

## Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009 commencing at 8 pm

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), Dr B Cox, M Gee, A Gore, R Hickford, T Krarup, J Linsdell, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin  
Mrs A Meeks (Assistant Clerk)

Mrs K France (Press) was also 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

- 76 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Daly, Hammett, Hunt, Potter and Williams. County and District Councillor Batchelor, District Councillor Bear and Mrs S Parry, Clerk.
- 77 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 78 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009. Cllr Urwin proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting subject to two minor spelling corrections. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Linsdell and agreed by the meeting.
- 79 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009.  
Under item 69ii) Cllr Cox questioned whether the cause of flooding from the manhole near the pavilion on the recreation ground had been due to a blockage further back rather than the heavy rain. It was reported that Anglian Water were investigating.
- 80 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues  
Cllr Hickford had not yet submitted his graffiti location list. It was agreed that all councillors would compile a list, to include private as well as public property, and submit to the clerk. **All**  
Cllr Hickford had been informed of a theft of an iPod from the sports pavilion with a request for the CCTV to be viewed. Cllrs Hickford and Gee would check film footage. The football club would be contacted regarding their internal cameras. **RH/MG**  
It was noted that agreement in principle had been reached for the police station to relocate to the fire station building.
- 81 Report from the County and District Councillors  
A written report from County and District Councillor Batchelor had been circulated and the Chair read out a report sent by District Councillor Bear.  
Cllr Bear had responded to two items she had been asked to follow up as follows:  
1. The Linton Conservation Area Appraisal (LCAA) had been initiated in 2006 and work was continued until 2007. 2. The Design Guide for the area should be sent out for consultation by the end of September 2009 and then the LCAA would hopefully be finalised soon after that date. There was a draft appraisal on disc. The 2007 date would be queried with Cllr Bear. **Clerk**  
Cllr Bear had sent a South Cambs Sport booklet to the meeting which contained details of an Elite Sports Performer grants and support programme launched by the District Council.  
It was reported that Enertrag may lodge an appeal on non-determination of the wind farm application. It was expected that the application would go before the District Council Planning Committee on 02 September. It was agreed that this item be put on next Agenda for 06/08 meeting for a decision to be made on who would be available to attend the 02/09 planning meeting. **Agenda 06/08**
- 82 Cemetery - consideration of a request for a memorial stone  
Item deferred from meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> July.  
Cllr Gee gave a brief review of the request for approval of a memorial from Hibbitt & Sons Masonry Ltd, and the meeting held in the cemetery with Mr Hibbitt and representatives from the Council and family involved. The height of memorial requested was above that allowed in the

agreed Council Cemetery Regulations and there were health and safety implications.

**Resolved**

**Not to allow the memorial request.**

Letter sent to Hibbitt & Sons confirming refusal would advise that the Council would be happy to consider a revised request. **Clerk**

- 83 Cemetery – consideration of quotations to paint the railings and gates  
A copy of the letter sent out requesting a quotation, giving the specification, was also provided to councillors.  
**Resolved**  
**That quote B for £1201.24 + VAT from Steve Jackson Ltd to paint the cemetery railings and gates be accepted.**  
Letter accepting quotation would re-emphasise the Council's specification. **Clerk**
- 84 Cemetery – consideration of quotations for a condition survey on the trees  
Item deferred from meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> June.  
It was noted that an additional climbing inspection/aerial survey request was not being pursued.  
**Resolved**  
**That quote B for £547.00 + VAT from Hayden's for a condition survey on the trees be accepted and an additional £48.00 + VAT for an Ordnance Survey digital tree plan.** **Clerk**
- 85 Preparation of Tree Wish List and Consultation with Landowners  
Cllr Cornell said that £1,000.00 had been precepted for tree provision and maintenance and she felt this should continue in future years. Cllr Rossiter distributed copies of a plan of the village for councillors to mark where they thought trees should be planted. On discussion of sites to consider it was noted that trees beside roads slow traffic but that the County Council may not take responsibility for them. It was reported that Roz Richardson, South Cambridgeshire District Council Tree Officer, had the A1307 as a priority and that she had mature trees available. It was also considered that Sue Anderson, village Tree Warden, may be able to give advice. Cllr Rossiter thought an approximate cost would be £50 per tree.  
**Resolved**  
**1 That councillors each complete village map with possible tree planting sites, for collation by Cllr Rossiter.**  
**2 That preparation of tree wish list item be put on next Agenda for 06/08 meeting for update and whether to start consultations with landowners.**  
Reminder would be sent to all councillors on Thursday 23/07. **Clerk**  
Completed tree planting maps to be returned to Clerk by Monday 27/07. **All**
- 86 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.
- 87 Payments. The cheque for Briar Security Systems Ltd for £207.00 presented for signing was not agreed or signed. Cllr Hickford thought the invoice related to CCTV adjustments but said it had been agreed that the annual service would be completed at the same time.  
Briar Security would be contacted for clarification of payment due. **Clerk**
- 88 Correspondence received and for discussion  
Item 26 Email from Mr Lamb regarding overgrown area on Back Road. The area of land owned by Mr Lamb and Miss Lamb was found to be bigger than thought as it included the rented out arable land between Chalklands and the bridleway. Cllr Urwin suggested that a letter be sent to Mr and Miss Lamb advising that the Council were unable to give views on the possible future use of their land until the extent of the land was known. A map of their land would be requested for the Council's information and acknowledgement given for their allowing the security fencing for the neighbouring development. This was agreed. **Clerk**  
A discussion took place on land ownership as the above matter had highlighted this lack of knowledge. Cllr Gore advised that not a lot would be registered with the land registry as this had only been compulsory from 1989. It was agreed that councillors would start collecting information to identify village landowners. **All**  
Pembroke College would be approached for information on their land ownership. **BC**  
Item 32 Hildersham Parish Council request to meet Linton Parish Council and highways regarding the long term future of the back roads.

**Resolved**

**That Council would be happy to meet and the councillors to be appointed would be decided at the Traffic Working Party meeting on Monday 20/07. TWP**

Cllr Bald referred to correspondence item 36, an email from a resident regarding 'open areas' in Finchams Close. She advised that her comments referred to had been added to by someone else and the published article contained things she had not said. The resident had apologised to her and the Linton News team were aware.

89 Reports from Councillors (for information only)

Cllr Hickford reported that vehicle parking on the recreation ground had become out of hand and he was very concerned about safety issues with such a lot of vehicle movement. He had taken a picture that evening of ten cars parked by the bowls green hedge. It was agreed that this item be put on next Agenda for 06/08 meeting and for a meeting of the Car Park Working Party to be organised.

**Agenda 06/08 / CPWP**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed .....

Date .....

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