

## Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the CATHODEON Centre on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Present: Ms E Cornell (Vice Chair), Mrs E Bald, S Daly, M Gee, B Hammett, R Hickford, T Krarup, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter  
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

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

### Public Forum

Mrs Debbie O'Brien of Dolphin Close spoke under item 154, S/1642/08/F. She explained the history behind the application for change of use of school land to garden land and the plans to secure a building covenant which will prevent any future building development.

Liza Read of Little Linton, spoke under item 157, of the noise and health issues from wind turbines if permission for the proposed application for wind farm is given.

### In the absence of the Chair the Vice Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8.20pm

- 147 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cox, Gore and Urwin.
- 148 Declaration of Interests from Members. Cllrs Hickford and Cornell expressed a prejudicial interest under items 153 and 154 as governors of Linton Heights Junior School. Cllr Daly expressed a personal interest under item 153 as an owner of a neighbouring property.
- 149 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008. Cllr Hammett proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and agreed by the meeting.
- 150 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008. Cllr Bald asked that Garth Collard be thanked for his help regarding the Symond's Lane signs. She also requested that these signs be corrected as soon as possible.  
Cllr Hickford requested that accounts from 1998 to 2005 be sought from LA4Y. **Clerk**  
Cllr Rossiter will progress the concerns regarding Cambridgeshire Together at the liaison meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December.
- 151 Consideration of minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008. These were noted.
- 152 Consideration of minutes of the Finance committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008. These were noted.

Cllrs Cornell and Hickford left the meeting. In the absence of Cllr Cornell, Cllr Linsdell took the Chair.

- 153 S/1640/08/RM – Land rear of Newdigate House – approval of all reserved matters relating to the erection of 11 dwelling units. Cllr Rossiter explained that most of our previous concerns had been taken on board. It was agreed that no recommendation would be given.
- 154 S/1642/08/F Linton Heights Junior School – Mr J O'Brien - change of use of school land to garden land. After much discussion it was agreed that Council would support this application subject to the building covenant being in place to prevent any future development.

Cllrs Cornell and Hickford rejoined the meeting

- 155 Reports from Co-ordinators:  
Open Spaces – Cllr Bald had nothing to report.

Recreation Ground – Cllr Linsdell reported on a site meeting with John Taylor of Atkins regarding the drainage problem at the Meadow Lane gates. A pipe will be inserted under the foot path into an existing culvert. This water would then drain via a soak-away to the recreation

ground. A quotation would follow.

Cemetery - Cllr Gee had nothing to report.

Rights of Way – Cllr Rossiter had nothing to report.

Venture Playground – Cllr Hammett had nothing to report.

Leadwell Meadows – Cllr Rossiter reported the meadows have had their annual cut.

Glebe Land – Cllr Rossiter reported that this needed to be cut. Cllr Potter offered the use of the tractor owned by the football club.

Churchyard – There was nothing to report.

Communications – Cllr Gee reported that some photographs on the website relating to the Council office and the Cathodeon Centre needed to be modified.

A1307 – Cllr Cornell reported that the Haverhill Planning Consultation is due to open. The 50mph speed limit signs from the Granta garage to the Dene Crossroads should be in place by the end of this month. The minor accident rate along this road appears to be increasing.

Allotments – Cllr Linsdell reported that a letter had been sent to SCDC asking for advice regarding the next step in the quest for allotments and clarification on the offer from Mr Balaam. A short article has been written for the December issue of Parish Matters.

- 156 Cllr Hammett had issued a report regarding progressing the application to Cambs Community Foundation for play equipment. He proposed that he be allowed to submit a request for the next stage of the application. Cllr Potter seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed by the meeting. It was agreed that this item be placed on the next agenda to agree further opportunities for funding. **Agenda 20/11**
- 157 Noise concerns in the community. Cllr Bald had issued a report highlighting several causes of noise pollution in the village. These included the Camgrain driers, aircraft noise, the A1307 and people noise. Cllr Bald urged residents to contact the Environmental Health department if they had any concerns.  
Camgrain are addressing the noise problems and the following work is planned:
- Better noise attenuation for the on-site generator
  - The nine drier fans installed with acoustic silencers in 1998 are to be upgraded with additional silencers to reduce noise reflected back off silos towards Linton
  - By mid November a steel gantry should be in place at the gap in the embankment. This will allow infilling of the sides and top with straw bales leaving only a narrow entrance for grain lorries.
- This year Camgrain have been drying for both its sites and by next year the Little Wibraham site will be fully operational.  
The A1307, a relatively new road, would benefit by further planting especially in the area of both schools. The County Council recommends planting as a way to help slow traffic on the open road, and that landowners should be encouraged to plant more trees and hedges in places where it will not cause visibility issues. It was agreed to discuss at a future meeting the setting up of a working party to raise awareness and be more forceful about future potential problems. **Agenda 6/12**
- 158 Stanton's Lane bridge. The quotations to install wings were considered and much discussion took place regarding the need for these enhancements. Cllr Bald proposed that we accept the quotation from Newmech Engineering for £5,500 subject to a scaled drawing being received. Cllr Hickford seconded the proposal. A vote took place with 5 votes in favour, 4 votes against and 1 abstention. **Proposal carried** **Clerk**
- 159 The quotations for electrical work in the area of the skate ramp were considered. Cllr Hickford proposed that we accept the quotation from P&C Electrical Ltd for £745 + VAT which does not

include the cost of hire of a cherry picker. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee. A vote took place with 7 votes in favour and 3 abstentions. **Proposal carried** **Clerk**

160 Cllr Hammett proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Daly and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Potter and Gee signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bacs	2005.20	
Herald Contract Services	bacs	1697.18	1444.41
Linton News	bacs	90.00	
SCDC (cemetery rates)	D/D	75.86	
British Telecom	1102	158.62	135.00
CBS Office Solutions	1103	115.90	98.64
Point Contact Hygiogenesis	1104	21.26	18.09

161 Rivey Lane steps – Cllr Gore had issued a report following a site meeting with David Rutland of SCDC. Cllr Hickford proposed that the most viable option would be to replace the existing steps with new ones, with 6 inch risers and 18 inch treads, and a hand rail as now, leaving the mud strip alongside, but better graded than currently. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rossiter and agreed unanimously by the meeting. **Proposal carried** **Clerk**

162 Repairs to Bowling Green – Three quotations were considered. Cllr Krarup proposed that we accept the quotation from P G Bailey and Son Ltd for £251 + VAT. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rossiter and agreed unanimously by the meeting. **Proposal carried** **Clerk**

163 Correspondence received and for discussion  
 Item 6 – SC Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership working groups – interest in inclusion – it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting. **Agenda 20/11**  
 Item 17 – CCC re S25 Highways Act 1990 Creation agreement Symond’s Lane to Flaxfields – It was agreed to support this request. **Clerk**  
 Item 29 – An email had been received from a resident regarding the siting of Co-op trolleys in Green Lane. It was agreed that Cllr Gore should respond to this email. **AG**  
 Item 30 – CCC re stopping up part of Green Lane – It was agreed to defer this item to the next agenda. **Agenda 20/11**

164 Reports from Councillors (for information only)  
 Cllr Rossiter reported that a trainee youth worker had asked for suggestions for community based work in the village which could be undertaken with some twelve and thirteen year olds and requested that councillors contact her with ideas. **All**  
 Cllr Hickford reported that discussions with the County Council regarding ownership of Camping Close are progressing. A meeting is due to take place between the Parish Council, the diocese, the Infants School and the County Council very soon.  
 Cllr Cornell expressed concerns from residents that there will be no police presence on Saturday for the Fireworks event. Cllr Hickford offered to contact the police direct.  
 Cllr Bald reported that there had been three attempted break-ins to High Street business premises recently.

165 **The Council resolved to exclude the press and public whilst the Council considered the following item of business pursuant to section 100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972**

It was agreed to implement the interim pay settlement of 2.45% with immediate effect backdated to April 2008 to the clerk and village custodians. Mrs Meeks will have her increase backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> October from when she completed her probationary period. **Clerk**

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

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

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