

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 15th October 2009 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, Mrs J Williams
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 together with three members of the public.

Public Forum

Stop Linton Wind Farm (SLWF) presentation: Dr Harrison reported that the appeal would start on February 2nd 2010 for two weeks and would be held at the Conference Centre, Granta Park. SLWF has engaged a barrister to act on their behalf and fund raising is taking place to support this cause.

The main reasons for the local opposition include:

- The devastating impact on the landscape, the public rights of ways and bridle paths
- The blight on the conservation areas and historic listed buildings
- The influence of noise-induced sleep deprivation on the health of residents in the surrounding villages
- The aching concern over consequences to the rare breeding programme at Linton Zoo
- The effect of turbines on rare flora and fauna in Hildersham Wood, one of the last remnants of ancient woodland and a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest
- The fear the turbines might increase the accident rate on the A1307.

Jim Heathcote (SLWF) reported that a three minute clip of a film especially made as part of the marketing campaign had been sent to the Cannes Film Festival. He asked everyone to be aware that although the application had been refused locally the battle had only just begun and by no means won.

The Chair thanked Dr Harrison and Mr Heathcote for coming.

146 Apologies: Cllr Rossiter (holiday), Cllr Urwin (work commitments)

147 Declaration of Interests from Members: There were none.

148 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2009. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and agreed by the meeting.

149 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2009.
Under item 140 v) Cllr Hickford reported that the County Council had been repairing a street light on the recreation ground. He had asked and they had kindly removed the faulty light on the skate ramp. The light is now with Cllr Hickford.
Under item 140 viii) Cllr Cox reported that owing to the problems with the uneven surface in the churchyard the kissing gate would be removed until the surface is repaired.
Under item 139, the Chair requested that confirmation be sought in writing from Mr Jackson of Hundred Houses that the tree in dedication of Sgt Charter be protected during the construction period and in perpetuity. **Clerk**

150 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues

- 1) The report issued by Cllr Hickford on the Anti Social Behaviour meeting was noted. Cllr Hickford reiterated that there had been very few anti social behaviour contracts (ABCs) and anti social behaviour orders (ASBOs) issued. It is hoped that at the next police panel meeting a breakdown identifying trends and crimes will be available. Cllr Hickford reported that a resident had contacted him to praise the police following a potential distraction burglary at her home. She had said how marvellous it was that the PCSOs and PC Parkin had taken the time and trouble to visit her. **Clerk** to write to the Police passing on her thanks.

- 2) The repair of skate ramp lights and the need for an alternative electricity supply was discussed at length. Cllr Batchelor was concerned that reconnection of the skate ramp light may interrupt the supply to the Drop in Centre; the supply was still temporary and would continue to be so until phase 2 of the Village College was completed; which was currently on hold. Council was concerned that an alternative supply would take time to arrange.

Cllr Gore proposed that we proceed with the repairs, using the current supply, to a maximum cost of £750. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee. Cllr Hickford proposed an amendment to this proposal with an upper limit of £950. A vote to the amendment took place with 7 votes in favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions.

Council voted on the amendment with 7 votes in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions and 1 non voting. **Proposal carried**

Consideration was given to the wording for play area and skate ramp safety sign

Resolved

That the wording be:

LINTON PARISH COUNCIL

THIS FACILITY IS SOLELY FOR BMX BIKES, SKATES AND SKATEBOARDS

Conditions of use

All persons use the facility at their own risk

This facility must be used for its intended purpose only

Appropriate protective clothing should be worn

Do not bring glass or alcohol onto the ramp

CCTV in operation in this area

This facility is inspected for safety reasons on a regular basis

Linton Parish Council and its employees cannot accept responsibility or liability for any claim, loss or damage whatsoever which may arise resulting from the use of this facility, except so far as provided by statute.
Enquiries to Linton Parish Council Tel no. 01223 891001

It was agreed that a copy be sent to Zurich Insurance for approval.

Clerk

- 151 County Councillor Batchelor reported that the decision had been made by the County Council to proceed with the government Transport Innovation Fund which would revolutionise public transportation in Cambridge City and South Cambs. This would eventually lead to a congestion charge being implemented in 2017.

Item 48 Cllr Batchelor explained the situation regarding the DHL change of an existing licence to operate 5 goods vehicles and trailers at Camgrain Stores Ltd. He confirmed that DHL had won the contract to move grain and this would not result in more vehicle moments; just a change of operator.

Cllr Cox requested that the sign in Hadstock Road 'no access for airport construction traffic' be removed.

- 152 District Councillor Bear reported that she had been assured that work to change the position of the Rivey Way sign was in the pipeline although currently this department had no funds available to do this work. SCDC had deemed the tree in Palmers Close not to be a health and safety issue.

- 153 Written reports from Council representatives

A report on the Emergency Planning seminar had been circulated by Cllr Rossiter. This was noted. It was agreed that Emergency Planning be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Future agenda

Recreation Ground Play Equipment

Cllr Hammett had requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

- 154 Announcement of salary scales for 2009

Cllr Gee proposed that a 1% pay increase be awarded to the Clerk and 1.25% pay increase for all other staff backdated to 1st April 2009. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Linsdell and agreed by the meeting. **Proposal carried**

Clerk

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

*S137		Gross	Excl VAT
Cancelled cheque	1251		
Petty Cash	1252	94.90	
Moore Stephens	1253	644.00	560.00
Crofton Engineering Ltd	1254	772.56	675.00
* Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	1255	100.00	
Briar Security Systems Ltd	1256	500.25	435.00
ESPO	1257	7.51	6.53

156 Correspondence received and for discussion
Item 36 - Moore Stephens re signing off of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2009. Their comment 'We note that progress has been made on developing the risk assessment process and will be reviewing the process in our next audit' was noted.
Item 42 - CCC confirmation of Stanton's Lane bridge closure on 16th and 17th February 2010 for cleaning. This was noted.

Item 44 – Cambs Fire & Rescue Services - confirmation that work to reinstate kerbing by blocked up entrance to Fire Station will commence on 20th October. This was noted.

Item 47 - Offer to seek funding to refurbish the pavilion and request for meeting

Resolved

That Council agrees in principle to the offer to seek funding for refurbishment. A sketch plan would be requested and following its receipt a meeting will be arranged with all interested parties.

Clerk

Item 48 – DHL Excel – Notice to change an existing licence to operate 5 goods vehicles and trailers at Camgrain Stores Ltd. Dealt with under item 151.

Item 49 – SCDC invitation to a Linton Wind Farm pre-inquiry meeting on 21st October. It was agreed that Cllrs Hickford and Bald attend.

Clerk

Item 51- BT invitation to adopt red telephone kiosks in Rivey Way, Church Lane/High Street and High Street near Market Lane for £1 each. It was noted that the Parish Council would be responsible for the future maintenance to include any repairs and cleaning.

Resolved

That the Parish Council will adopt the listed red telephone kiosks in Church Lane/High Street and High Street near Market Lane for £1 each and investigate whether the kiosk the top of Rivey Way could be moved or sold.

Clerk

157 Reports from Councillors (for information only)
Cllr Bald reported that she would be calling a meeting of planning committee before 4th November when the consultation on the DEFRA Noise Action Plans would close.
Cllr Gore reported he would update Council on the progress of the proposed Children's Centre in the near future.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed

Date

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