

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 17th November 2011

Present: R Hickford (Chairman), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), D Champion, Ms E Cornell, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, M Gee, Ms T Hunt, B Manley, D Penfold, G Potter, Mrs A Walker, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

Mrs K France (Press) was in attendance together with 13 members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8.05pm

- 187/11/12 Apologies. Cllr Mannassi – family commitments. Cllr Linsdell – hospital appointment. Cllr Batchelor – attending LVC presentation evening. Cllr Bear – attending SCDC finance workshop.
- 188/11/12 Chairman's Comments
The Chair reported that the Remembrance Sunday service had been very well attended. The Guides, Scouts, Beavers and ATC had led the procession to the Cemetery. Mr Laurence Kidman was thanked for organising the event for the past 15 years. The personal statement issued by Cllr Cox at the previous meeting was illegal as the subject was deemed to be confidential by this Council at that time. However, there were some points that this Council had made public via its Allotment Statement, that were mentioned by Cllr Cox, where this Council had already stated it had concerns regarding the proposed site. The Chair reiterated that financial matters with the owners of the land were in the initial stages, and that Heads of Terms being agreed are months away, and all this was providing the major issue of the access could be resolved. He also reiterated that the PC was available to open discussions with any other landowner regarding an allotment site.
- 189/11/12 Disclosure of interest
202/11/12 Allotments
Cllr Walker declared a personal interest as an employee of Camgrain Ltd
- 190/11/12 Public Participation
Ms J Larcombe spoke of her disturbance by the noise levels from Camgrain and asked if they could do anything to alleviate the noise, starting with the 4am alarm and creaking of the conveyors. The PC would pass this comment on to Camgrain. **Clerk**
The Chair reported that he and Cllr Potter had met with representatives of Camgrain today. The meeting had been very positive. A report would be issued.
Mr J Bald endorsed Ms Larcombe's comments but added that nobody was suggesting that Camgrain were the only noise nuisance in the village. He added that the night-ling noise from Camgrain frequently ceased around 6am, when cheaper rate electricity ceased.
Mr R Hammett asked why the PC was negotiating 21 acres when the Allotments Association only required 7 acres. The Chair replied that as set out in the statement, the village was lacking in recreational space. He also asked why the PC was considering a community orchard on the site. Cllr Bald replied that DEFRA and the Tree Council were encouraging all Councils to plant orchards and five trees constituted an orchard. Finally he asked how the PC was planning to fund the provision of allotments. The Chair replied that as the Heads of Terms had not been agreed therefore the actual cost was unknown however the PC might use the precept, grant funding or reserves.
Mr Hammett handed out a plan of the village showing a field edged in red which he stated was an offer of land. The Chair thanked him for this.
- 191/11/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2011. Cllr Bald proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee. Cllr Cox objected to the fact that his personal statement had not been included in the minutes. The Chair replied that advice had been sought from

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CPALC) who had advised that it should not be included. The Chair offered Cllr Cox the opportunity to withdraw his personal statement and re-issue it under confidential. The offer was declined.

Cllr Cornell commented that much work was done at the initial stages of the allotment process and this was reported to Council. Cllr Cornell reiterated the information received in December 2010 from South Cambs which explained that it was not the responsibility of the PC to decide if the price of the land being offered was a reasonable price. It would be for the PC's surveyor/valuer to guide the PC on what they considered to be a reasonable price to pay. If the price of the land was considered unreasonable, section 125 of the Local Government Act 1972 dealt with compulsory purchase powers for anywhere in the village if the PC was unable to acquire by agreement land on reasonable terms. She also reiterated the PC had a statutory and absolute duty to provide allotments.

A vote to accept the minutes took place with 12 votes in favour, and 1 abstention.

Proposal carried

192/11/12

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2011
Under item 181/11/12 Cathodeon Centre sign, Cllr Champion proposed that as there was no requirement for the address to be displayed on the sign it should not be included. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Walker and agreed by the meeting.

Resolved

Under item 179/11/12 the Clerk reported that SCDC Conservation department would not give permission for the blue recycling bin to be placed at the bottom of Coles Lane. They had suggested it be placed outside the Village Hall. However the Clerk had reiterated that Parsonage Way would be the preferred site.

193/11/12

To approve the minutes of the planning meeting held on 3rd November 2011. These were noted.

194/11/12

Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues
Cllr Champion reported that the new countrywide non-emergency number for the Police was 101. Complaints had been made about inconsiderate parking outside schools by parents collecting their children. If this continued fixed £30 penalty notices would be issued. The police were still actively engaged in issuing tickets for Road Traffic Offences on A1307. Residents were asked to be vigilant for thefts of heating oil. Criminal damage had occurred to a new car in Balsham Road and a window in a house in the High Street had been broken. Cllr Bald asked that PCSOs should take action on cyclists riding on pavements and without lights.
The Chair reported that although the annual maintenance check on the CCTV had been carried out some cameras were still not working to their full capacity. It was agreed to hold back payment.

Clerk

195/11/12

Report from the County Councillor
Cllr Batchelor had issued a written report.
Cllr Cornell reported that the County Council (CC) had issued a press release on 4th November regarding the A1307. A steering group of local Parish Council's and Access 1307 would discuss the A1307, however improvements would rely on CC budgets. Cllr Cornell was preparing a report on local authority cross border co-operation which would be sent to the government. Cllr Cornell also reported that the BBC2 programme Britain's Killer Roads shown today had featured the A1307 and could be viewed on the BBC iPlayer.
Cllr Potter commented that the CC consultation on subsidised bus services was only available online and very few of the people who used this service had access to the internet and therefore no means of responding. It was agreed the Clerk to email CC to make this point

Clerk

196/11/12

Report from the District Councillors

No report had been received.

Following the determination of the Nichols Court lighting plan application it had been confirmed that Cllr Batchelor and Cllr Bear had not objected to it, and Cllr Batchelor had actually supported it. Mr Hampson from SCDC had offered to set up a meeting with the PC and Sanctuary. **Clerk**

197/11/12 To consider the confidentiality and security of emails between the Parish Clerk and Councillors. Following advice from CPALC, the Chair reported that no confidential items should be sent via email or posted out to councillors. They should only be discussed at Council under 'Confidential items' and be agreed after reading out. A hard copy should be kept in the office for councillors to refer to, until such time that Council felt that they should be made public. It was not necessary to provide secure email addresses, and CPALC had advised against this as securing emails was actually very difficult. The Clerk reminded Councillors that they had a duty to respond to her emails if requested to do so.

198/11/12 To consider the document 'Agreement to Occupy' between LA4Y and the Parish Council (correspondence items 64 and 49 refer) Cllr Hunt proposed that the draft agreement be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

Cllr Hunt asked that if an alternative user wished to take over the building if it was no longer required by LA4Y, that this should be allowed. It was decided that in this situation common sense should prevail. However, any new user would need Council's approval, apply for planning permission and a new agreement would need to be drawn up.

199/11/12 Cllr Hunt proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Manley and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Cox and Potter signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd (2 seats)	1569	701.23	584.36
Point Contact Hygienesis (litter bin bags)	1570	138.42	115.35
Briar Security Systems	1571	192.00	160.00
CBS Office Solutions Ltd (photocopier)	1572	208.10	173.42

The cheque for Briar Security Systems would be held back until all cameras were work satisfactorily.

200/11/12 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

201/11/12 To consider the following correspondence received
Item 44 SCDC had offered to invest PC funds. This was declined.
Item 54 SCDC had advised of the proposed changes to Footway lighting maintenance arrangements (deferred from meeting of 20th October). Further information had been received indicating that SCDC would take on the maintenance free of charge. It was agreed to accept this offer. **Clerk**
Item 50 Camgrain noise – Cllr Bald noted that the response from Cllr Batchelor was inaccurate. More people had complained and Camgrain had been found in statutory breach of noise levels on the one occasion that SCDC had monitored this without prior warning being given to Camgrain.

202/11/12 Allotments
This item was declared confidential and discussed at the end of the meeting.

203/11/12 Reports from Councillors (For information only)
The Clerk reported that the agenda item Reports from Councillors – for information only would be replaced by - Matters for future consideration. This was in line with Standing Orders (page 60) and Agenda and Minutes Best Practice guide (pages 5 and 8). It would be an opportunity for Councillors to raise items for consideration that may be included on a future agenda. The item was not on the current agenda so there should be NO debate, only an acknowledgement the item had been raised.

Cllr Champion requested clarification of the proposed closure of the High Street. The Clerk reiterated that it was a legal requirement that access be available to householders

at all times. This would include access to the Church however it should be noted that some delays were likely.

Cllr Bald reported that the allocation of trees from SCDC had been received and planted mostly in the eastern corner of the Recreation Ground. An oak to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee had been planted near to the Golden Jubilee stone.

Cllr Cox reported that following a meeting, the Environment Agency it was decided not to remove the weirs from the Dog and Duck PH to the Recreation Ground would not be removed. Removing the weirs would have reduced the number of fish and invertebrates as the river bed was not sound. However, one weir could be removed as an experiment. Cllr Bald noted that gravel may need to be put back into the river and it may be possible to remove part of the mounds, increasing the size of the sports field and re-forming the dog walking path.

This part of the meeting closed at 9.15pm