

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 4th June 2009 commencing at 8 pm.

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), Dr B Cox, 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

No member of the public sought to address the Council.

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

33 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Daly, Gee, Gore, Hammett and Hickford.

34 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.

35 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2009. Under item 30, the following was added 'Cllr Hickford asked both the District and County Cllrs if they supported the PC application for Camping Close to become a village green, and they both agreed that they did support the application.'

Cllr Hunt proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by the meeting.

36 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2009.

Under item 25, Cllr Batchelor had reported that most consultees have responded, but work is still in progress on the various impact reports that the District Council has commissioned. The determination date, third week in June, will not be met. It is understood that the applicant is considering lodging a "non-determination" appeal if this is the case. The earliest it could come to Planning Committee would be the July meeting. However, if it did it is unlikely that all the required evidence would be available to put before the committee. The more likely date for Committee would be September.

Under item 25, it was reported that the planning officer 'was just about to write to Mr Balaam.'

37 Consideration of the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 21st May 2009. These were noted. Cllr Urwin queried who had opened the meeting. It was agreed to check the correct protocol with CPALC for future reference. **Clerk**

38 Consideration of the minutes of the Finance meeting held on 7th May 2009. These were noted.

39 Reports from Co-ordinators:

i) Open Spaces

An email from CCC Highways had stated that the grassed area at junction of Dolphin Close and Wheatsheaf Way would be removed from its maintenance schedule as the land did not belong to them. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to cut this area until ownership had been ascertained.

Cllr Bald reported that Council required 'a significant number' of Open Space questionnaires to be completed to progress the application for Village Green status for Camping Close and this was in hand. It was agreed that a land registry search be undertaken to determine classification. **Clerk**

Cllr Bald was granted permission to start a petition at the Flower Festival. The wording would include 'has freely used Camping Close over xx years without hindrance.' It would also state the activity undertaken. **EB**

It was agreed to purchase 'Getting Greens Registered' from the Open Spaces Society. **Clerk**

ii) Recreation Ground – Cllr Potter reported that the clock on the pavilion tower was suffering some water damage. The situation would be monitored.

iii) Cemetery - nothing to report

iv) Rights of Way – Cllr Rossiter reported that a letter had been sent to the Countryside Services Team (CST) regarding the need for a meeting.
 Cllr Williams reported that small motor bikes were using the Rivey Hill bridleway and were a nuisance. This had been reported to the police. It was agreed to contact the CST to determine whether any signs could be erected. **Clerk**
 Cllr Bald reported that motorbikes had also been using the new footpath from Symond's Lane to Flaxfields.

- v) Venture Playground – nothing to report
- vi) Leadwell Meadows – nothing to report
- vii) Glebe Land – Cllr Cox reported that he had cut the grass. Earlier access had not been possible due to ongoing drainage work in Church Lane and The Causeway.
- viii) Churchyard – An email had been received from the PCC regarding the planting of a tree. Cllr Cox reported that trees remained the responsibility of the PCC although the Council was responsible for their maintenance. No mower could be purchased until storage facilities were available. The footpaths had been resurfaced. Both gates had been hung although the one on Church Lane required some modification. Cllr Rossiiter asked when the kissing gate would be back in place. Cllr Cox replied that there had been problems with communication but a new rector had been appointed and it was hoped that this would progress.
- ix) Communications – nothing to report
- x) A1307 – Cllr Cox asked why a 'slow down' sign had been erected just past the Acorn Garage. Cllr Cornell replied that this question should be put to Great Abington Parish Council. Cllr Linsdell asked if the speed limit would remain at 40mph when the work had been completed at Allington Terrace, Horseheath. Cllr Cornell reported that this may be dependant on funding.
- xi) Allotments – nothing to report
- xii) Youth – It is hoped that a meeting of the working party will take place next week.

40 Update on Coles Lane car park and whether to include 'short term use' in the lease – decision required following deferment from meeting of 7th May 2009. This item was deferred until a response had been received from the Council's solicitors.

41 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

42 Consideration of changes to bank signatories to include all members of the Finance Committee. It was agreed to defer a decision until it had been ascertained which Cllrs wished to be signatories, their availability, and if there was a limit on the number of signatories. **Clerk**

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

(*Section 137 payment)		Gross	Excl VAT
J F Knight (Roadworks) Ltd (churchyard paths)	1207	4016.49	3492.60
Cheque 1208 cancelled			
ESPO	1209	19.24	16.72
BT	1210	86.18	75.53
CBS Office Solutions Ltd (photocopier)	1211	144.04	125.25

44 Correspondence received and for discussion.

Item 1 Letter from Mr Hill regarding Leadwell Meadows and Rivey Wood. It was agreed to defer this to the next agenda. **Agenda 18/6**

Item 6 Email from CPRE regarding 'Stop the Drop' litter campaign. It was agreed to respond saying that we employ two litter pickers and volunteers help. The Council has not been offered help free of charge although a manual road sweeper had been seen in the village recently. It was also agreed to determine the cost to the Council for bin emptying. **Clerk**

Item 7 CCC re prohibition of traffic order for motor vehicles with more than 2 wheels on Byway 23. This was noted

Item 18 Cambridge Transport Commission regarding meeting at Sawston Village College on Thursday 11th June. This was noted.

45 Reports from Councillors. Cllr Rossiter had issued a report on the history of Linton Action For Youth as outgoing Council representative. This would be discussed along with other issues at the meeting of the Youth Working Party which may take place next week. **YWP**

Concerns were again raised regarding parking on the corner of Symond's Lane and Hillway. This will be discussed at the Traffic Working Party meeting. **TWP**
It was agreed to contact SDC to advise that some contractor's vehicles had been parking on the pavements in Back Road when there were spaces available to park in Flaxfields. **Clerk**

Not sure about this last bit about SDC – can you check please? Not sure if we should be making a decision here should be for info only and its possibly only hearsay.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed Date

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

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