

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 7th January 2010 commencing at 8 pm

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), Dr B Cox, M Gee, A Gore, B Hammett, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, T Krarup, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter and Dr V Urwin
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 8pm

- 205 Apologies - Cllr Williams – family commitments.
- 206 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 207 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2009. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Linsdell and agreed by the meeting.
- 208 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2009. There were none.
- 209 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning meetings held on 3rd and 21st December 2009. Under the minutes of 21st December, item 6, S/1757/09/F it was noted that a copper beech tree had been removed before the planning application had been submitted.
- 210 Reports from Co-ordinators:
- I. Open Spaces – Cllr Bald reported that she was seeking approval from the Environment Agency to plant the areas adjacent to the bridge. Cllr Gore requested that the gaps along the new footpath at the bottom of Granta Leys be filled by planting.
 - II. Recreation Ground – Discussion took place regarding the removal of graffiti on tarmac area using chemicals. It was agreed to wait until the spring as the frost could possibly break down the paint which was the recommendation from the District Council.
 - III. Cemetery – There was nothing to report.
 - IV. Rights of Way – The clerk confirmed that no comments had been received regarding the proposed changes.
 - V. Venture Playground – Cllr Hammett reported that the new play equipment was due to be installed from 25th January and that it would take two weeks. Concerns were raised regarding the possible damage to the recreation ground at this time of the year. Cllr Hammett will liaise with the contractor. **BH**
 - VI. Leadwell Meadows - There was nothing to report.
 - VII. Glebe Land – Cllr Rossiter reported that she had cut down a dead tree.
 - VIII. Churchyard – Cllr Cox proposed that the Council bear the cost of the planning application fees to rebuild the flint wall up to a maximum of £100. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rossiter and agreed by the meeting. Cllr Cox reported that Atlas Tree Surgery hoped to commence work to remove the limes later in the month. He confirmed that two holly trees and one rowan would be planted in their place.
 - IX. Communications - There was nothing to report.

X. A1307 – Cllr Bald proposed that the Council takes on the maintenance of any newly planted hedges. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rossiter and agreed by the meeting.

Cllr Cornell reported that the A1307 group had met and a report would follow.

XI. Allotments – A copy of a letter sent to SCDC from the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG) had been received. It detailed and confirmed that a clear audit trail had been carried out. Cllr Cornell reiterated that the Council would again be writing to landowners with a plea for land. It was agreed to include a timescale for response. **EC**

211 Wind Farm appeal – Discussion took place to consider whether the Council should engage an independent highways officer to commission a report. It was felt that as the majority of residents were opposed to the wind farm this expenditure could be justified. Cllr Cornell would contact other local Parish Councils to ensure that they were not commissioning a report too. **EC**
Cllr Bald proposed that an independent highways officer be engaged to commission a report up to the cost of £1000. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford. A vote took place with 9 votes in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions. **Proposal carried**

212 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

213 Correspondence received and for discussion.
Under item 9, a letter of objection had been received from the County Council regarding this Council's application to register land known as Camping Close as a Village Green. Cllrs Cornell, Bald and Hickford and the clerk had met with Stephen Thoday of the County Council on 5th January to discuss this objection and to clarify the situation. It had been wrongly reported that the application would definitely go to a full inquiry. No decision had yet been taken and any decision to go to inquiry would be made at officer level in March. If the application was to go to inquiry the case would not be heard until towards the end of the year. It was felt that the objection was rather woolly and only a holding objection. It was agreed to write requesting the precise nature of the objection. **EC/AG**
Cllr Bald confirmed that the Council needs to focus on the last 20 years of use for further evidence.

Under item 16, the County Council was planning a bulk purchase of salt bins which were available to order at a reduced cost. Cllr Hickford proposed that 7 bins be ordered. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and agreed by the meeting. The likely locations, depending on approval by the County Council Highways department, would be in the area of Swan Bridge, the bottom of Coles Lane, the Lonsdale area, the entrance to the Woodlands, the area by the Church, the green outside Linton Heights Junior School and the bottom of Joiners Road at the junction with the Market Lane footpath. **Clerk**

Under item 22, the clerk reported that no progress had been made regarding the adoption of telephone kiosks.

Under item 37, it was agreed to forward the letter from SCDC regarding 'The Big Tidy Up' Campaign to local groups to see if they were interested in participating. **Clerk**

214 Cllr Gore proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Linsdell and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Potter and Cox signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bacs and 1278, 1279 & 1280	3008.94	
CGM Cambridge Ltd (grass maintenance)	bacs	1661.07	1444.41
Linton News	bacs	90.00	
Hugo Prime & Co	1281	258.75	

225.00

215 Reports from Councillors - for information only.

Cllr Cox reported that complaints had been received regarding the use of the public notice boards to advertise long term activities which were taking up space for one off events.

Cllr Gore reported that the current caretaker for the Cathodeon Centre would be leaving and a replacement would be required.

Cllr Potter reported that a soffit on the pavilion was still in need of being replaced and 3 roof tiles were broken.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed

Date