spring break had been fitted and this was being investigated. The ground around the skate ramp area would be monitored and levelled if required.

VI. Leadwell Meadows, River and Wildlife - There was nothing to report.

VII. Glebe Land - There was nothing to report.

VIII. Churchyard – There was nothing to report

IX. A1307, Traffic and Recreation Ground Parking – Cllr Champion requested information relating to speeding data at the junction of Bartlow Road and the A1307 since the speed limit had been reduced to 50mph. **RH**

Cllr Champion requested that a concave mirror be erected to ease access from the Health Centre into Coles Lane. The clerk will contact the Highways department to see if this is feasible. The clerk will arrange to meet the Practice Manager regarding Coles Lane car park. **Clerk**

Cllr Hickford reported that the Junior School was seeking funding to erect an IN and OUT sign on the access road off Wheatsheaf Way.

Cllr Cornell requested that the Traffic Working Party meet soon to discuss the proposal to yellow line part of Symond's Lane near the junction with Hillway. **TWP/Clerk**

The Council resolved to exclude the press and public whilst the Council considered the following item of business pursuant to section 100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972

50 X Allotments -

51 Three quotations to rebuild the Churchyard wall were considered. Cllr Potter proposed that the quotation from Landmark Restoration for £13,500 be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

52 Review of Cathodeon Centre extension proposal. Discussion took place and it was felt that there was no substantive reason why the entrance could not be relocated to the front of the building and the Trustees had not considered the safety or the needs of the users. However the Council did not wish to jeopardise the project. It was agreed to investigate how these concerns could be addressed. No decision could be made at this meeting. A proposal would be placed on the agenda for 15th July. A member of the trustees would be invited to the meeting. **The Council resolved to exclude the press and public whilst the Council considered the following item of business pursuant to section 100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972**

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53 Consideration of Co-option of new member to the Council. Cllr Hunt proposed that Ms Merrie Mannassi be elected to the Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Champion and resolved by the meeting.

54 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

55 Correspondence received and for discussion.

Item 11 SCDC – Election of Parish Council Member to the Standards Committee. The Council declined to vote.

Item 23 It was agreed not to renew the membership to Stop Stansted Expansion.

Item 26 Aztecs JFC had returned a donation of £50 due to late cancellation of an event. Cllr Potter proposed that Aztecs JFC be allowed to keep this donation as sponsorship for their next event later this month. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

Item 27 LA4Y Consideration of response to request for information. Cllr Cornell reported that she and the clerk had met with the trustees of LA4Y at the Drop-In Centre on 29th June. LA4Y had been given information which showed that their allegations were unfounded. The Council would now be formulating a complaints procedure policy.

Concerns were raised that youth provision would be severely affected due to budget cuts.

56 Cllr Linsdell proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Manley and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Gee and Potter signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bags and 1373, 1374 and 1375	3093.64	
CGM Cambridge Ltd (grass maintenance)	bags	1661.07	1444.41
Linton News	bags	90.00	
Petty Cash	1376	86.98	
MiJan Ltd (Internal audit)	1377	54.00	
Point Contact Hygienesis (bin bags)	1378	125.91	107.16
Viking Direct	1379	70.95	60.38
SCDC (uncontested PC election)	1380	225.00	
Kester Cunningham John (Coles Lane car park)	1381	3503.83	3001.26

57 Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Hunt raised concerns regarding the watering of the newly planted trees. The clerk confirmed that Cllr Bald had arranged for the fire brigade to water the trees.

Cllr Potter reminded the meeting that a meeting with Linton Parish Publications was required.

The clerk reported that responses from the pavilion users regarding the names of key holders to the pavilion gate had been received although a response from the Senior Aztecs team was still outstanding.

Residents concerned with the Nichols Court development would be making a site visit on 2nd July.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed

Date

Note: Copies of reports and documents referred to in these minutes can be inspected at the Council's office.