

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 7th April 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, Ms M Mannassi, G Potter
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

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

Public Forum

Keiran Wakley a new resident had come along to the meeting to learn more about the village.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8.05pm

- 265 Apologies for absence. Cllr Wilson – family commitments.
- 266 Declaration of Interests from Members.
Under item 271, the following prejudicial interests were registered. No councillor left the room as the payments had been agreed at the meeting on 20th January, agenda item 202.
Cllr Bald – Mobile Warden Scheme
Cllr Linsdell – Parish Charities
Cllr Hickford – Junior Cricket Club.
Cllr Dew declared a prejudicial interest under agenda item 276, 20 but did not leave the room as no discussion or decision took place.
- 267 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2011. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and agreed by the meeting.
- 268 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2011. There were none.
- 269 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 17th March 2011. These were noted.
- 270 Consideration of the Minutes of the Finance meeting held on 17th February 2011. These were noted.
- 271 Cllr Gee proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Champion and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Cox and Gee signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bachs and 1484, 1485, 1486	3035.29	
CGM Ltd (grass maintenance)	bachs	1733.29	1444.41
Linton News	bachs	90.00	
Sandcroft Payroll Services	bachs	20.92	17.80
ESPO	1488	90.44	75.36
Christopher Markham Home & Garden Service	1489	230.00	
Friends of Roman Road and Fleam Dyke	1490	20.00	
Society of Local Council Clerks	1491	151.00	
Linton Village Hall (office rent)	1492	3610.00	
Zurich Insurance	1493	6691.27	6619.35
Sanderling Internet Ltd	1494	150.00	
Linton Music Society	1495	500.00	
UR Church	1496	750.00	
Linton Infants School PSA	1497	750.00	

It was resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

Mobile Warden Scheme	1498	3500.00
Beacon Community Trust	1499	1004.00
Linton Junior Cricket Club	1500	1000.00

MAGPAS	1501	1500.00
Chestnut Playgroup	1502	1000.00
Linton ATC	1503	1600.00
Linton Parish Charities	1504	800.00

272 Reports from Co-ordinators:

- I. Open Spaces and Environment – Cllr Hunt proposed that the quotation from Algar Signcraft Services for a direction sign to Coles Lane car park at a cost of £80 + VAT be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and resolved by the meeting.

Resolved

Following consultation it was agreed not to proceed with the siting of a bench beside the footpath to Parsonage Way.

- II. Recreation Ground. There was nothing to report.
 III. Cemetery. There was nothing to report.
 IV. Rights of Way. There was nothing to report.
 V. Venture Playground – A report on skate ramp had been issued. There had been two incidents of vandalism to the skate ramp fencing. CCTV footage had been given to the police. Cllr Hickford suggested that a meeting with Briar Security be arranged to review the situation. **Clerk**
 Cllr Potter was thanked for his tireless work on reinstating and repairing the fence.
 VI. Leadwell Meadows, River and Wildlife. Cllr Bald reported that there may an opportunity to apply for grant funding for that area.
 VII. Glebe Land. There was nothing to report.
 VIII. Churchyard. Cllr Cox proposed that the quotation from Atlas Tree Surgery for tree works at a cost of £120 + VAT be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**
 Cllr Cox reported that he had met with the new owners of the Rectory and they were happy to allow access in order to undertake the rebuilding of the wall. Mr Cahill of Landmark Restoration would supply brick samples for Cllr Cox to deliver to the planning department at the District Council for approval.
 IX. A1307, Traffic and Recreation Ground Parking. There was nothing to report, but a report of the Recreation Ground Car Park Working Party would be available soon. **EC**

- 273 Consideration of Youth Club Funding 2011-2012. Cllr Hickford confirmed that Duxford and Sawston had agreed to fund their Youth Clubs, and Balsham had agreed to part finance their youth club. The future of the Camps Youth Club was still in doubt. Cllr Hickford proposed that funding of £4000, as requested by Locality, be awarded to Linton Youth Club to safeguard it from closure. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and resolved by the meeting.

Resolved

A service level agreement would be drawn up. It was agreed to consult with other Parish Councils to discuss future funding issues.

Clerk

- 274 Consideration of action to be taken regarding LA4Y. CPALC had now agreed to look at the situation with a view to investigating and advising the PC. Cllr Hickford proposed that a meeting with Ian Dewar from CPALC be arranged to discuss the situation and seek their advice. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Potter and resolved by the meeting. **Clerk**

275 Written reports from Council representatives.

A report from Cathodeon Trustees had been received. Work on the extension to form the Children's Centre had commenced this week.

An inaugural meeting of the Friends of Linton Library had been held on 23 March 2011. About 35 people had attended. The formal meeting to adopt a constitution and appoint officers and a committee was fixed for 11 May. Despite the understandable concerns about the future of the Library, there was a lot of enthusiasm.

Cllr Bald reported that more publicity regarding the consultation meeting on 21st April to discuss the future of the Library was required.

276 Correspondence received for discussion and decision.

Item 14 Fulbourn Parish Council were arranging outreach Councillor training. Several councillors were interested in taking up the offer to join them for training. **Clerk**

Item 20 A meeting to discuss Nichols Court between Sanctuary Housing and Cllrs Bald, Champion, Cornell, Dew and Hickford would be arranged. **Clerk**

Item 26 The County Council street lighting and energy maintenance contract options from July 2011 onwards were considered. Cllr Hunt proposed that Option 1 at a cost of £1604 + VAT be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

Item 29 A request to use the paved area in front of pavilion for electric go-karts at children's party in the pavilion had been received. It was agreed to grant permission providing that a risk assessment and proof of public liability insurance was received prior to the event. **Clerk**

277 S/0519/11 Mr and Miss Lamb, land to north of Back Road – erection of dwelling and formation of new vehicular access

COMMENT

- The release of land for allotments could be dependent upon or influenced by the approval or refusal of this development. Therefore the Parish Council feels obliged to make no recommendation on this application.

278 Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Manley reported that the new grit bins needed to be secured to the ground.

Cllr Champion reported that he had contacted Cllr Batchelor regarding the Tower View incidents and had reminded him that a response was required by 13th April otherwise the matter would be passed to the Ombudsman.

Cllr Bald reported that following a meeting of Chalklands Residents Association further tree planting would take place, the Chalklands room would be made more available and Paynes Meadow residents had been asked to submit ideas for the open space.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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

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

