

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 4th November 2010

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), D Champion, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, M Gee, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, G Potter, Mrs J Wilson
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

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

Public Forum

Mrs Dockerill of Flaxfields confirmed that she had spoken to Mr Wilson, Environmental Health officer and to Mr McMurray, principal planning officer at SCDC and regarding the ongoing problem with intrusive lighting. Mr McMurray had advised that 'The Contracts Manager, Henry Riley Consulting, had confirmed receipt of the lighting provider's recommendations. The report recommended general replacement of lighting fittings to achieve improved shielding, and/or the incorporation of lower wattage elements. This report was not sufficient to support a planning application in its present form, and I have explained the Local Planning Authority's requirements to their representative, Mr Roger Custance. Mr Custance had confirmed that he had instructed the architect, Simon Edwards, to prepare the planning application for the revised lighting scheme. I have asked for light spill drawings to be included, which are awaited. I do not have a firm undertaking of a submission date, but I will advise you when this date has been provided. I have emphasised the urgency of the matter with the onset of earlier evenings.' Mrs Dockerill also reported that some residents of Nichols Court perceived her as being negative towards them however she was only opposed to the design of the building. She had been the victim of personal attacks which had recently included faeces being left on her doorstep and she would be contacting the Police.

The Chair responded that she would write an article for Parish Matters to combat the negativity and to reiterate the Parish Council's position that it was not against the facility as such but it was design of the building that they had objected to.

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

140 Apologies for absence. Cllr Mannassi – holiday. Cllr Krarup – holiday. Cllr Manley – ill health.

141 Disclosure of Interest

Correspondence item 27 from Bidwells regarding a development proposal on land to the east of Linton. Cllr Champion disclosed a personal interest as the owner of a property bordering the site.

142 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2010. Cllr Hunt proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and agreed by the meeting.

143 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2010.

Under item 134, Cllr Bald was unhappy with the response from Cllr Batchelor regarding the screening and planting scheme for Nichols Court. The revised landscaping scheme was not satisfactory. The development had been proposed as a higher care unit however this no longer appeared to be the case.

Under item 132, Cllr Champion reported that a meeting had been arranged with PC Parkin to discuss road safety.

Under item 128, it was confirmed that no response had been received from LA4Y.

144 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 21st October 2010. These were noted.

145 Consideration of the Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 16th September 2010. These were noted.

- 146 Cllr Hickford 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.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bacs and 1421, 1422 and 1423	3113.09	
CGM Ltd (grass maintenance)	bacs	1661.07	1444.41
Linton News	bacs	90.00	
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd (aerial runway)	1425	1854.74	1578.50
Sanderling Internet	1426	150.00	
T Hunt (expenses)	1427	44.95	
Wave Office Ltd (LCCT tables)	1428	1788.94	1522.50
CPRE (hedgerows course EB)	1429	12.00	
BT	1430	158.62	135.00

- 147 Reports from Co-ordinators:

- I. Open Spaces and Environment – Cllr Bald reported that she had met with Mr Bynoe of the Community Pay Back Scheme who would arrange for his team to plant hedging along the A1307 from Cow Gallery Wood to the Village College and alongside Leadwell Meadows.

Mr Lines and Mr Preston of the County Council would be contacted again regarding hedge planting in the vicinity of the Bartlow Road junction. **Clerk**

Permission would also be sought to plant hedging at the back of the Fire Station. **Clerk**

- II. Recreation Ground

Signage for the play area was considered. Cllr Gee proposed that two signs be purchased to stating the full address and post code of the site, dogs are not permitted in the play area and CCTV in operation. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

A report had been received from Cllr Krarup confirming that the play area equipment had been checked.

- III. Cemetery – there was nothing to report.

- IV. Rights of Way – the Clerk had issued a report.

Cllr Hickford proposed that the Council accepted the request from the County Council to take over the maintenance of Footpaths and Bridleway numbers 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, part 20, 21, 24, 25, 26 and 31 as detailed in Plan 7. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

- V. Venture Playground – there was nothing to report.

- VI. Leadwell Meadows, River and Wildlife – Cllr Cox confirmed that he was working on plans for the reinstatement of the weir.

- VII. Glebe Land- nothing to report.

- VIII. Churchyard

Item 18 The Infants School had requested that the church wall be made safe.

Clarification of the area in question had been requested but had not been received.

- IX. A1307, Traffic and Recreation Ground Parking – Cllr Hickford reported that on Saturday 23rd October a car travelling towards Cambridge had crashed through the fence and onto the new playing field and football pitches at the Village College. A football match had been in progress but fortunately no one had been injured. Cllr Cornell reported that Access A1307 had previously requested that safety barriers be erected alongside this stretch of 70mph road but the County Council had deemed it to be an over reaction and a waste of money.

- X. Allotments – there was nothing to report.

- 148 Public Open Space at Paynes Meadow. Cllr Gee proposed that the Deed of Covenant relating to Paynes Meadow and Cambridge Water be signed off. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Champion and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

- 149 Consideration of the reappointment of Michael Williamson as internal auditor. Cllr Hickford proposed that Michael Williamson be reappointed as internal auditor. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

- 150 The Planning Inspectorate – Appeal by Enertrag UK Ltd, Site at Land at Little Linton Farm, South of Cambridge Road, Linton. The Inspector had confirmed that the appeal had been dismissed as follows 'But even the substantial aggregate weight in favour of renewable energy

production and its associated benefits cannot surpass the fact that the harm to aviation interests, with the safety implications for 2 major airports, has not been satisfactorily addressed. This is in direct contravention of national policy advice. When the added significant harm to heritage assets, the moderate to significant harm to the landscape, and the likelihood of harm to protected species is added, the balance falls firmly against the grant of planning permission.' Cllr Hickford confirmed that the Parish Council had not been awarded costs, however the District Council had been awarded full costs. It was agreed that the Portfolio holder at SCDC be contacted as the Parish Council had been let down badly by SCDC who should have addressed our concerns and worked in partnership with us but did not. SCDC had taken advice from Highways not to represent us. **Clerk**

151 Consideration of a request from a well wisher to set up a Charity to help residents of Linton in financial need. Advice had been sought which confirmed that under restrictions imposed in section 139(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, a local council cannot be a trustee of a charity for the relief of poverty. It was agreed to contact the well wisher to thank them for their generosity and to offer help in any other way possible. **Clerk**

152 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

153 Correspondence received and for discussion.

Item 26 A quotation for £267 + VAT to coppice a Willow tree to the rear of Granta Leys (See Item 120, i Minutes of 7th October meeting) was considered. Doubt was raised as to the ownership of the land in question and it was agreed to contact Wimpey Homes for further information. **Clerk**

Item 27 Bidwells re development proposal – Linton East – The request for a meeting was considered. Concerns were raised as to the object of the meeting when as a statutory consultee we could not make any comment. It was agreed to contact the Housing Strategy Team at SCDC again for advice prior to a meeting being set up. **Clerk**

154 Reports from Councillors. Cllr Potter requested that Standing Orders be placed on the next agenda for consideration of an amendment. **Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed Date

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

