

## Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009 commencing at 8 pm

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), B Hammett, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin  
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

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

### Public Forum

No member of the public sought to address the Council.

**The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8 pm and explained that as the majority of Councillors were absent any major decisions would be deferred.**

- 62 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cox, Daly, Gee, Gore, Hickford, Hunt, Krarup and Williams.
- 63 Declaration of Interests from Members. Cllr Rossiter declared a personal interest under item 70 as a consultant for the County Council.
- 64 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Cllr Rossiter proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Potter and agreed by the meeting.
- 65 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009.  
Under item 53, the overgrown grass, the Clerk confirmed that the owner had written to the Council and this matter would be an agenda item at the next meeting. **Agenda 16/7**  
Under item 58, the South Cambs magazine had reported that 52 properties were being built at Flaxfields. The actual number remains at 40.
- 66 Consideration of the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009. These were noted.
- 67 Consideration of the minutes of the Finance meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009. These were noted.
- 68 Presentation on Affordable Housing and introduction to Icen Homes by Mr Chris Jackson of Hundred Houses Society Ltd. This item will be rescheduled. **Future agenda**
- 69 Reports from Co-ordinators:  
i) Open Spaces – Cllr Bald requested support for removal of the dead trees at the entrance to Rivey Lane and the area to be replanted with mature trees. It was agreed to check ownership of the land to identify responsibility. It was felt that Council should incur no costs relating to this work or loose any trees from their allocation should this work be undertaken. **Clerk**
- ii) Recreation Ground – Cllr Potter reported that during the recent flash flooding a manhole cover had been lifted outside the pavilion and the resulting water had damaged the block paving. Anglian Water had been contacted to replace the cover. A quotation had been requested to re lay approximately 15 square metres of the blocks.  
It was reported that the lock to the recreation ground gate was missing.
- Reports were given of flooding at the Balsham Road/ High Street junction. A garage at 19 Symonds Lane was also flooded by water from the Flaxfields footpath.  
However there was no flooding in Church Lane as a direct result of the recent drainage work undertaken by the County Council. **Clerk**
- iii) Cemetery

The decision for a request for a memorial stone was deferred to the next meeting. **Agenda 16/7**

iv) Rights of Way

The Clerk reported that she had attended a Parish Paths Partnership (P3) meeting on behalf of the Rights of Way committee. A meeting was planned for late August to discuss the possible Linton Diversion package.

v) Venture Playground – Cllr Hammett reported that Clever Curves were still awaiting delivery of the materials to repair the skate ramp. A shackle on a swing had been replaced following the Zurich Insurance play equipment check.

vi) Leadwell Meadows – Nothing to report

vii) Glebe Land

**Resolved:**

**To send the letter to the Diocese requesting permission to extend the riverside walk.**

There was nothing to report on Churchyard, Communications, A1307 or Youth.

ix) Allotments - It was agreed to contact Mr McMurray for an update on the situation with regard to the offer of land from Mr Balaam. **Clerk**

70 Update on Camping Close following a meeting with the Infants School. A report of the meeting had been received from the School. Cllr Hickford had also issued a report which had been made available to the School. It was hoped that a compromise could be reached whereby the School would not fence off anymore of Camping Close if certain obligations were undertaken by the Council. These included daily litter picking, dogs to be prohibited from using land north of the path, people to be prohibited using land north of the path during school hours, signage to help enforce these issues and financial assistance with grass cutting costs. Council agreed in principle to these requests but no decisions were made. There remains some confusion as to how high the proposed fence would be.

It was agreed to continue to collect information relating to the application for Village Green status.

Cllr Hammett agreed to report on the thoughts of the Fireworks Committee following their meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July. **BH**

71 Report on Local Council Advisory Service Seminar covering Risk Assessment and Risk Management

No decision was made to adopt the format of draft forms for Risk Assessment and Risk Management. This item was deferred to the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August. **Agenda 6/8**

72 Written reports from Council representatives.

A report on Police Panel Meeting had been received from Cllr Hickford. The clerk requested that any graffiti be reported to the office so that action can be taken. **All**

73 Cllr Bald proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hammett and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Potter and Urwin signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Stop Stansted Expansion (membership renewal)	1220	10.00	
Petty Cash	1221	83.15	

74 Correspondence received and for discussion. There was none.

75 Reports from Councillors. Cllr Hammett reported that he has secured a grant of £5000 to help fund play equipment on the Recreation Ground.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed ..... Date .....

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

