

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 17th June 2010 commencing at 8 pm

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), M Gee, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, G Potter
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 eight members of the public.

Public Forum

Mr S Wells queried the offer of tree planting in residents' gardens to screen Nichols Court. The Chair replied that this offer had been made by the developer but had been deemed unsatisfactory. Concerns were also raised that the car park area was much higher than the public footpath and therefore users could be choked by car exhaust fumes. No date had been set for residents to visit the building and Sanctuary Hereward would be reminded of this request. South Cambs District Council (SCDC) would be contacted to determine if building levels were true to the plans.

Mrs S Dew asked why EDF Energy had been allowed to move their heavy duty cabling from the agreed route and why did they not realise that this area had been set aside for tree planting. **Clerk**

Cllr Bald reported that at the recent Parish Planning Forum an officer from SCDC quoted that photomontages in support of planning applications should be used only as a guide and 'taken with a pinch of salt.'

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8.25pm

- 29 Apologies for absence
Cllr Cox – family commitments. Cllr Krarup – holiday. Cllr Wilson – work commitments.
- 30 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 31 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2010. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and agreed by the meeting.
- 32 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2010. The Clerk confirmed that completed risk assessments had been received from co-ordinators for the Cemetery and Paynes Meadow and Parsonage Way open spaces.
Cllr Bald, on behalf of residents thanked Mr Faunch of the Highways department for his swift action in repairing the potholes in Chalklands.
- 33 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 22nd April 2010. These were noted.

It was agreed to consider Item 41, 46 at this juncture:

- 41 Item 46 The interim response from SCDC regarding complaint COMP01287 – Nichols Court was discussed. It was agreed that SCDC would be asked the following questions in response
- Would they confirm that the planning application for the lighting would be a public consultation?
 - Would they confirm the name of the case officer so that a meeting could be arranged?
 - Would they consult the Parish Council when considering an alternative tree planting scheme?
 - Would they confirm why EDF Energy was allowed to place the cabling in a position already set aside for tree planting and screening?
 - Would they confirm the results of the height and level checks?
 - Would they confirm timescales for answers?

- 34 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues
The County Council had requested clarification of comments made in respect of the planning application to extend the Cathodeon Centre. The Council reiterated their concerns regarding safety when accessing the building via the back entrance and resolved to continue to object to the application for this reason. **Resolved**
Cllr Potter commented that he also had concerns regarding the bike shelter to be situated on a pathway and hawthorn to be planted in a children's play area.
A request had been received from the Trustees of the Cathodeon Centre to plant trees on the open space at Parsonage Way. This was because, in their opinion, the Cathodeon site could not accommodate any further tree planting which was required under planning guidance. Cllr Potter had concerns regarding the line of walnut trees on the open space which could be spoilt if further planting was allowed in that area. It was resolved that the Parish Council would be happy to accommodate more trees but they would wish to decide where they would be planted. Concerns were also raised regarding the use of chain link fencing to the boundary.
- Cllr Hickford reported that the Parish Council was helping The Crown PH to organise the temporary road closure for the 'Wacky Races.' The police no longer dealt with this issue as it had been delegated to a traffic management company which might prove costly.
- 35 County Councillor Batchelor reported that the County Council was facing immediate government cuts of £4m and the police budget would be cut by £1.2m. This had huge implications on staffing.
- Cllr Hickford asked Cllr Batchelor why, in light of the findings of Aecom's report, he had not objected to the wind farm application in respect of road safety on the A1307. Cllr Batchelor responded that he had not objected and only lodged a concern about driver distraction. This was after discussing the issue with the County Council and decided to agree with their conclusion that road safety would not be compromised.
- Cllr Cornell asked Cllr Batchelor how the A1307, with no designated diversion route, could be closed when and if work started on the wind farm.
- Cllr Cornell reported that many residents wished to thank the Highways team who had been very considerate and hard working following the recent resurfacing work.
- 36 District Councillor Bear reported that guidance notes on sustainable communities were now available. Several residents had complained that their green wheelie bin had not been emptied. Anyone experiencing this problem should contact her as she was compiling evidence.
Cllr Bear sent her thanks to Dr Urwin, Dr Rossiter, Mr Gore and Mr Hammett for all their hard work over many years for the Linton community.
- 37 Consideration of report from Planning Committee on S/0730/10/F Beechdale Homes plc, to include the demolition of Newdigate House, Horseheath Road and the construction of 9 dwellings.
Correspondence items 41 and 45 refer.
The meeting agreed with the comments made by the Planning Committee.
- 38 Written reports from Council representatives
Cllr Hickford explained that a rebuttal statement had been received from Enertrag regarding highway issues. A nine day extension to the timetable had been agreed but SCDC had not advised the Parish Council of this change. The rebuttal statement had been sent to AECOM by courier but the deadline for comment would be difficult to meet. Consequently the inspector had now agreed to an extension of the Statement of Common Ground until midday on 30 June with the time estimates for speaking at inquiry to be submitted by midday on 6th July
- Cllr Hickford proposed that the Parish Council proceeds to call an expert witness to the wind farm public inquiry, if deemed necessary. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

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

		Gross	Excl VAT
Anglian Playground Services (zip wire)	1370	229.12	195.00
Steve Jackson Ltd (cemetery benches)	1371	687.96	585.50
ESPO	1372	16.45	14.00

40 Consideration of Co-option of new members to the Council. The Council considered each applicant in turn.

Cllr Linsdell proposed that Mr Brian Manley be co opted to the Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and resolved by the Council. **Resolved**

Cllr Gee proposed that Mr David Champion be co opted to the Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and resolved by the Council. **Resolved**

Cllr Hickford proposed that Mrs Sally Dew be co opted to the Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and resolved by the Council. **Resolved**

41 Correspondence received and for discussion

Item 30 SCDC Community Pride and Village Hero Awards. Cllr Bald proposed that Mrs Susan Anderson be nominated as village hero for her work in the community. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

Item 33 An update on the removal and revised approach to the sponsoring of telephone kiosks had been received from SCDC. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting and to seek clarification on this issue. **Agenda 1/7**

Item 46 SCDC interim response re complaint COMP01287 – Nichols Court. This was discussed after item 33.

Item 47 Mr B Hunt had further concerns regarding the proposed pavilion extension. The council reiterated that no plans had been seen or approved. It was unlikely that there would be a drastic increase in the size of the main room however it was hoped that the toilet facilities would be improved and a disabled toilet installed. A storage area would also be included. As statutory consultees the Parish Council would treat this application the same as any other application. The Council is not aware in advance of any Temporary Event Notices.

Item 48 Comments from the Trustees of Linton Action For Youth (LA4Y) were considered. Cllr Potter remarked that he was unaware of what Cllr Hickford is purported to have done as no substantive evidence had been received. The minutes were first requested in October 2009. Communication channels were opened and LA4Y agreed to work in partnership with the Council. LA4Y had now backtracked on their guarantees given prior to receiving their grant.

42 Reports from Councillors (for information only)

Cllr Bald had attended a parish Planning Forum and a report would follow.

Cllrs Bald and Hunt wished to promote the idea of a community orchard, a single tree on a development could be considered.

Cllr Hickford reported that a letter of apology had been received from Mr Koch, SCDC, regarding the revised wind farm timetable.

Cllr Bald was trying to ascertain ownership of the cobbled area at the corner of Market Lane and the High Street by the telephone box. Would anyone with information please contact Cllr Bald.

The status of the Chalklands Meeting Room had been queried and it was not clear whether it was for the sole use of residents in sheltered accommodation. Would anyone with information please contact Cllr Bald.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed

Date

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

