

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 7th October 2010

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), Mrs S Dew, M Gee, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, Ms Mannassi, G Potter, Mrs J Wilson
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

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

Public Forum

No member of the public sought to address the Council.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8 pm

- 115 Apologies for absence. Cllr Champion – holiday. Cllr Manley – health. Cllr Cox – family commitments. Cllr Krarup was also absent.
- 116 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 117 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2010. Under item 111 regarding allocation of flats in Nichols Court, the following was added ‘and Cllr Hickford requested further information on this.’ 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.
- 118 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2010. Under item 105, 96v, skate ramp the Clerk advised of a meeting with the skate boarders set for Friday 15th October at 6pm in the pavilion. Cllrs Hickford, Dew and Potter had agreed to attend.

Under item 111 Nichols Court, Cllrs Bald and Dew had met to look at the approved plans but had been unable to confirm whether the levels and measurements comparing the plans to the actuals were accurate. Great emphasis had been given to screening and amenity value but sadly this had been ignored. The plans also showed retention of the footpath via steps from Back Road to Flaxfields however this was now gated in two places. It was agreed to defer this issue to the next meeting under ‘Reports from District Councillors.’ **Agenda 21/10**

- 119 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 16th September 2010. There were noted.
- 120 Reports from Co-ordinators:
- I. Open Spaces and Environment – Cllr Bald had issued a report. It was agreed to contact Anita Goddard, Housing Services Manager at SCDC, requesting that the tree works behind Crabtree Croft where Symond’s Lane meets Back Road be carried out. **Clerk**
A resident in Granta Leys had requested that a willow tree bordering their garden, alongside the footpath, be reduced in height. It was agreed to seek a quotation to cut off the tree at the base. This should encourage more hedge-like growth. **Clerk**
Highways had given permission for hedge planting from Dalehead Foods to the Village College. They had refused permission for hedge planting from the bridge to Bartlow Road due to sight lines. It was agreed that the resultant extra hedging would now be planted around the back of the Fire Station and the area around Guide hut.
 - II. Recreation Ground – Cllr Hunt had issued a report proposing that all five entrances to the Linton recreation ground should display for safety reasons, signs reading 'Dogs on Leads' or 'Dogs must be kept on Leads.' Discussion took place and Cllr Mannassi was concerned that although the Council had a duty of care it was important that the Council did not over-ride its responsibility, as ultimately dog owners were responsible for their dogs. Cllr Mannassi suggested that all current signs should be removed. Cllr Hickford was of the opinion that signs reminding owners of their responsibilities would be more suitable. Cllr Hunt proposed that all five entrances to the Recreation Ground should

display a sign reading 'Dogs must be kept under control at all times.' The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee. A vote took place with 7 votes in favour and 2 votes against. Proposal carried. It was agreed that an article be written for Parish Matters to gauge public opinion. **Clerk/TH**

Item 9 – A request from Cricket Club to lay hard base behind the container to store a new roller was discussed. Cllr Linsdell proposed that this be agreed. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

It was also agreed to ask what would be happening to the original roller. **Clerk**

III. Cemetery – Cllr Bald had issued a report outlining tree works. Cllr Potter was of the opinion that only the urgent work should be carried out at this time. It was agreed to obtain quotes for all the recommended tree works and for further discussion. **Clerk**

IV. Rights of Way – There was nothing to report.

V. Venture Playground – Cllr Potter reported that the aerial runway was back in working order following repairs by Wicksteed. Photographic evidence had been taken. The skateramp was still out of order and a meeting with the skateboarders had been arranged (item 118 refers).

VI. Leadwell Meadows, River and Wildlife

Item 16 a response from SCDC Ecology dept regarding the building of a weir had advised that the Environment Agency should be consulted.

VII. Glebe Land – a fallen tree would be removed as soon as the area dried out.

VIII. Churchyard – the Clerk confirmed that a revised Design and Access statement for the rebuilding of the southern wall had been received from Hugo Prime and this would be forwarded to the planning department. **Clerk**

IX. A1307, Traffic and Recreation Ground Parking – Cllr Cornell reported that sadly another death had occurred.

X. Allotments - The Chair confirmed that she and the Clerk would meet to formulate a plan of action. Advice would be sought from SCDC and NSALG. **Clerk/EC**

121 Coles Lane Car Park – Following consultation Cllr Gee proposed that the Council serves notice on SCDC for the removal of the recycling bins. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**
Clerk

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

		Gross	Excl VAT
Wages	bags and 1410, 1411 and 1412	3035.29	
CGM Ltd (grass maintenance)	bags	1661.07	1444.41
Linton News	bags	90.00	
Viking Direct	1413	19.31	16.44
ESPO	1414	19.09	16.25

123 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

124 Correspondence received and for discussion.

Item 4 Resident re wind farm and pavements. This was noted.

Item 18 A request from resident for the 'area of special landscape' to be formally recognised and mapped by SCDC. This item would be deferred to the next meeting under 'Reports from District Councillors'. **Agenda 21/10**

Item 20 Consideration of response from Linton Action For Youth (LA4Y). Cllr Potter was concerned that LA4Y was still not acting in partnership with the Council as promised. The Council refuted that some problems were not issues for the Parish Council as they were now in the public domain. It was

agreed to write again reiterating our requests for answers to questions and for copies of minutes and/or notes from meetings to be supplied as soon as possible. **Clerk**

Item 21 Following an accident between a pedestrian and cyclist who was riding the wrong way on a pavement a resident had requested that the Council promotes safe cycling around the village. It was agreed to forward the letter to PC Parkin and to task Cllr Champion, police liaison representative, to write an article for Parish Matters. **Clerk/ DC**

Item 26 A request from resident had been received to reduce height of tree overhanging garden. This had been discussed under item 120 i.

Item 29 A request from resident had been received to remove ivy from a boundary wall. It was agreed to contact the Countryside Access Team and Highways department to determine who was responsible for this work. **Clerk**

Item 34 A resident had concerns regarding Camping Close and its current access. The Chair responded that there are no plans to reclaim pedestrian access. Vehicular access is available outside of school hours.

125 Reports from Councillors.

The Chair confirmed that MP Jim Paice will officially open Camping Close as a Village Green on Saturday 16th October at 11.30am.

The Chair drew attention to an article in the Cambridge News whereby two local parish councillors had been found guilty of a breach of the Code of Conduct by not declaring a prejudicial interest in a planning matter.

Cllr Hickford reported that the Chair of Neighbourhood Watch in Camps had offered a notice board for £150. **Agenda 21/10**

The meeting closed at 9.32pm

Signed

Date

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