

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 7th August 2008 commencing at 8 pm

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

Mrs K France (Press) was 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

80 Apologies for absence. There were none.

81 Declaration of Interests from Members. Cllr Rossiter expressed a prejudicial interest under item 86 vii) Glebe land and a personal interest under item 87 Linton Action for Youth.

82 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2008. Cllr Hammett proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting subject to the addition of the words "*and that Cllr Bald could seek other opportunities for grant aid*" after the words "*ecology officers*" under item 74. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Daly and agreed by the meeting.

83 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2008.
The Clerk reported that the County Council had agreed to contact residents adjoining Bakers Lane and the Rhugarve Gardens footpaths regarding overgrown vegetation and that the hedge from the mill to the A1307 had been cut.
It was noted that the Traffic Working Group and Car Park Working Group were still to meet. Members were asked to advise the clerk of their availability during August so that meetings could be arranged. **TWP/CPWP**

84 Consideration of minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on 3rd July 2008. These were noted.

85 Cambs Community Foundation, Community Life Awards – No groups or residents had contacted the Council following the article in the Linton News. Cllr Cox was not aware of the Friends of St Mary's submitting a request. No reply had been received from the tree or ecology officers regarding the cemetery scheme. Some members expressed the view that that this project should be the preferred option. **Clerk**

86 Reports from Co-ordinators:

i Open Spaces – there was nothing to report

ii Recreation Ground – a report from Cllr Krarup had been circulated. Cllr Potter stated that the main problem with the grass cutting was the contractors' failure to comply with the terms of the contract. It was agreed that Cllrs Potter and Krarup meet to discuss this issue and report back. **GP/TK**

It was reported that the horse chestnut tree had a virus. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the tree officer and the tree warden for advice. **Clerk**

It was reported that following the charity cricket match on Sunday 3 August bags of rubbish had been left on the ground. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the Club, request it to remove the rubbish immediately, and advise it that failure to do so could jeopardise further use of the facilities. **Clerk**

It was reported that the picnic bench had been vandalised. It was agreed to arrange for this to be repaired and the redundant metal sign by the bridge to be removed. **Clerk**

It was reported that the sign regarding driving on the recreation ground had been attached to the existing post and the other sign would be attached to the Meadow Lane gate in due course.

- iii Cemetery - Cllr Cornell had circulated the first draft of the proposed cemetery regulations. Councillors were asked to submit their responses to Cllr Cornell and the clerk by 25th August and it was agreed to consider the proposals at the meeting on 4th September with a view to formal adoption in November. **Agenda 4/9**
It was agreed that a set of advice sheets be obtained from Association of Burial Authorities at a cost of £25. **Clerk**
- iv Rights of Way – a report from Cllr Rossiter had been circulated. It was agreed to write to the Countryside Services Team reminding them that they had promised to address some of the footpath problems in the parish in 2008. **Clerk**
- v Venture Playground-
Correspondence item 3 – a complaint had been received regarding a stain to a T shirt from the zip wire. Cllr Hammett could find no reason why this should have happened as no grease had been used on the equipment. It was agreed that Cllrs Potter and Hammett would carry out further investigations and report back. **GP/BH**
- vi Leadwell Meadows – there was nothing to report
- vii Glebe Land – a report from Cllr Rossiter had been circulated. She had suggested that the conservation strip along the south side of the river through Camping Close be made permanent.
Cllr Rossiter withdrew from the meeting.
It was agreed to seek the advice of the PCSOs as to whether this area might attract young people before taking the matter further. **Clerk**
Cllr Rossiter rejoined the meeting
- viii Churchyard – the Working Group was due to meet soon.
- ix Communications – Cllr Gee had circulated a list of items which could be included on the website and asked councillors to send their comments to him. **All**
- x A1307 – Cllr Cornell reported that she would be attending a meeting called by Jim Paice MP for 13th August following the recent spate of accidents, as a member of Access 1307 and Vice Chair of the council.
Correspondence Item 5 – Cambridgeshire County Council re Casualty Route Signing –
After a discussion the Council was unable to support the type of additional signage proposed by the County Council because of its concerns of possible driver distraction. Cllr Gee proposed that the Council request the County Council to investigate the possible introduction of a red route system which he said had proved effective on high casualty routes in Lincolnshire and Somerset. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Krarup. There were 10 votes in favour of the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstention
Proposal carried **EC/Clerk**
Item 25 – Cambridgeshire County Council re speed limit review – Cllr Gee proposed that the Council express its support for the proposed reduction in the by-pass speed limit to 50mph. Cllr Daly seconded the proposal. There were 10 votes in favour of the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstention **Proposal carried** **EC/Clerk**
- xi Allotments – Cllr Gore said he had not yet contacted the District Council planning department regarding the Balaam family's approach to the Council regarding possible allotment land. He would do so. **AG**
- xii Parish Plan – Cllr Rossiter had issued a report reminding councillors of the need to finalise risk assessment procedures following the comments by the auditor. A further three criteria had been added to those already required to gain Quality Parish Status. **All**

- 87 Consideration of Policing, Safety and Security Issues
Update on meetings with young people – a report from Cllr Hickford and observations by the Chair on Cllr Hickford’s report had been circulated. Cllr Hickford said the next meeting with young people was arranged for 11th September at the Village College. It was agreed that the Council would be represented by the Youth Working Group. Cllr Hickford requested that an application be made to South Cambridgeshire District Council for grant aid towards the provision of a youth shelter. Cllr Gore said that no application could be made pending the Council’s decision on the principle of erecting the shelter. It was agreed to submit a letter asking if a provisional allocation of grant could be made pending a decision in principle. **RH/AG/EC**
In his report Cllr Hickford had requested that Linton Action for Youth provide the Council with its last two years accounts. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Hunt, the treasurer of Linton Action for Youth, to request their current and earlier accounts. **Clerk**
Rukshana Begum, Open Out Co-ordinator, Hate Crime Unit had called into the office to introduce herself and to provide contact details and information.
- 88 Ownership of land adjacent to the river between Stantons Lane and Kingfisher Walk – a report from Cllr Gore had been circulated. It was agreed that the Parish Council should take further steps towards arranging for the path along the land to be tarmaced and the County Council asked to accept responsibility for its maintenance once the work had been carried out. **AG**
- 89 Consideration and agreement of the preferred specification for each of the following four areas: churchyard path, path to clapper stile, Kingfisher Walk extension and the cemetery pathways. It was agreed that County Council specification H2 (Flexible construction pedestrian only footway footpath/separate cycleway) be used for the churchyard paths, and Kingfisher Walk extension, and specification H3 (Flexible construction heavy vehicle footway/cycleway) be used for the cemetery pathways. No decision was made about the footpath to the Clapper stile as it was considered that a non slip surface was required.
- 90 Co-op shop, external storage – a report from Cllr Gore had been circulated. He was due to attend a meeting with the C-op and the County Council on 12 August.
- 91 Cllr Cornell proposed that the payments listed on the agenda be made together with additional payments to Cllr Cox, Cllr Potter and Protec Direct in the absence of a second meeting in August. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Krarup and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Urwin and Gore signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bac s &1067,1068,1069	2889.74	
Herald Contract Services	bac s	1697.18	1444.41
Linton News	bac s	90.00	
SCDC (cemetery rates)	D/D	75.84	
Sanderling Internet (domain name)	1070	128.07	
B.T.	1071	158.62	135.00
Protec Direct Ltd	1072	22.56	19.20
Cambs County Training Partnership AG	1073	25.00	
Sandcroft Payroll Services	D/D	24.68	21.00
B Cox (oak for the repair of village sign)	1074	55.00	
G Potter (licence for InDesign CS3)	1075	169.32	
Protec Direct Ltd (workwear for Colin)	1076	15.57	

- 92 Correspondence received and for discussion
Item 4 – Society of Local Council Clerks Regional Conference – It was agreed that the clerk attend. **Clerk**
Item 12 – Cambridgeshire County Council requesting the Council’s consent to the stopping up of part of the highway at Flaxfields- It was agreed to give consent subject to the alternative footpath being properly lit and to the existing footpath running between nos. 28 and 30 Symonds Lane being widened and resurfaced prior to the existing footpath being stopped up. **Clerk**

Item 14 – Uttlesford District Council re Statement of Matters for a called in application for 2nd runway at Stansted Airport – to take part in the oral inquiry the registration form must be returned by 15th August – The letter was noted.

- 93 Reports from Councillors (for information only)
Cllr Gore reported that he had attended the full CPALC councillors training sessions and encouraged other councillors to attend them as he had found them worthwhile.
Cllr Cornell reported that confirmation had been received from English Heritage that the Rivey Hill water tower had been listed as a Grade II listed building. Cllr Cornell thanked Garth Collard and the Linton Camera Club for their contribution to the success of the application and councillors thanked Cllr Cornell for her hard work in achieving the goal of listed status.

The meeting closed at 9.58pm

Signed Date

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