

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 3rd February 2011

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), D Champion, Mrs S Dew, M Gee, R Hickford, Ms M Mannassi, Mrs J Wilson
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

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

Public Forum

Mrs J Crofts and Mr G Cummings raised concerns in respect of the Library Service Review and its implications on the future of Linton Library. The construction of a Children's Centre on the site had been expected to safeguard the future of the Library. A trustee of the Cathodeon Centre would be invited to attend the next meeting and this item would be placed on the agenda for 17/2. All neighbouring parishes which used the Library would be contacted.

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The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8.15pm

212 Apologies for absence. Cllr Hunt – holiday. Cllr Potter – holiday. Cllr Cox – holiday. Cllr Manley – attending another meeting. Cllr Linsdell -unwell.

213 Disclosure of Interest
Item 221 Cricket Club funding request.
Cllr Hickford declared a personal interest as a member of the Senior Cricket Club

214 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2011. Several amendments were required therefore the minutes were not agreed or signed.

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215 Matters arising from the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2011.
Under the Public Forum, Cllr Champion reported that the letter of complaint from the resident of Tower View had been acknowledged by SCDC and a response would be available in 10 days.

Under item 204, Cllr Batchelor had provided the following information regarding potholes. There was no standard cost for repair it depended on the size of the hole. Costs were calculated on the basis of £55 per square metre. If it was an emergency, usually called in by the police, an additional call out charge was made being daytime & Saturday £77, night call £129 and Sunday/Bank Holiday £155

Under item 205, it was agreed to write to Sanctuary Hereward, with a copy to SCDC, stating the Parish Council was disenchanted with the response received and their refusal to meet with us. Cllr Batchelor had indicated that Sanctuary would be willing to meet with us. A meeting would be requested.

Clerk

216 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 20th January 2011. These were noted.

217 Consideration of the Minutes of the Finance meeting held on 18th November 2010. These were noted.

218 Cllr Champion proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Gee and Hickford signed the cheques.

	*S137		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bacs and	1455, 1456, 1457	3062.52	
CGM Ltd (grass maintenance)		bacs	1733.29	1444.41
Linton News		bacs	90.00	
Sandcroft Payroll Services		bacs	20.92	17.80
Universal Fencing Ltd (skate ramp)		1458	621.12	517.60
* Cambs ACRE		1459	35.00	
The Wildlife Trust		1460	36.00	

Dent Security Systems Ltd	1461	100.60	83.83
Shine (bus shelters)	1462	56.00	
Five Star Pest Control Ltd	1463	84.00	70.00
BT (internet)	1464	162.00	135.00
Zurich Management Services (LCAS sub)	1465	174.00	145.00

219 Reports from Co-ordinators:

- I. Open Spaces and Environment – Cllr Bald reported that there had been no response from the youth group who had offered to help plant hedging around the fire station therefore she and Mrs Anderson would start work there at the weekend.
- II. Recreation Ground. There was nothing to report.
- III. Cemetery – Cllr Gee reported that a memorial bench had been installed but several other items in the vicinity should be removed. Cllr Bald requested that letters be sent out to those plot holders who were in breach of Cemetery rules. **Clerk**
- IV. Rights of Way. There was nothing to report.
- V. Venture Playground – The clerk reported that an order had been placed with Wicksteed Leisure to replace the swings, taken out of use in December. Cllr Bald reported that despite erecting security fencing the skateramp was still being used.
- VI. Leadwell Meadows, River and Wildlife. There was nothing to report.
- VII. Glebe Land. There was nothing to report.
- VIII. Churchyard – The clerk reported that the planning application submitted in July to rebuild and repair the Church wall had at long last been processed by the District Council.
- IX. A1307, Traffic and Recreation Ground Parking – Cllr Hickford called a Recreation Ground parking meeting for Monday 14th February at 7.30pm at The Crown. Cllrs Cornell and Hickford would be attending a meeting in Haverhill on 4th February to discuss the A1307.
- X. Allotments – A meeting of the working party would take place at 7.30pm on 10th February, upstairs in the Village Hall.

220 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

221 Correspondence received for discussion and decision.

Item 54 Royal British Legion re Great Poppy Weekend 10th -12th June. It was noted that this date coincided with St Mary's Flower Festival. It was agreed to contact the Church and ask if they would be willing to incorporate an event to celebrate the 90th Birthday of the British Legion. The Parish Council would be willing to contribute financially to this. **Clerk**

Item 2 Linton Junior Cricket Club clarification re request for donation – this item will be passed to the Finance Committee for a recommendation. **Finance agenda 17/2**

Item 9 Request for grit bin in Tower View. This request would be added to the Wish List for consideration at the next meeting. **Agenda 17/2**

Further discussion regarding grit bins took place. It was expected that the County Council would be cutting back on the filling of grit bins and it maybe that the Parish Council would need to procure its own supply of grit. Cllr Bald reported that there appeared to be a surplus of grit bins in The Grove, Back Road, Crabtree Croft are and maybe one of these could be relocated.

222 Reports from Councillors. (For information only)

The Chair reported on the death of Jack Tofts, ex Village Custodian and sent condolences to his family.

Cllr Bald reported that she had attended a Funding Forum. There appeared to be funding available for land and ecological use.

Cllr Hickford reported that no response had been received from SCDC regarding our concerns on the traffic situation in respect of the wind farm. **Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8.48pm.

Signed

Date

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

