

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 2nd December 2010

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

Mrs K France (Press) was in attendance together with two members of the public.

Public Forum

J Mele of Tower View spoke of concerns regarding a resident of Tower View. She commented that a resident was causing anti social behaviour and the effect on the neighbourhood and the Police, Fire and Ambulance Service. It appeared that the terms of the Council lease were being breached almost daily, yet the District Council would take neither interest nor action.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8.10 pm

- 169 Apologies for absence. Cllr Champion – family commitments.
The Chair welcomed back Cllr Manley following his operation.
- 170 Disclosure of Interest
Tree works application at 7 Symond's Lane, Linton
Cllr Bald disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest as the owner. Cllr Bald left the room during the discussion and decision on this matter.
- 171 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2010. Under item 158, churchyard wall Cllr Bald requested that the following be added. 'Cllr Bald responded this was part of a management programme of tree works.' Cllr Gee proposed that the amended minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by the meeting.
- 172 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2010.
Under item 158, Cllr Bald reported on an incident involving a group of youths and their victim in Finchams Close. The PCSOs had been called and the Police had arrived promptly and had dealt with the issue and were to be commended.
Under item 158 churchyard wall, it was confirmed that Landmark Restoration had been asked to repair the section of wall bordering the school playground as a matter of urgency. Unfortunately the temperature had been too cold for this to take place. It was agreed to contact the Fireworks Committee for an update on how their repair to the wall was progressing. **Clerk**
Under item 165, the Clerk confirmed that she was awaiting written confirmation from Atlas Tree Works regarding their quotation for tree works in the Cemetery.
- 173 Consideration of the Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 21st October 2010. These were noted.
- 174 Cllr Hickford proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Cox and Gee signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bags and 1434, 1435 and 1436	3035.29	
CGM Ltd (grass maintenance)	bags	1661.07	1444.41
Linton News	bags	90.00	
G Potter (renewal of McAfee virus security)	1437	49.99	
The Information Commissioner	1438	35.00	
BT	1439	98.53	85.20
ESPO	1440	98.01	83.41

Two further cheques were presented and agreed for payment. They had not been received in time to be included on the agenda but were required to be paid before the next meeting on 6th January.

Algar Signcraft Services Cambridge Ltd	1441	148.05	126.00
Watkins Joinery	1442	1574.50	

- 175 Reports from Co-ordinators:
- I. Open Spaces and Environment – Cllr Bald reported that it had been too cold for the hedges to be lifted and replanted. When the weather improved the Community payback group would undertake this work. In the meantime they were willing to undertake work as required. It was agreed that the Cemetery and the area on the Recreation ground between the containers was in need of a tidy up. If there were any other areas in need please contact the office or Cllr Bald. **All**
The District Council had confirmed that the grounds maintenance work on land behind Crabtree Croft and Symond’s Lane would commence on 8th December.
 - II. Recreation Ground – Cllr Hickford requested that the graffiti removal team be requested to attend to the tarmac area. **Clerk**
 - III. Cemetery – nothing to report
 - IV. Rights of Way – nothing to report
 - V. Venture Playground – the Clerk reported that following a play inspection check by our insurers the skate ramp had been deemed unsafe to use. Consequently she and her assistant, with the help of Cllr Potter, had immediately cordoned off the ramp and posted warning signs. Discussion took place and it was agreed that either the ramp should be dismantled or permanent fencing should be erected to prevent it from being used. Cllr Mannassi offered to contact local contractors to see if they would lend us any spare Harris fencing. It was agreed to post a notice on the Swan Bridge notice board and to keep the skateboarding community updated. **MM/Clerk**
 - VI. Leadwell Meadows, River and Wildlife – Cllr Cox reported the other weir between the Mill and the one that we wish to re-establish had also been undercut. Cllr Bald reported that she had a contact interested in re-establishing ponds.
 - VII. Glebe Land – nothing to report
 - VIII. Churchyard – Discussed under item 172.
 - IX. A1307, Traffic and Recreation Ground Parking – nothing to report.
 - X. Allotments – It was confirmed that we were awaiting a response from the Legal department at the District Council. Liaison with Mr Lamb was ongoing.
- 176 Ratification of amendment to Standing Orders as per item 163 meeting of 18th November 2010. All present were in agreement.
- 177 Consideration and renewal of grass maintenance contract. Discussion took place as to whether grass cutting on Camping Close should be added to the contract. The Clerk would contact the County Council for further information. **Clerk**
Cllr Gee proposed that the maintenance of the Cemetery be offered as a separate contract. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox. A vote took place with 10 votes in favour and 1 against. **Resolved**
It was agreed that all hedges should be cut in November unless otherwise stated. It was agreed that cutting the top of the beech hedge should be included at the Cathodeon Centre. A resident had requested that the open space on Parsonage Way be cut fortnightly instead of monthly. This was refused.
Concerns were raised regarding the work that the Council undertakes on behalf of the County and whether this should be a separate annual contract due to possible financial cutbacks. The Clerk will contact the County Council for further information. **Clerk**
- 178 Consideration of response to LA4Y. This item was deferred until January when all the previous correspondence would be reissued. **Agenda 6/1**
- 179 Consideration of the terms of the lease between the County Council on behalf of the Children’s Centre and the Parish Council on behalf of the Cathodeon Building. Cllr Hunt proposed that the Council resolves to sign the lease subject to the Clerk agreeing any amendments made. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**
- 180 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.
- 181 Correspondence received and for discussion.
Item 2 Tree Works – Mrs E Bald, 7 Symond’s Lane -Reduction and removal of branches of Horse Chestnut tree bordering Symond’s Lane. This was agreed.

Item 3 Tree Works – Miss C Thompson, 8 Meadow Lane – To fell dangerously tall leylandii on river bank and to replant with something more suitable. This was agreed.

Item 15 Letter from resident re Nichols Court. A reply will be sent.

Clerk

182 Reports from Councillors. The meeting with Bidwells was set for 16th December upstairs in the Village Hall, the time to be confirmed.

Clerk

The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed

Date

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