

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 5th November 2009 commencing at 8 pm.

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), M Gee, A Gore, B Hammett, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, T Krarup, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, 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

- 158 Apologies
Cllr Cox – family commitments. Cllr Urwin – work commitments
- 159 **Disclosure of Interest**
Item 169 - Creation of Children's Centre at Cathodeon site
Cllr Gore disclosed a prejudicial interest as the Chair of the Trustees of the Cathodeon Centre. Cllr Gore left the room during the discussion and decision on this matter.
Cllr Krarup declared a personal interest as a Trustee of the Cathodeon Centre.
- 160 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2009. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and agreed by the meeting.
- 161 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2009.
Under item 151, 48) Cllr Hammett reported that the Cambridge News (CN) had published an apology regarding the incorrect report of the change of an existing licence at Camgrain Stores Ltd. The CN had named the wrong site.
- 162 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 1st October 2009. These were noted.
- 163 Consideration of the Minutes of the Finance meeting held on 17th September 2009. These were noted.
- 164 Reports from Co-ordinators:
- I. Open Spaces. Cllr Bald asked that shrubs and self set bushes in the area on Back Road adjacent to the Cemetery and Chalklands be pruned and generally tidied up. This was necessary in order to finish the painting of the Cemetery railings. **Clerk**
 - II. Recreation Ground
A request from a resident and his friend to use metal detectors on the Recreation Ground had been received. Much discussion took place and it was felt that this may set a precedent. A vote took place with 1 vote in favour, 9 votes against and 1 abstention. Therefore the request was refused. **Clerk**
Item 28 Discussion took place regarding the quotation from CGM Cambridge for treatments to the cricket outfield and football pitch area on the Recreation Ground. Cllr Gee proposed that the entire area from the Meadow Lane gate, river side of the path to the pavilion be weed-killed in the spring. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Potter. A vote took place with 9 votes in favour, 2 votes against and no abstentions.
Proposal carried Clerk
Cllr Krarup had issued a report. It was noted that the tree house had been removed at a cost to the Council of £220. The tree warden will be asked to assess whether any long term damage had been done to the tree. **Clerk**
The block paving had been re-laid following the drainage work. Cllr Potter reported that he had visited the site during the drainage work and had noted that a 10 inch pipe from

Stanton's Lane led into a 3 inch pipe at the manhole which had caused it to lift resulting in flooding.

III. Cemetery (see items 165, 166 and 167)

IV. Rights of Way – Report from Cllr Rossiter and correspondence item 34 from Parish Paths Liaison Officer regarding proposed re-organisation of Linton Rights of Way
The Chair thanked Cllr Rossiter and the Rights of Way working group for their considerable time and effort regarding the proposed re-organisation of Linton Rights of Way.

Cllr Rossiter proposed that the Parish Council:

- a) confirms that 'The Package' as offered is an acceptable deal
- b) agrees that the consultation be sought

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Williams

Resolved

It was resolved that the Parish Council confirms that 'The Package' as offered is an acceptable deal

It was resolved that the Parish Council agrees that the consultation be sought

Cllr Rossiter would be writing an article for the December edition of Parish Matters. It was agreed that the working group decide the best method for further consultation and report back.

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V. Venture Playground

Item 24 – Consideration of quotation to replace vandalised panels on skate ramp for £210 + VAT. It was agreed to contact Zurich to determine whether this could be claimed on the insurance.

Clerk

Item 25 – Consideration of quotation to repair skate ramp for £3700 + VAT. Cllr Hammett reported that he did not require a decision on this quotation. He simply wished to record the cost to re board the ramp using painted birch plywood for future reference.

VI. Leadwell Meadows. There was nothing to report

VII. Glebe Land. There was nothing to report.

VIII. Churchyard. Cllr Cox had reported that at a recent meeting of the Churchyard Management Working Group Alan Clarkson, the advisor from the PCC, said that volunteers working in the Church and Churchyard were covered on insurance by the Church. Therefore the Monday Gang was effectively covered by the Church insurance for the work they undertake. It was agreed to contact the secretary of the PCC to ascertain whether they had insurance for the Churchyard. Our policy would also be checked to determine any restrictions etc.

Clerk

IX. Communications. There was nothing to report.

X. A1307. Cllr Cornell reported that a meeting of the Access 1307 group will be held shortly.

XI. Allotments. Cllr Cornell reported that following our membership of National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd (NSALG) the Council had been contacted by their legal representative. Cllr Cornell reported that she had asked them if we could 'go public' and take our plight to the newspapers as many residents were beginning to lose patience with the wait for an allotment caused by the apathy of landowners and the ineffectiveness of SCDC.

165 The Cemetery Regulations were reviewed. Several minor changes were agreed. Cllr Gore proposed that the size of a headstone for a double plot should be no more than the height and double the width of a standard plot. The centre line of the headstone should be in line with the centre of the double plot. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald. A vote took place with 10 votes in favour, 1 against and no abstentions. **Proposal carried**

A draft of the amended regulations would be sent to Cllr Gore to check prior to the Full Council meeting on 19th November when they will be presented for adoption. **Agenda 19/11**

Cllr Bald proposed that both imperial and metric measurements be included. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rossiter. A vote took place with 6 votes in favour, 3 votes against and 2 abstentions. **Proposal carried**

166 The Cemetery fees were reviewed. Cllr Gore proposed that the fees for parishioners be increased as follows:

	£
Interment of Child	nil
Interment of Adult	120
Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial	120
Burial of Cremated remains	60
Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial of Ashes	60
Permission for Headstone of agreed size	60
Permission for Tablet	60
Additional Inscription	20
Replacement of memorial	20

And that the fees for a non parishioner should be double those of a parishioner.
A parishioner would be determined as someone who has close contacts with the parish
The proposal was seconded by Cllr Krarup

Cllr Hickford proposed an amendment to this proposal that non parishioners be charged 2.5 times that of a parishioner. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald. A vote for this amendment took place with 6 votes in favour, 5 votes against and 1 abstention.

Proposal carried

The vote for the proposal as amended took place with 6 votes in favour, 3 votes against and 2 abstentions.

Proposal carried

	Parishioner	Non-parishioner
	£	£
Interment of Child	nil	30
Interment of Adult	120	300
Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial	120	300
Burial of Cremated remains	60	150
Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial of Ashes	60	150
Permission for Headstone of agreed size	60	150
Permission for Tablet	60	150
Additional Inscription	20	50
Replacement of memorial	20	50

167 The quotations for tree works in the Cemetery were considered.

Cllr Gore suggested that only the work recommended in the independent tree survey be carried out, after asking the tree warden to confirm in writing that she was in agreement.

Cllr Gee proposed that we accept the quotation from Cambridge Tree Surgery for £920 + VAT to carry out the recommended works, subject to the tree warden being in agreement.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rossiter.

Resolved

It was resolved that the quotation from Cambridge Tree Surgery for £920 + VAT to carry out the recommended works be accepted, subject to the tree warden being in agreement.

Cllr Gore proposed that the tree warden be asked to provide a written report and advice regarding the extra work required. Advice was also required as to which stumps should be ground or left. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee.

Resolved

It was resolved that the tree warden be asked to provide a written report and advice regarding the extra work required.

168 Information regarding the Inspection Report on proposed Linton Wind Farm development. Cllr Hickford had issued a report detailing his concerns that the review by the Highways department was not carried out by an independent consultant. He requested that the Parish Council write to SCDC to express our concerns regarding the use of Atkins as their advisor. After some discussion it was agreed to investigate further to ascertain what other information had been used in reaching the conclusion that the proposed turbines would have no effect on road safety and to make comment that, it was a poor example of public relations on the part of SCDC which lacked transparency.

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169 Creation of Children's Centre at Cathodeon site. A report from Cllr Gore had been issued. Concerns had been raised regarding access to the building in darkness. Cllr Gore confirmed that the trustees would be happy to provide an alternative access via the front of the building. Cllr Potter was concerned that some rooms appeared to have very little natural light. Cllr Gore replied that the plan met the requirements of Children's Services. Cllr Hunt proposed that we agree to proceed. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rossiter. A vote took place with 8 votes in favour and 2 votes against. **Proposal carried**

170 Cllr Hammett had issued a report regarding the proposed play equipment for the Recreation Ground. Cllr Hickford queried the justification in purchasing this equipment. Cllr Hammett replied it had been requested several years ago by a group of children and much research had been done. Grants and a donation had been promised. Cllr Gore reported that the original play equipment needed to be updated.

Cllr Hammett proposed that the grant of £5581 from Awards For All for new play equipment on Recreation Ground be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gore. A vote took place with 8 votes in favour, no votes against and 3 abstentions. **Proposal carried**

Cllr Gee proposed that we proceed with purchase of said equipment. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gore. Cllr Hickford requested that a recorded vote be taken. Cllrs Gee, Gore, Hammett, Hunt, Krarup, Linsdell, Potter, Rossiter and Williams were in favour. Cllrs Hickford and Bald abstained. **Proposal carried**

171 Written reports from Council representatives
A report regarding the re launch of Tree Warden Scheme had been issued by Cllr Bald

172 Correspondence received and for discussion.

Item 8 CCC re Advisory Route Map for HCV's. There appeared to be no change.

Item 17 Mrs S Anderson requesting permission to refurbish the village pump. This was agreed.

Item 18 Mrs S Anderson re permission to plant oak saplings in the last field of the Pocket Park near to the one planted by Dr Attwood. This was agreed.

Item 19 Mrs S Anderson suggestion to move tree planted in memory of Sgt Charter to the left of present drive and to retain silver birches and whitebeam (see also Correspondence item 39 from Icen Homes). It was agreed to send a copy of the correspondence from Icen Homes to Mr Morton. **Clerk**

Item 23 Comberton PC request for continued support re SCDC Planning Delegation in controversial cases. This was noted.

Item 27 SCDC request for 2 representatives to attend meeting on 25th November @ 7.30pm. Any councillor who wished to attend should contact the clerk. **All**

Item 40 SCDC had advised the Parish Council to proceed with co-option regarding the vacancy. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy in Parish Matters and on village notice boards.

173 Cllr Linsdell proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Gore and Gee signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bacs and 1258, 1259 & 1260	2984.48	
CGM Cambridge Ltd (grass maintenance)	bacs	1661.07	1444.41
Linton News	bacs	90.00	
ESPO	1261	31.15	27.08
Millennium Pest Control Ltd (wasps nest)	1262	57.50	50.00
BT	1263	155.25	135.00
G Potter (McAfee renewal)	1264	59.99	
G H Smith (H&S work in cemetery)	1265	148.00	

174 Reports from Councillors. (For information only)

The Chair reminded Councillors to return their completed risk assessment forms to the office as soon as possible.

The Chair reported that the Service of Remembrance will take place at the Church on Sunday at 2.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.30pm

Signed.....date.....

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