

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 2nd April 2009 commencing at 8 pm.

Present: A Gore (Chair), Ms E Cornell (Vice Chair), Mrs E Bald, Dr B Cox, S Daly, M Gee, B Hammett, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr V Urwin, Mrs J Williams
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

Mrs K France (Press) was in attendance together with one member of the public.

Public Forum

Helen Earl explained that she was present in relation to the purchase of 31 Paynes Meadow, item 294, 14 on the agenda and currently lived in Duxford.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8.05pm

- 283 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rossiter.
- 284 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 285 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2009. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hammett and agreed by the meeting.
- 286 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2009. There were none.
- 287 Consideration of the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 5th March 2009. These were noted.
- 288 Consideration of the minutes of the Finance meeting held on 19th February 2009. These were noted.

At this juncture the meeting agreed to consider Correspondence item 294, 14: M Glover: request to remove the local connection regarding the sale of 31 Paynes Meadow- decision required. Discussion took place regarding the request. The Chair explained that if it were to be removed it would be removed in perpetuity, although it would only relate to this property. Cllr Urwin reminded those present that Council had fought long and hard for affordable housing for Linton residents and this could set a precedent for future sales. The Chair confirmed that any further requests would be judged on their own merits; any precedent set would be a moral obligation, not a legal one. Council was reminded that the property had been on the market for well over 12 months and had been advertised in the local shops.

A vote to widen the local connection to include the whole of South Cambridgeshire was defeated. Cllr Cornell proposed that a further vote be taken to widen the area to that of the former Linton Poor Law Union. There were 10 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. **Proposal carried**

- 289 Reports from Co-ordinators:
- i) Open Spaces – Cllr Bald reported that the group would be meeting to discuss the planned new parking area in Chalklands.
There were several areas that required attention including the area by the bus stop at Greenhill Mews, the bottom of Rivey Lane and Palmers Close. It was agreed to obtain a Land Registry search to determine ownership of the land by Greenhill Mews bus stop.
Clerk
 - ii) Recreation Ground – Cllr Bald reported that the work to provide concrete bases to the benches and youth shelter had been completed and immediately vandalised.

- iii) Cemetery- Cllr Gee would seek a quotation for a tree survey and prepare a draft specification for the painting of the cemetery railings. **MG**
- iv) Rights of Way – There was nothing to report.
- v) Venture Playground – Cllr Hammett reported that he had sent photographs of damage to the skate ramp to Clever Curves and had requested a quotation. The lights on the skate ramp were working intermittently and would be monitored. **BH/RH**
- vi) Leadwell Meadows – There nothing to report.
- vii) Glebe Land – there was nothing to report.
- viii) Churchyard – Cllr Cox reported that the piers had been finished. No start date for the resurfacing of the paths had been received.
- ix) Communications – Cllr Gee reminded Councillors that their contact details should be shown on the web site. He would circulate a form for completion. Photographs of each councillor should be also be included.
- x) A1307 – Cllr Cornell referred to a press release issued by the County Council regarding the installation of two speed cameras, one at Cardinals Green, subject to the resolution of certain issues, and the other at the Hildersham crossroads.
- xi) Allotments – Cllr Cornell reported that the Council was awaiting further information from the District Council.
- xii) Youth – there was nothing to report

290 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

291 Cllr Gee proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Urwin and Potter signed the cheques.

(*Section 137 payment)	Gross	Excl VAT
* 2 nd Linton Brownies		
(from 2008/9 budget, Item 281, 19/3/09) 1164	50.00	
G H Smith (notice board 2008/9 budget) 1165	902.00	
A Gore (envelopes 2008/9 budget) 1166	103.36	13.48
Zurich Insurance plc 1167	397.11	345.31
Zurich Insurance plc 1167	5435.37	
Linton Village Hall (annual rent) 1168	350.00	
Society of Local Council Clerks 1169	149.00	
*Friends of Roman Road & Fleam Dyke 1170	10.00	
*Cam Valley Forum 1171	10.00	

It was also agreed to add the following payment to the list. This was for work relating to the wind farm questionnaire

M Fiddy	1172	90.00
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292 Wind Farm update

- Concerns regarding format and wording of questionnaire. Cllr Bald expressed her concern that the questionnaire was not as was agreed by Council at the previous meeting. Cllr Gore apologised that not all the agreed changes to the first draft had been incorporated in the second draft; he had been concerned that the questionnaire should cover a wide range of concerns; he had circulated the amended draft and requested feedback, which had been received from Cllr Cornell.
- Arrangements for Public Meeting. The meeting would be attended by David Rush, Head of Development Control at the District Council and Ray McMurray, its Area Development Control

Manager. It was agreed that Councillors would sit at the front of the hall.

- Arrangements for analysing questionnaires. No information would be disclosed until final figures were known. If more than 1 response box was ticked, each response would be given the appropriate fraction of 1. Those with multiple 'other reasons' would be analysed separately and any 'new' comments noted.
- Consideration of format for special meeting on 23rd April. Cllr Hickford suggested that all attending who wished to speak in the Public Forum be asked to write down their names and allowed to speak on a first come first served basis as time allowed; residents would already have had the opportunity to speak at the public meeting. Notices advising of the Council's decision would be posted the next day. A vote took place regarding holding the meeting at the Cathodeon Centre rather than a larger venue. There were 9 votes in favour of holding the meeting at the Cathodeon Centre, with 2 against and 1 abstention

293 Damage to bus shelter at Cambridge Road. Cllr Gore explained that some wind damage to the bus shelter had occurred; an insurance claim had been made to which no response had been received. It was agreed that subject to the insurers offering a substantial payment, the Clerk be authorised to obtain a quotation for its replacement.

Clerk

294 Correspondence received and for discussion:

Item 4 Chalklands Residents Association: request for litter bin at Back Road bus stop. It was agreed to obtain a quotation for the purchase and installation of a bin. **Clerk**

Item 10 South Rhugarve Neighbours Group: regarding damage by tree roots to sewer under footpath. It was agreed to acknowledge receipt of the letter. It was also agreed to advise the Group to contact Anglian Water and the County Council. **Clerk**

Item 11 D Birch: request for re-surfacing at The Grip. It was agreed to forward this request to the County Council. **Clerk**

Item 13 Calor Gas Village of the Year competition. Any Councillor wishing to take this forward was requested to contact the Clerk. **All**

Item 14 M Glover: see above, between Agenda Items 288 & 289.

Item 24 Village Tree Warden: requested tree planting on A1307. It was agreed to support this request in principle, subject to consideration being given to cyclists' safety and the possible damage to the cycleway by tree roots. Cllr Cornell said that Richard Preston of the County Council had previously stated that tree planting by this stretch of road would be beneficial. **SA**

295 Reports from Councillors (for information only)

A letter had been received from A Binney of Pampisford Hall inviting interested parties to Hildersham Wood on Saturday 4th April at 10am to view the surrounding landscape.

Cllr Hickford reported that following speed checks in Horseheath Road 24% of traffic had been found to be driving at 35mph or over. The police would now be targeting this area.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed Date

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