

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 5th June 2008 commencing at 8 pm

Present: A Gore (Chair), Ms E Cornell (Vice Chair), Mrs E Bald, Dr B Cox, S Daly, R Hickford, T Krarup, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr V Urwin
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council).

Mrs K France (press) and three members of the public were also present.

Public Forum

Mr Rootes of 27 Dolphin Close and Mr and Mrs O'Brien of 29 Dolphin Close stated that they had met the architect acting for the intended developer of the land at the rear of Newdigate House to discuss revised draft plans for the development. Mr Rootes' concerns were that the elder trees be retained, of overlooking from upstairs windows in the development into the ground floor of his property and excessive roof heights. He hoped that within the next week scaffolding or a wooden frame would be erected to show the actual height of the proposal. Mrs O'Brien's concerns were for the protection of the spinney and the retention of the tree buffer zone. She understood the access road would remain as previously proposed.

Mr Rootes stated that parents were concerned regarding dangerous parking at the Infants' School. The Clerk agreed to contact the police and the School advising them of these apparent concerns.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8.24 p.m.

- 29 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gee and Hammett and from Councillor Rossiter, who was attending a meeting of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils on behalf of the Council.
- 30 Declaration of Interests from Members. Under Item 37 (54), Cllrs Cornell and Hickford expressed a prejudicial interest as governors of Linton Heights Junior School and Cllr Daly expressed a prejudicial interest as owner of a neighbouring property.
- 31 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2008. Cllr Potter proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Daly and agreed by the meeting.
- 32 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2008. Under item 22, it was agreed to contact the police regarding parking at the corner of Symonds Lane. **Clerk**
- 33 Consideration of minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on 12th May 2008. These were considered and noted.
- 34 Reports from Co-ordinators:
- i) Open Spaces – Cllr Gore asked if the viburnum to the left of the Swan Bridge sub station might be pruned. **BC**
 - ii) Recreation Ground – Cllr Krarup reported that the bowling green hedge needed cutting. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Bowls Club. **Clerk**
The Clerk was authorised to instruct an alternative contractor if Mr Westlake could not carry out the investigation of the drain by the main gate from Meadow Lane soon. **Clerk**
It was agreed to request Herald to cut back hard in September the Stantons Lane hedge from the Recreation Ground to the A1307. **Clerk**
 - iii) Cemetery – Cllr Cornell reported that a willow tree had been cut back to allow passage for a horse drawn hearse. Proposals regarding laying gravel on graves in the old section of the cemetery would be placed before the Council meeting of 3rd July. **EC/3rd July**

- iv) Rights of Way – It was agreed to ask South Cambridgeshire District to arrange a suitable diversion if the footpath between Flaxfields and Symonds Lane was to be closed during the forthcoming redevelopment works. **Clerk**
- 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 – Cllr Cox reported that, regarding item 37 (39), he was not aware of correspondence having been previously received advising that planning permission was required for the repairs to the churchyard walls.
Cllr Hickford had been approached by the Rector regarding lighting in the churchyard. Cllr Cox stated this had been previously considered but not pursued because of a conflict of opinion between authorities.
- ix) Communications – there was nothing to report.
- x) A1307 – Cllr Cornell reported that consultation into the improvement scheme at Alington Terrace near Horseheath had begun. The County Council had cut back a hedge impeding vision at the Bartlow crossroads. The pedestrian refuge in Abington was under investigation.
- xi) Allotments – It was agreed to arrange an early meeting with Mr Baalam. **Clerk**

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

		Gross	Excl VAT
SCDC (cemetery rates)	D/D	59.00	
Wages	bacs & 1044, 1046, 1047, 1048	2539.86	
Herald Contract Services	bacs	1697.18	1444.41
Linton News	bacs	90.00	
CBS Office Solutions Ltd	1049	195.97	166.78
Herald Contract Services	1050	235.00	200.00
BT	1051	117.58	100.74

36 Discussion regarding National Air Traffic Service proposals for changes in air traffic control at Stansted & Luton airports. A report had been previously circulated by Cllr Gore. Cllr Cornell proposed that the Parish Council write a letter to NATs expressing concern about the lack of prior consultation, lack of consideration of the option to create stacks over the sea and of the basic criteria used in determining the proposals. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Krarup and agreed unanimously by the meeting. **Clerk**

37 Correspondence received and for discussion
 Item 31 – South Cambridgeshire District Council Housing Futures Consultation (forwarded from previous meeting) – It was agreed that the draft previously circulated by Cllr Rossiter be submitted as the Parish Council's response. **Clerk**
 Item 33 – Quotation for repair of bowling green – It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the County Council, the Village College and the Bowls Club. **Clerk**
 Item 35 – Letter from the Women's Institute asking why the Parish Council had declined its request for a seat at the Swan Bridge bus stop. It was agreed to advise the Institute that the Council was concerned that a seat in that location would result in anti social behaviour. **Clerk**
 Item 50 – Request by Linton Bookfest to make a presentation – It was agreed to invite the Bookfest organisers to a future meeting. **Clerk**
 Item 54 – Re land r/o Newdigate House – It was agreed to invite the developer's architect to attend the meeting on 3rd July (*Note: this has been advanced to the meeting of 19th June*).
 Item 60 – Letter from V Harris re recent visit of the funfair. It was agreed to write to Mr Harris expressing the Council's appreciation of the fair's annual visit and to contact Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the overgrowing hedge at 18 Meadow Lane. **Clerk**

Item 62 – South Cambridgeshire District Council, review of boundary changes – noted
Item 64 – Letter from S Hill re footpath to Hildersham – It was agreed to advise Mr Hill that the Council had no plans to provide a path as there were two existing routes, the footpath alongside the A1307 and Footpath 2 via the Clapper stile and Little Linton. **Clerk**
Item 65 – SCDC re Review of Street Trading. – noted.

38 Reports from Councillors (for information only)
Cllr Potter stated that the water pipe from the pavilion was connected to the Village College caretaker's house.
Cllr Potter reported that cars were being parked on the recreation ground as several cars belonging to cricket players had been locked in the Village College car park. The Clerk offered to contact the Village College on behalf of the Cricket Club requesting a key.
Cllr Potter had received a quotation for £550 to brick up the side door of the pavilion.
Cllr Potter reported that at the Cricket Club AGM it was reported that the annual profit for the pavilion bar was £7,500.

39 Decision regarding appointment of Administrative Assistant

Cllr Potter proposed that the meeting be closed for confidential business.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

In order to exclude the press and public from the meeting when considering Counsel's Opinion, proposed service of Notices or Orders, or proposed prosecutions, it is necessary to pass the following resolution: 'that under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.'

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by the meeting.

Cllr Cornell declared a personal interest.

Following consideration of a report from the Staff Sub-committee Cllr Cox proposed that Mrs Anne Meeks be offered the position, subject to a three month probationary period at the salary recommended by the Sub-committee. Cllr Krarup seconded the proposal. There were eight votes in favour of the proposal and one abstention.

The meeting closed at 21.30

Signed

Date

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

