

## Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Present: R Hickford (Chairman), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), D Champion, Ms T Hunt, B Manley, D Penfold, G Potter, Mrs A Walker, Mrs J Wilson  
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

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

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

- 219/11/12 To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllrs Cornell and Cox – ill health. Cllrs Dew, Linsdell and Mannassi – family commitments.
- 220/11/12 To receive declarations of interest  
232/11/12 Allotments  
Cllr Walker declared a personal interest as an employee of Camgrain.
- 221/11/12 Chairman's Comment  
The Chair reported that Mike Gee had moved away from the area and had therefore resigned as a Councillor. He was thanked for his many years of service to the Council.  
The Christmas decorations around the village had been very good this year. All were wished a Happy and productive New Year.
- 222/11/12 Public Participation. None at this juncture.
- 223/11/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011. Cllr Hunt proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Manley and agreed by the meeting.
- 224/11/12 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011  
Under item 214, Nichols Court lighting scheme application, Cllr Bald reported that the application was granted on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 9 weeks ago yesterday, with no enforcement. The Chair confirmed that a meeting with Sanctuary was scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> January. Cllrs Bald, Dew and Hickford would be attending. **EB/SD/RH**  
Under item 206, Camgrain, the Chair reported that he would be attending a meeting with SCDC Environmental Health department regarding excessive noise in the village as a whole. An action plan would be formulated to determine any source of excessive noise and the exact level of the noise.  
Under item 209, A1307 meeting, it was confirmed that Cllrs Hickford and Cornell would attend.  
Under item 213 viii, the Chair reported that since 2006 a total of £34,504 had been spent on repairs and maintenance in the Churchyard with only £2199 being provided from a Church source. No external grants had been obtained or even applied for. It was essential that for any future expenditure grant funding was applied for, and the PC could support any such application via matched funding.
- 225/11/12 To consider the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011. These were noted.
- 226/11/12 Cllr Walker proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal

was seconded by Cllr Wilson and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Potter and Hickford signed the cheques.		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	1584, 1585, 1586	3082.72	
CGM Ltd (grass maintenance)	1587	1379.80	1149.83
Linton News	1588	100.00	
Neptune Outdoor Furniture Ltd		233.28	194.40
Glenwood Bolts and Screws Ltd		17.24	14.37

227/11/12

Reports from Co-ordinators:

i. Open Spaces and Environment

To consider the planting and use of community space at Paynes Meadow. Mrs Wright, a resident of Paynes Meadow reported that she and Mr Nantais with advice from the Biodiversity and Tree officer at SCDC had designed a horseshoe shaped area for tree and hedge planting. This would give privacy and security to householders. One quotation had been received for some planting and ground preparation but grant funding would also be sought. It was agreed to support this project in principle but two further quotations were required.

**Clerk**

Cllr Bald confirmed that she, Susan Anderson and John Cunningham had planted hedging around the Fire Station perimeter fence to replace some planted previously which had not survived.

ii Recreation Ground. Nothing to report.

iii Cemetery – Following the resignation of Cllr Gee there was a vacancy on the Cemetery team.

iv Rights of Way. Nothing to report.

v Venture Playground

To consider possible projects following the offer of decorating services as compensation for skate ramp damage. Possible projects to be undertaken included the cleaning of bus shelter seating and removal of graffiti and the decoration of the upstairs meeting room of the Village Hall.

Cllr Potter was concerned that although the repair had been carried out free of charge, the damaged area had been patched and was therefore not back to its original state.

vi Leadwell Meadows, River and Wildlife. It was reported that there was evidence of mink in this vicinity.

vii Glebe Land. Nothing to report.

viii Churchyard

The quotations for the removal of deadwood to worst affected lime trees were considered. It was agreed to request that the Tree officer at SCDC make a site visit to determine what immediate work was required and necessary.

**Clerk**

ix A1307, Traffic and Recreation Ground Parking

Cllr Manley reported that no bingo sessions had taken place during the Christmas period. The Chair was concerned that unauthorised vehicles were still driving to the pavilion and not using the College car park. This was a safety concern and if a pedestrian were to be involved in an accident the Parish Council would be held responsible. Cllr Hickford proposed that another letter be sent to all users explaining the Council's grave concerns regarding safety and requesting that all users park at the College. A new lock would be sourced which would be accessible by authorised vehicles which included emergency and utility vehicles. No vehicles should be driven to the pavilion unless they were delivering necessary equipment or services. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt. A vote took place with 4 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 3 abstentions. **Proposal carried**

x Allotments – It had been confirmed that the alternative site in Back Road was a genuine offer of land. The Council was awaiting advice from its solicitor with regards to progressing the situation. It was suggested that as the land was very close to the pumping station water extraction may not be

allowed. Investigation was ongoing as to whether the Council could enforce the resurfacing of the Bridleway access to the first site.

228/11/12 To consider whether to continue to fund the Youth Club following withdrawal of funding from Locality. It was agreed to continue to support and fund the Youth Club.  
To consider transferring funding to another provider or being independently run by the community. No decision was made but a meeting with Locality to explain all possible options would be requested. **Clerk**

229/11/12 Written reports from Council representatives  
Cllr Champion's reports on the Cathodeon Centre and Police Neighbourhood Panel meeting, training and priorities were noted.

230/11/12 To consider correspondence received:  
Item 17 SCDC re Parish Precepts consultation. This will be acknowledged. **Clerk**

Item 20 To consider the provision of a dog bin in the area of Meadhaven for £456 plus £3 per week to empty it. Discussion took place and the general consensus was that owners should clean up after their dogs whether or not there was a bin in vicinity. However the Council would be willing to have a bin placed in the area but was reluctant to pay the ongoing costs of £3 per week. It was agreed to contact SCDC for an alternative site. **Clerk**

Item 24 To consider the provision of Internal Audit Service for 2011-12. Cllr Champion proposed that Mr Williamson be retained as Internal Auditor for 2011-12. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

Item 25 SCDC Empty Homes Consultation. This will be acknowledged.

Item 36 CCC re Street lighting. To consider whether the PC is happy with the standard street lighting column, the fact that as part of the project there will be a reduction in some lighting; or if the PC would want 'in principle' to take over some of the County Council street lights and/or want an alternative column to the standard and pay the difference. Discussion took place and it was agreed that the Council was happy with the standard street lighting column however Council would reserve its right to take over some County Council street lights when more information was received. **Clerk**

231/11/12 Matters for future consideration  
Cllr Potter reported that the current office photocopier needed to be replaced as spare parts were no longer available. He suggested that it be replaced with a colour one. It was agreed to seek quotations for colour and black and white copiers and bring the item back to Council. **GP/Clerk**

Cllr Bald was concerned that many units at the The Grip Industrial Estate were empty. She requested that the Council looks to encourage more industry. The Clerk to contact the Local Enterprise Partnership for advice. **Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

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

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

