

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 6th January 2011

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, B Manley, G Potter
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

Mrs K France (Press) was also in attendance with 4 members of the public.

Public Forum

Mr Bowen of Symond's Lane reported that he intended to take legal action over the development at Nichols Court.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8 pm and wished everyone present a Happy New Year.

183 Apologies for absence. Cllr Wilson – work commitments. Cllr Mannassi – work commitments.

184 Disclosure of Interest
Agenda item 194, Correspondence item 45 – Nichols Court
Cllr Dew disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest as the owner of a property bordering the site. Cllr Dew took no part in the discussion and no decision on this matter was made. The item was deferred to the next meeting. **Agenda 20/1**

185 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2010 and signing of the amended Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November. Cllr Hunt proposed that the minutes of 2nd December be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and agreed by the meeting. Cllr Bald proposed that the amended minutes of the meeting of 4th November be signed. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by the meeting.

186 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2010.
Under the Public Forum, Cllr Champion confirmed that he had visited the complainant and had confirmed that she had a genuine complaint. Cllr Champion had suggested several alternatives for her to pursue and had agreed to help with the composing of letter to CC J Batchelor to investigate her complaint formally with a view of then asking the Ombudsman to investigate a complaint of maladministration. If this failed to give a satisfactory response he had suggested that reliance on Article 8(2) of The Human Rights Act of 1998 be placed as the complainant was entitled to enjoy a peaceful existence etc.

Following the crisis meeting to discuss the skate ramp an order for security fencing had been placed with Universal Fencing Ltd on 21st December. It had been agreed to purchase the fencing rather than renting as this had appeared to be the best option. However there had been a delay in its delivery due to the Christmas holiday period. **Clerk**

187 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning meetings held on 4th November 2010 and 16th December. These were noted.

188 Cllr Cox proposed that the payments listed below be paid except the payment to CGM Ltd which was amended to *£1697.18 due to a typing error. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Champion and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Potter and Cox signed the cheques.

| | | Gross | Excl VAT |
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| Wages | bachs and 1443, 1444, 1445 | 3062.52 | |
| *CGM Ltd (grass maintenance) | bachs | 1697.18 | 1444.41 |
| Linton News | bachs | 90.00 | |
| Algar Signcraft Services Cambridge Ltd | 1441 | 148.05 | 126.00 |
| Watkins Joinery (Heritage trail) | 1442 | 1574.50 | 1340.00 |
| CGM Ltd (tree works Granta Leys) | 1446 | 313.73 | 267.00 |

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| ESPO | 1447 | 28.97 | 24.65 |
| Viking Direct (printer cartridges) | 1448 | 261.97 | 222.95 |
| S Parry (Cambridge News advertisement) | bacs | 89.89 | 76.50 |
| P T Pinner and Son (hedging) | 1449 | 1390.50 | 1183.40 |

189 Reports from Co-ordinators:

- I. Open Spaces and Environment – Cllr Bald reported that due to the lingering snow there was very little to report. However on one good weekend before Christmas the Community payback team had planted hedging alongside the A1307 and cleared leaves from the Cathodeon Centre site. This had been very helpful. No work on subsequent weekends had been undertaken due to the frozen ground. Hopefully further hedge planting would take place very soon.
- II. Recreation Ground
 Discussion took place regarding the erection of dog signs. Cllr Hunt proposed that the wording of the signs be changed to read ‘Dogs must be kept under **close** control at all times.’ The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee. A vote took place with 9 votes in favour and 1 vote against. **Proposal carried**
 It was also agreed to place the item on the next agenda when District Councillors Batchelor and Bear would be present and the District Council’s position on the non-introduction of Dog Control Orders could be questioned. **Agenda 20/1**
 Further discussion took place regarding the future of the skate ramp following a crisis meeting held on 20th December. It had become evident from this meeting that our half pipe was unique and boarders were prepared to travel from Saffron Walden and the surrounding villages to use it. Therefore if the ramp were to be replaced it should be replaced by a half pipe. Cllr Bald reported that the Community payback team had undertaken work on the skateramp in Barton. They could be approached to ascertain if they could help us. When a decision on the future of the ramp is made it was agreed to contact Stuart Crooks, to ask if he would be willing to meet with them. **Clerk**
- III. Cemetery – It was confirmed that following a quality check CGM Ltd had been asked to undertake work in the Cemetery and had responded promptly. Cllr Gee reported that the ashes plot area was in need of leaf clearing and was very wet underfoot. It was agreed to contact Paintin’s to remind them that they had offered to undertake a test dig in the proposed new burial area. **Clerk**
- IV. Rights of Way – Cllr Cox reported that the Ramblers Association had reported that a stile by Footpath 9 The Claims, was dangerous and in need of repair. The Clerk confirmed that the Countryside Access Team had been advised.
- V. Venture Playground – The Clerk confirmed that prior to Christmas and following an insurance inspection report, a set of swings had been taken down until they could be repaired.
- VI. Leadwell Meadows, River and Wildlife – Cllr Cox reported that he had spoken to a resident who had misinterpreted the proposal to rebuild the weir. The resident had thought that the intention was to replace the sluice gates with a weir.
- VII. Glebe Land – There was nothing to report.
- VIII. Churchyard – Cllr Cox confirmed that all but one of the holes in the Churchyard wall had been repaired. The clerk to advise Landmark Restoration of the situation. **Clerk**
- IX. A1307, Traffic and Recreation Ground Parking – Cllr Cornell reported that the MP for Haverhill had suggested that the whole length of the A1307 should be made dual carriageway. She had advised him that a road with a development on either side could not be dualled and had now been invited to meet with him.
 Cllr Champion reported that he had been unable to attend the recent Neighbourhood Panel meeting but had contacted the Police regarding issues relating to illegal parking outside the Co-op.
- X. Allotments
 Following Correspondence item 21 from the District Council, Cllr Cornell suggested that a meeting of the allotment working party be called for Thursday 10th February at 7.30pm upstairs in the Village Hall. **Clerk**

- 190 Consideration to reduce grass cutting contract delegated by the County Council from monthly during April to October (7 cuts) to 3 or 4 cuts per season. Following discussion it was agreed to retain the 7 cuts per year. (Correspondence item 30 refers).
- 191 Consideration of response to LA4Y. Discussion took place and it was agreed to investigate the planning conditions associated with the Drop In Centre building on the Recreation Ground. It was essential that association with them be maintained as the building was sited on Parish Council land.
Cllr Hickford had read through the LA4Y file and it was agreed that all documents be circulated to all Councillors prior to the next meeting. Clarification on timescales and on the partnership were required. Advice may need to be sought from the Monitoring Officer.
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- 192 Youth provision services. A request from the Locality Team for a pro rata contribution following budget cuts had been received. Discussion took place and concerns were raised that included in the table of costs was Management support and hire of premises. It was agreed to request further information on these.
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- 193 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.
- 194 Correspondence received and for discussion.
Item 45 SCDC response re Nichols Court. Discussion took place and it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting. In the meantime Cllr Cornell would request a meeting with Gareth Jones, Head of Planning at the District Council.
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- 195 Reports from Councillors. There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm

Signed Date

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

