

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 17th September 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, J Linsdell, G Potter, Mrs J Williams
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

County and District Councillor J Batchelor and District Councillor Mrs T Bear were 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

- 122 Apologies
Cllr Krarup (holiday), Cllr Rossiter (airport pick up), Cllr Urwin (work commitments). Cllr Daly was also absent. Mrs K France, Press (holiday)
- 123 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 124 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2009. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by the meeting.
- 125 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2009
Under item 115 viii, Cllr Cox reported that work was progressing on the churchyard gate. The kissing gate will be reinstalled with a further gate for pushchairs and disability vehicles.
Under item 115 v, Cllr Hammett reported that he had met with Clever Curves and was satisfied that all the required work had been done and their invoice could be paid.
- 126 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues
Cllr Hickford reported that an infra red camera had been ordered at a reduced price of £435. There had been trouble and damage to vehicles and property in the High Street, Meadow Lane and the Recreation Ground. Unfortunately the local police team had not been on duty at that time and although the traffic police had attended little action had been taken.
Councillors were reminded of the Police Panel meeting on 22nd September.
- 127 County Councillor Batchelor reported that the dementia unit at Symonds House would be closed temporarily. This was due to the inadequate training of staff caring for aggressive residents. Cambridgeshire and Essex County Councils would be withdrawing their patients until a training assessment had taken place. Specific concerns were being addressed.
Remedial drainage work had taken place in Lonsdale where drains had not been properly constructed. Kerbing in Emsons Close would be raised. The pipe from the Village College to the river would be upgraded.
The steps from Stanton's Lane to the Village College would be upgraded during the Easter break 2010.
Cllr Hammett asked when the second phase of the Village College redevelopment would commence. Cllr Batchelor replied that phase one has not yet been signed off due to the unexplained increase in costs. Currently phase two was on hold until a 'do nothing option' had been costed. It is hoped that phase two will continue but could be delayed.
Cllr Cox reported that the road at the Swan bus stop was sinking. **JB**
The wind farm planning application had been heard and unanimously recommended for refusal. Feedback from the Highways planning department was ongoing.
- 128 Reports from the District Councillors
Cllr Bear reported that she had contacted the Highways department following the recent flooding. The County Council had employed a new contractor responsible for clearing drains. It

is hoped that the drains in Symond's Lane and by the Fire Station junction would be jetted soon. A computerised mapping system for drains is being considered by the County Council. Many Parish Councils were not in favour of the Chairman's Delegation Meeting for planning. The portfolio holder has decided that the following proposals would be put to committee on 7th October.

- Continue as before
- Continue but allow the Parish Councils and the applicant to observe but not speak
- Discontinue Chairman's Delegation meeting
- Allow Parish Councils and applicant three minutes to speak

Cllr Hickford asked for clarification of the graffiti removal scheme reported at the police panel meeting. A team of offenders had arrived on 15th September but were unable to remove the graffiti on the recreation ground tarmac area as it was too thick and scrapping it off could damage the surface. They did however visit Horn Lane bridge. **JB**
Cllr Batchelor reported that sheltered housing support is under review due to budget restraints. This may result in a reduced service.

129 Stanton's Lane Bridge. A report had been issued.
Cllr Bald proposed that Council proceeds with the cleaning of Stanton's Lane Bridge. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt. The vote was unanimous.
It is hoped that this work could be undertaken in the February half term week to minimise disruption.

130 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

131 Cllr Linsdell proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Cox and Potter signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
	*S137		
Donarbon Ltd (10% deposit reqd from grant recipient)	1240	500.00	
*1 st Linton Brownies	1241	500.00	
Point Contact Hygienesis	1242	139.79	121.56
Open Spaces Society	1243	52.00	

The cheque to the Open Spaces Society had been added as their advice is required in respect of our application for Village Green status for Camping Close. Meeting of 3rd September 2009 minute 117 and Correspondence item 5, for 1st October meeting refers.

The cheque to Clever Curves, deferred from the previous meeting, was signed. See item 125.

132 Correspondence received and for discussion

Item 63 Cllr Bald reported that an email had been received from a parent of a child at the Infants School. This alleged that many parents were opposed to Camping Close being fenced off but felt they were unable to speak against the proposal.

Item 64 Chalklands & Paynes Meadow Residents Association had requested a sign regarding the play area on Paynes Meadow. It was agreed to suggest that a representative attends a Parish Council meeting to explain their requirements. **Clerk**

Item 70 PCC re environment policy and councillor responsibility – Further information was required but the council has no policy. **Clerk**

Item 74 Victim Support request for donation. It was agreed to follow normal Parish Council policy to only donate to organisations based in and for the benefit of the village.

Donation refused **Clerk**

Item 76 SCDC meeting regarding the Tree Warden Scheme. Cllr Bald reported that she and Susan Anderson, our Tree Warden, would be attending.

133 Reports from Councillors. The chair reminded everyone of the proposed meeting on Thursday 24th September at 8pm in the Village Hall to discuss Risk Assessment. This would take the format of a brainstorming exercise. However if all councillors were willing to email their ideas to the clerk beforehand then the meeting need not take place. **All**

Cllr Potter suggested that since we have joined the Open Spaces Society they may be able to offer advice in this area.

Cllr Hickford reported that he would be seeking clarification on an e-cops message regarding the Bobby Scheme.

Cllr Bald congratulated Cllr Hickford on his recent marriage.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

Signed Date

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