

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 3rd December 2009 commencing at 8 pm

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

Mrs K France (Press) was also in attendance

Public Forum

Mrs France reported that the river was very high. She asked whether the report commissioned on the 2002 flooding had ever been received. Cllr Cox replied that this had been undertaken by a student possibly as part of their thesis and he would investigate the situation further. **BC**

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

- 191 Apologies
Cllrs Gee and Urwin – work commitments. Cllr Rossiter - ill
- 192 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 193 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 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.
- 194 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2009.
Under item 183, it was confirmed that the Cemetery Regulations would be brought back to Council on 7th January to have further information on measurements clarified. **Agenda 7/1**
- Under item 181, Camping Close, Cllr Hickford reported that an objection letter to the Village Green application had been received from Cambridgeshire County Council which had been forwarded to the Open Spaces Society. He had spoken to the Asset and Strategy department at the County Council who believed that 'this would be a good test case in the light of recent events and decision.' Linton Parish Councils response would need to be submitted by 15th January. Cllr Bald remarked that it would not be a sensible use of public finances if this were to go to a public enquiry and urged the County Council to reconsider their decision for the good of the community.
- 195 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 19th November 2009. These were noted.
- 196 Consideration of the Minutes of the Finance meeting held on 15th October 2009. These were noted.
- 197 Reports from Co-ordinators:
- I. Open Spaces – Cllr Bald reported that a large puddle had developed by the seat on Parsonage Way. This had been reported in the risk assessment checklist.
 - II. Recreation Ground – Cllr Potter was pleased to report that there was no flooding.
 - III. Cemetery
To consider the removal of specific trees following a report from the tree warden. Deferred from meeting of 5th November, item 167 refers
Cllr Bald proposed that trees T008, T015, T040, T041, T055 as per the schedule received from Hayden's be felled. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gore. A vote took place with 9 votes in favour and 1 abstention. **Proposal carried**

Cllr Bald then proposed that T051 and T056 be felled and their stumps ground out to reduce the risk of sucker limes. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt. A vote took place with 8 votes in favour and 2 abstentions. **Proposal carried**

It was agreed to engage Cambridge Tree Surgery at a cost of £1570 as they were carrying out the earlier works.

The Risk Assessment for the cemetery had been received.

IV. Rights of Way – there was nothing to report

V. Venture Playground – Cllr Hammett reported that the play equipment had been ordered but no date for installation had been received. The contractor would be warned of the soft ground prior to the work commencing. **BH**

VI. Leadwell Meadows – Cllr Hunt reported that two oak saplings had been planted.

VII. Glebe Land – there was nothing to report

VIII. Churchyard

Cllr Cox proposed that we proceed with felling of 3 Lime trees on southern boundary following approval from the Diocese. Atlas Tree Surgery would undertake the works at a cost of £780. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and resolved by the meeting.

Proposal carried

IX. Communications – there was nothing to report

X. A1307 – Cllr Cornell confirmed that the next meeting would take place upstairs in the Village Hall on 10th December at 8pm

XI. Allotments – Cllr Cornell reported that no response had been received from NSALG. She would be writing, one again, to the local landowners.

198 Resolution to be moved on notice. The following was resolved.

“Upon the Council adopting new Financial Regulations, the Council’s Standing Orders be amended as follows:

1. Delete Standing Orders 54, 55 and 56

2. Amend Standing Order 77 by deleting the present text and substituting the following:

“The Council shall maintain Financial Regulations for the general financial management of the Council, annual estimates, budgetary control, accounting and audit, banking, payment of accounts, orders for goods and services, assets, insurance, risk management and such other matters as it considers necessary.

The Council shall cause a review of its Financial Regulations to be carried out from time to time and in any event at intervals of not more than three years.”

199 Consideration and adoption of updated Financial Regulations. Cllr Linsdell proposed that the Financial Regulations be adopted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and agreed by the meeting.

200 Wind Farm - update. Cllrs Bald and Hickford had attended the pre enquiry meeting at the District Council offices. The Council’s views were not recorded as Section 6 as the Council will not employ a barrister. Evidence must be submitted by 21st December. It was agreed to submit our original response under two headings, Community concerns and A1307. The appeals officer will also consider the A1307 although the County and District Council’s would not debate this issue. Cllr Gore remarked that it may be advantageous to investigate engaging our own independent highways officer. **Agenda 7/1**

201 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

202 Correspondence received and for discussion.

Item 7 BT re queries on the adoption of the telephone kiosk in Rivey Way. Cllr Hickford proposed that we purchase but make no decision on the future of the kiosk. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Krarup. A vote took place with 8 votes in favour and 2 abstentions. **Proposal carried**

Item 11 CC – Consultation on HCV issues and draft freight map. This had already been received.

203 Cllr Cox proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Linsdell and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Cox and Gore signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bacs and 1272, 1273 & 1274	3328.28	
CGM Cambridge Ltd (grass maintenance)	bacs	1661.07	1444.41
Linton News	bacs	90.00	
CGM Cambridge Ltd	1275	86.25	75.00
Steve Jackson Ltd	1276	1381.43	1201.24
BT	1277	96.91	85.45

204 Reports from Councillors. Cllr Potter suggested that LPC investigate and take up the option from CPALC to save on AVG internet security. **Clerk**
Cllr Cornell reported that she had visited Camgrain to see their noise monitoring equipment and control room and had a tour of the grain store and driers. It was agreed to arrange the cheque presentation evening for 7th January at 6.30-7pm. **BH**
The Chair wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

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.