

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the CATHODEON Centre on Thursday 15th May 2008 commencing at 8 pm

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

County and District Councillor J Batchelor, District Councillor Mrs T Bear and Mrs K France (Press) were 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.

- 16 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bald, Cox, Hickford and Krarup
- 17 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 18 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2008. Cllr Hammett proposed that the draft minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and agreed by the meeting.
- 19 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2008. There were none.
- 20 Consideration of the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 1st May 2008. These were noted.
- 21 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues. No report had been received.
- 22 County Councillor John Batchelor advised the meeting, in connection with agenda item 264 17/4, that the County Council no longer funded works such as small scale road markings; if the Parish Council wanted markings at the junctions of Hillway and Symonds Lane or Chalklands and Paynes Meadow it was likely that it would have to meet the cost.
He would ascertain if the Council's Minor Highways Improvements Bid had been successful. **JB**
There was to be a meeting to decide how the planning obligation monies due from the latest phase of the Granta Park development should be applied. He would press for them to be applied to the carrying out of improvements at the Hildersham turn on the A1307.
A meeting had taken place regarding the proposed Hanley Grange new town. He was disappointed the parish council had not been invited. All local authorities in the area were opposed to the proposal. Leaflets would be sent out to residents within 8 miles of the site. He confirmed that the County Council as education authority was responsible for the flint wall on Camping Close, which was in a dangerous condition. The authority was apparently awaiting a letter from the Infants School. It was agreed that the clerk contact the school. **Clerk**
In response to a question, he had been advised by the Principal of the Village College that the College had arranged for the PCSOs to patrol the village during Leavers Day and that the rubbish and broken glass on Camping Close had been placed there subsequently. She considered that parents were responsible for their childrens' behaviour after school hours. Cllr Cornell said that many of those on Camping Close in the evening were not LVC students.
- 23 Reports from the District Councillors.
Councillor Bear reported on the changes in notifying parish councils of planning decisions. She was pleased the application regarding development at the rear of Newdigate House had been refused, but the applicant was likely to lodge an appeal. She believed there was scope to use the appeal process to negotiate greater benefits for the Junior School.
She was not aware of any meeting with Flaxfields residents involving Sanctuary Hereward Housing Association. The clerk advised that she understood a District Council housing officer

had been visiting Council tenants to provide them with information regarding the construction process. Cllr Batchelor stated that the work in Flaxfields was delayed until the electricity board had undertaken certain work.

- 24 Written reports from Council representatives
Cllr Gore had circulated a report regarding the meeting of parish councils to discuss the National Air Traffic Control Service proposals for changes in air traffic control at Stansted & Luton airports. It was agreed to defer discussion of the report to the next meeting. **Agenda 5/6**
- 25 Cllr Cornell proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Linsdell and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Urwin and Gore signed the cheques.
(*Section 137 payment)
- | | | Gross | Excl VAT |
|------------------------------|------|--------|----------|
| Sandcroft Payroll Services | D/D | 68.45 | 58.25 |
| Zurich Municipal (RA manual) | 1042 | 229.13 | 195.00 |
| Cambridge Tree Surgery | 1043 | 681.50 | 580.00 |
- 26 Correspondence received and for discussion
Item 31 – SCDC Housing futures consultation – response required by 20th June. It was agreed that Cllr Rossiter would formulate a draft response for discussion at the following meeting.
JR & Agenda 5/6
- 27 Administrative assistant. The clerk reported that six applications had been received. It was agreed that the Staff Sub Committee would agree a short list of candidates, conduct interviews and submit a recommendation to the Council.
AG/VU/BH/JL
- 28 Reports from Councillors (for information only)
Cllr Cornell reported that English Heritage had forwarded the Council's request for the Water Tower to be listed to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport for final comment.
Cllr Rossiter reported that she had cut the grass on the Glebe Land and that work had started on removing the willow.

The meeting closed at 20 40

Signed

Date

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