

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the CATHODEON Centre on Thursday 17th July 2008 commencing at 8 pm

Present: A Gore (Chair), Ms E Cornell (Vice Chair), Mrs E Bald, Dr B Cox, S Daly, B Hammett, R Hickford, T Krarup, 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 together with one member of the public.

Public Forum

Mr V Boyd said that the Bakers Lane-Horseheath Road and Rhugarve Gardens-Bartlow Road footpaths were virtually impassable due to various encroachments. The Clerk agreed to forward his concerns to the County Council. He also requested that a litter bin be sited at the Swan bus stop. The Chair suggested that the request could be considered along with the future of the bus shelter at the next precept meeting; permission would be required from the District Council. **Clerk**

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8.10 pm

- 66 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gee
- 67 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 68 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2008.
Under item 56, Cllr Cox requested that the words "*of a subsequent meeting*" be substituted for "*for 17th July*".
Under item 59 (Venture Playground), Cllr Hammett requested the words "*single tyre on chain*" be substituted for "*aerial runway*".
Cllr Rossiter proposed that subject to those amendments the draft minutes previously circulated be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hammett and agreed by the meeting.
Cllr Potter said that the reference to £7,500 in item 38 of the minutes of 5th June related to the pavilion's annual running costs, not bar profit.
- 69 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2008.
Under item 59 (Communications): the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council website was now active.
Under item 59 (Open Spaces), the Clerk confirmed that the vegetation from the mill to the A1307 was due to be cut by 27th July.
Under item 61, Cllr Cox asked that the notice board be designed so that a door could be added to the public area if necessary.
Under item 63, the Clerk confirmed that the Linton News team were willing to give training on the Apple Mac in connection with Parish Matters.
- 70 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues. There was no report from the police.
Cllr Hickford reported that a fourth meeting had taken place with the youth group at Linton Village College. A report would be issued for the meeting of 7th August. **Agenda 7/8**
Cllr Bald reported that cars had been broken into and vandalised in the Symonds Lane area, but not reported to the police. She urged residents to report all incidents.

Cllr Rossiter left the meeting.
- 71 County Councillor Batchelor reported that the Wellcome Trust had withdrawn 220 acres of its land earmarked for Hanley Grange which would further jeopardise the project; a further round of consultations would begin within a few weeks.

The appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the proposed wind farm near Balsham had been postponed. He thought this was probably due to the government's forthcoming change of policy on renewable energy.

- 72 District Councillor Bear reported that a drop in session had recently taken place regarding Housing Futures and the possible transfer of the Council's housing stock to a housing association. A shadow board comprising tenants, councillors and individual members would be formed to take over the District Council's role if the proposed transfer was taken forward. DC Batchelor said that mistakes had been made in the ballot of council tenants about the proposal: voting papers had been sent to people who were no longer council tenants, in some cases people who were now deceased. He considered this was the result of the process being hurried.

In response to a question from Cllr Hickford regarding Parish Council funding, Cllr Batchelor said that LA4Y had provided 52.5 hours per month of family support work within the Linton catchment.

Cllr Cornell asked Cllr Batchelor if he could investigate when the Inspector would report back on the Local Development Framework (LDF). **JB**

- 73 To consider implementing yellow lines on Symonds Lane at the Hillway end. It was agreed that a final decision on this matter should be taken when the necessary information had been gathered. It was agreed that the Traffic Working Party should meet to pursue the matter generally. **TWP**

- 74 Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, Community Life Award grants – forwarded from meeting of 3rd July.
Cllr Bald had circulated a report on behalf of the Cemetery Working Party regarding various proposals for the improvement of the cemetery. The overall scheme was agreed by the council (subject to consultation with SCDC officers) and it was agreed that Cllr Bald could seek other opportunities for grant aid.
Cllr Hammett said that a further £10,000 for the proposed additional play equipment on the recreation ground could be the subject of funding.
Cllr Cox said that the repair of the flint walls in the churchyard was another possible project for funding.
The Clerk would enquire if making several requests for funding would jeopardise the successful outcome of the requests. **Clerk/Agenda 7/8**

- 75 Written reports from Council representatives:
Cllr Hickford had circulated ideas for two signs on the recreation ground. It was agreed that subject to advice from the County Council the signs should read:
*"Public Footpath - Authorised Vehicles Only
CCTV in operation on this recreation ground
By order of Linton Parish Council"*
It was agreed that the signs should be 24" x 18", one to be fixed to the gate from Meadow Lane and the other to a metal post approx 5' above ground level on the left hand side of the path. It was confirmed that authorised users meant key holders. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain quotes. **Clerk**
It was reported that during recent events, cars had parked on the grass just inside the Meadow Lane gate. The Car Park Working Party was asked to arrange a meeting. **CPWP**

- 76 Cllr Cox proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hammett and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Urwin and Gore signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Sandcroft Payroll Services	D/D	24.68	21.00
Stop Stansted Expansion	1062	10.00	
Cambs County Training Partnership (AG)	1063	40.00	
Shine Windows (bus shelters)	1064	50.00	
MiJan (internal auditor)	1065	60.00	
Shaw and Sons (register of purchased graves)	1066	175.59	149.44

77 Office holiday cover and consideration of payment of extra hours to the Administrative Assistant in the absence of the Clerk. The Clerk asked if Mrs. Meeks should be asked to cover the usual office opening hours in her absence. It was agreed that Mrs. Meeks be asked to do so, at her normal rate of salary. **Clerk**

78 Correspondence received and for discussion
Item 3 Linton Churches Together re transfer of funding – Concerns were raised as to whether the money would be used solely within or for the benefit of Linton children or for a wider catchment area or a national fund. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the group and report back. **Clerk**
Item 13 J Bristow, Cambridgeshire County Council, requesting permission to use the recreation ground on Wednesday evenings during the summer holidays for youth work. The request was agreed, subject to no vehicles being brought on to the recreation ground, that all litter be collected and removed and that no activities take place on or near to the cricket square. **Clerk**
Item 16 Linton News, Annual Accounts. Cllr Cox congratulated the Linton News team on maintaining a healthy bank balance.
Item 18 Cambridgeshire County Council Legal Services re stopping up of road at Flaxfields and diversion of footpath. It was agreed that there was insufficient information to enable the Council to respond. It was agreed that the Chair should contact the County Council. **AG**

79 Reports from Councillors (for information only)
Cllr Potter reported that:

- The door at the end of the pavilion had been bricked up at a cost of £470.
- He had cut back the hedge by the Meadow Lane gate post.
- A tractor had been purchased for £700 by the cricket and football clubs. The Clubs would be seeking a contribution from the Parish Council towards the purchase price.
- In order to run the new software for Parish Matters a licence for “In Design CS3” would be required at a cost of £165.

Cllr Cornell said that the recent crime reduction questionnaire was misleading when asking for comments regarding groups hanging around the streets.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed Date

Note: Copies of reports and documents referred to above can be inspected at the Council’s Office.