

## Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010 commencing at 8 pm

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

Mr Ian Dewar, CEO, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CPALC) and Mrs K France (Press) were also in attendance.

### Public Forum

No member of the public sought to address the Council.

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

- 260 Apologies.  
Cllr Krarup – holiday. Cllr Linsdell – unwell. Cllr Urwin – work commitments.
- 261 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 262 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and agreed by the meeting.
- 263 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010.  
Under item 246, the Chair reported that the Wind Farm Inquiry had been adjourned until September. Cllr Cornell proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Corrie Newell, Conservation Officer at SCDC for her extensive work and commitment in obtaining evidence for the inquiry and this was agreed. **Clerk**
- 264 Consideration of the Minutes of the Finance meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010. These were noted.
- 265 Ian Dewar, CEO of CPALC spoke on Local Authority Powers and Payments.  
Mr Dewar explained the role and powers of Parish Councils and issued handouts. He emphasised that the level of funding to those benefiting should be proportional to the number of electors. The Parish Council could give initial funding to help with start up costs but these groups should be encouraged to be sustainable and not to be reliant on Parish Council funding year on year. Future funding should reduce and be used as matched funding to other funding sources. Funding should not be given if alternative funding is available. Groups should be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to explain how their funding has been spent.

The Chair reported that she had written an article for the April edition of Parish Matters explaining the Council's intention to invite all local groups who had received a charitable grant from the Parish Council in 2009 to the Annual Parish Meeting, so that they could report on how their money was spent. All successful applicants to be awarded a grant in 2010, (due to be agreed by Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> April), would be invited too and cheques would be presented at the meeting. **Clerk**

Councillors who had any queries relating to a particular request for funding were asked to contact the Clerk before the end of March. **All**

Item 255, 41 (deferred from meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February). The request from Linton Village College to fund £500 for gymnastics equipment was considered. Advice was sought from Mr Dewar who confirmed that Parish Council's should not give to businesses. He asked that all the relevant documentation be sent to him and he would forward it to the legal department to determine. **Clerk**

266 Reports from Co-ordinators:

- I. Open Spaces – With reference to the Camping Close Village Green application, Cllr Gore reported on a decision made by the Supreme Court on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010. The Court ruled in favour of an application that had previously been refused due to residents showing respect for the owners use. The Lords concluded that the residents were still asserting a right to take recreation on the land and simply because they showed civility towards the owners use did not mean that village green status should not be afforded. Cllr Gore felt in the light of this decision it was difficult to see how the Education Authority could mount a case against the Parish Council's Village Green application.
- II. Recreation Ground - There was nothing to report.
- III. Cemetery - Cllr Bald reported that hedging had been planted on the boundary by the Chalklands bungalows. Further hedge planting would take place on the northern side when two trees had been felled.
- IV. Rights of Way - Cllr Hammett reported that he and Andrew Stimson from the Countryside Access Team had made safe a partially fallen tree in Rivey Lane.
- V. Venture Playground - Cllr Hammett reported that the new play equipment had been installed and was available to use.
- VI. Leadwell Meadows - There was nothing to report.
- VII. Glebe Land - There was nothing to report.
- VIII. Churchyard - Cllr Cox reported that the Churchyard Management Committee has been requested to withdraw our application to remove some churchyard trees as the tree officer believed that these trees were not wholly responsible for the collapse of the wall.
- IX. Communications - There was nothing to report.
- X. A1307 - There was nothing to report.
- XI. Allotments - There was nothing to report.

267 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

268 Correspondence received and for discussion.

Item 19 Cambridgeshire Together Rural Strategy Consultation – Cllr Rossiter had issued a report and it was agreed to defer a decision to the next meeting. **Agenda 18/3**

Item 22 A request from S Hill to promote Linton as a base for the 2012 Olympics was considered. It was agreed to respond that the Council is in the process of setting up a Heritage Trail to guide visitors around the designated Outstanding Conservation Area. **Clerk**

Item 27 SCDC re The Green Vision for Cambridgeshire Consultation – Cllr Rossiter will formulate a response.

**JR**

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

*S137		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bacs and 1302, 1303, 1304	3017.26	
CGM Cambridge Ltd (grass maintenance)	bacs	1733.29	1444.41
Linton News	bacs	90.00	
*Cambridgeshire ACRE (additional payment)	1305	10.00	
Andrew Firebrace Partnership	1306	164.50	140.00
N McKenna (tree planting)	1307	90.00	
Cambridge Water Co (cemetery)	1308	23.32	
CPRE	1309	29.00	
Kompan Ltd (play equipment)	1310	26697.18	22721.00
Cambridgeshire County Council (footway lights)	1311	3850.40	
BT	1312	91.05	78.91
ProClean (bridge cleaning)	1313	505.25	

- 270 Tree Works (see schedule) – Dr Bertram, Linton House. These were agreed.
- 271 Reports from Councillors. (For information only)  
Cllr Potter requested that the Linton Parish Publications group meet as soon as possible.  
Cllr Cornell reported that the drains in Coles Lane Car Park appeared to be blocked; some flooding had occurred and several drain grids were damaged needed to be replaced. **Clerk**

A request for a meeting with the Highways Department, Hildersham Parish Council and Linton Parish Council to discuss Back Road had been received from Cllr Batchelor. Any Councillor wishing to attend should contact the Clerk by 9<sup>th</sup> March. **All**

**The Council resolved to exclude the press and public whilst the Council considered the following items of business pursuant to section 100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972**

- 272 Approval of the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
- 273 Matters arising from the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
- 274 Consideration of quotations from Highways Consultants.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

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

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