

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 4th February 2010 commencing at 8 pm

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

Mrs K France (Press) was also in attendance.

Public Forum

Mrs France asked for clarification regarding the Jubilee Stone. Cllr Urwin replied that it is hoped that a large plaque can be added in place of the missing individual small plaques.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8pm

- 228 Apologies for absence.
Cllr Cox – holiday. Cllr Hickford – prior engagement.
- 229 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 230 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2010. Cllr Rossiter proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and agreed by the meeting.
- 231 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2010.
Under item 219, Cllr Bald reported that the analysis of the noise maps received from the consultant employed by Uttlesford District Council had indicated that closer to 600 and not 270 homes would be affected by turbine noise greater than 40 decibels. No modelling was available for those homes in the river valley and other non standard locations.
- 232 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 21st January 2010. These were noted.
- 233 Consideration of the Minutes of the Finance meeting held on 19th November 2009. These were noted.
- 234 Consideration of the Minutes of the pre budget meeting held on 14th January 2010 to include agreement on the precept figure. The Chair handed over the meeting to Cllr Hammett, Chair of Finance. The minutes of the meeting were noted and in particular that any underspend for this year would be allocated to three long term funds, Allotments, Coles Lane Car Park and a new fund to replace the skateramp.
Cllr Hammett proposed that the precept figure for 2010/2011 be set at £135,659 an increase of £1089 over last year. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rossiter and resolved by the meeting.
- 235 Reports from Co-ordinators:
- I. Open Spaces – Cllr Rossiter reported that although permission from the County Council had been received, planting in the area of Dolphin Close steps would not be progressed.
 - II. Recreation Ground – Cllr Krarup had issued a report. The puddle by the Meadow Lane gate had reappeared and it was agreed to contact the County Council for advice. **Clerk** Concerns had been raised regarding the contractors in charge of the ground preparation work for the new play equipment. Cllr Hammett reported that the rubbish would be removed on Monday but he had requested that it be made secure over the weekend. The large container had been sited close to the pavilion to avoid heavy vehicles crossing the land drain which ran alongside the Drop In Centre. The contractors would be reminded to cease all vehicle movements whilst pupils are travelling to and from the college.
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 - III. Cemetery

No amendments to the cemetery regulations were available. This item will be placed on the next agenda for 18th February. **Agenda 18/2**

Cllr Gee had issued a report following discussion regarding the extension of the ashes plot adjacent to the present plot. It is possible that the new area may be paved but further investigation and advice as to whether planning permission would be required would be sought. The Clerk was concerned that this should be done as a matter of urgency as very few ashes plots were currently available. It was agreed that the new section could be used as soon as the area had been measured and planned out. Help would be sought from HJ Paintin. **Clerk**

The new burial section was identified as the area adjacent to the houses at the bottom of Chalklands. However test digs would need to take place prior to any mapping to determine if this area was suitable as historically it had been prone to flooding. **Clerk**

IV. Rights of Way – Cllr Rossiter reported that a response had been received from the Ramblers Association regarding the reorganisation of footpaths. A report would follow when the wind farm inquiry had closed.

V. Venture Playground – there was nothing to report.

VI. Leadwell Meadows – there was nothing to report

VII. Glebe Land – there was nothing to report

VIII. Churchyard

Following the collapse of a section of the Churchyard wall a meeting was convened with the surveyor, SCDC tree officer and the Churchyard working group. Following recommendations Cllr Gore proposed that:

- 1 A report from Andrew Firebrace and Partners, structural engineers at a cost not exceeding £300 be obtained.
- 2 Revised quotations for the repair of the wall, based on advice of the engineer, and Hugo Prime surveyor, and the response by SCDC to the tree works notification, be obtained
- 3 Sources of grant funding for the works be pursued.

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 reported that a response to the HCV consultation had been submitted regarding the monitoring of speed, noise etc. The latest St Edmundsbury plan was under discussion with the County Council.

XI. Allotments – Cllr Cornell reported that the Site Specific Development Policy had been approved with no changes to the village envelope. Cllr Cornell is seeking to ascertain ownership of various pockets of land for use as allotments. It was agreed to chase NSALG for a response to their letter to SCDC. **Clerk**

236 Wind Farm – the arrangements for appeal hearing were agreed. It was reported that the Inspector had sanctioned two extra days for Linton residents to speak. These would be 16th and 17th February at the Village Hall. It was agreed to display posters advising of this and to contact those residents who had contacted the Parish Council with their views. **Clerk**

Cllr Rossiter reported that she had attended the inquiry and felt that there had been no local feeling in the presentations. Cllr Gore reported that the object of the presentations of Parish Councillors should be to convey local colour and experience in a rational manner. The Inspector would be trying to provoke an emotional response and the credibility of the witness would be diminished.

237 Written reports from Council representatives
Cllr Hunt had issued a report following the Village Hall trustees meeting of 26th January.

238 Camping Close update
It was agreed to send a letter to the County Council requesting clarification on the objection.

Clerk

There will be an article in the March edition of Parish Matters.

239 Confirmation of re-appointment of Cllr Gore as Cathodeon Trustee. This was noted.

240 Correspondence received and for discussion.

Item 6 CPALC Request for nominations to receive an invitation to attend a royal garden party.

Discussion took place and it was agreed to nominate Cllr Cox.

Clerk

Item 7 Concerns from a resident of Chalklands reporting that there had been a wasps or bees nest in the tree adjacent to her garden. It was agreed to ask the resident to contact us if it proved a problem this year.

Clerk

Item 17 Stop Linton Wind Farm a request for funding. Discussion took place. The clerk reported that she had sought advice and any donation should come from S137 funding. Cllr Bald proposed that a sum of money as available from S137 funds, not exceeding £2000, which is considered to be of direct benefit to the residents be given. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rossiter. A vote took place with seven votes in favour, three votes against and one abstention.

Proposal carried

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

		Gross	Excl VAT	
Wages	bacs and 1284, 1285, 1286	3017.26		
CGM Cambridge Ltd (grass maintenance)	bacs	1661.07	1444.41	
Linton News	bacs	90.00		
Shine Windows	1287	56.00		
Algar Signcraft Services (Cambridge) Ltd	1288	77.55	66.00	
BT	1289	158.62		
135.00 MH Electrical (UK) Ltd (PAT testing)	1290	43.35		
	Simpers (workwear)			
		1291		
158.97	135.30			
	Point Contact Hygienesis (rubbish bags)	1292	125.91	107.16
	Zurich Municipal Management Services	1293	170.38	
145.00	(Local Council Advisory Service renewal)			
	ESPO (copier paper)	1294	69.85	

59.45

242 Reports from Councillors. (For information only)

Cllr Rossiter reported that she had attended a meeting to discuss the Green Vision for Cambridgeshire. She had been the only attendee and a further 18 presentations had been planned.

Cllr Krarup reported that he had attended a meeting regarding the SureStart Children's Centre extension to the Cathodeon Centre. The planning application will be submitted in due course with an expected start date of 6th September and completion in March 2011.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed

Date

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

