

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 18th February 2010 commencing at 8 pm

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), Dr B Cox, A Gore, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, 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)

Public Forum

No member of the public sought to address the Council.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8 pm

243 Apologies for absence
Cllr Gee – holiday. Cllr Krarup – holiday. Cllr Hammett – prior engagement.

244 **Disclosure of Interest**
Request for funding from Linton Village College on behalf of Dynamics Gymnastics Club. Cllr Linsdell disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest as a relative of the secretary of the Dynamics Gymnastics Club. Cllr Linsdell left the room during the discussion and decision on this matter.

245 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2010.
Cllr Gore proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and agreed by the meeting.

246 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2010.
Under item 238, Camping Close no response to the Council's letter had been received.

Under item 236, Wind Farm, Cllr Cornell thanked all those who had been involved in the inquiry process so far including the Clerk and her Assistant. Cllr Hickford reported that the Appeals Manager at South Cambridgeshire District Council had forwarded him a letter from the County Council's Highways Development Control Team addressed to the Planning Inspectorate, stating why they did not consider the proposed turbines would have an adverse effect on the road safety of the A1307. The letter indicated that the Team's consideration of the planning application had been limited to a desk top study. He had requested the writer of the letter to review the study and carry out further on-site investigations but he had declined to do so. In the circumstances the Inquiry Inspector had agreed that the Parish Council should be allowed to submit its own highway evidence, to be presented at the adjourned inquiry hearing in September. An independent highways expert had been approached but had withdrawn because of a possible conflict of interest.

It was noted that a special meeting of the Council, to be held on 19 February, would consider arrangements to secure expert highway evidence.

Under item 240, 6, Cllr Cox thanked the Council for nominating him to attend a royal garden party as a long serving Parish Councillor however he was ineligible as he had attended one previously.

247 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 4th February 2010. These were noted.

248 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues.
Concerns were raised regarding the increase in vehicle thefts in the village. The Clerk reported that, following their visit to the office, PCSO's Pulley and Allan had confirmed that the majority of vehicles involved were older 4x4s.
Cllr Bald reported that the PCSO's were regularly attending the ACE's events.

249 County Councillor Batchelor reported that the County Council budget had been agreed with a reduction of 20% in costs as opposed to the 30% that was previously thought. Locally Wheatsheaf Way had been resurfaced. He reported that it would cost in excess of £100,000 to

resurface the High Street and that funding was not available in the next financial year. Concerns were raised in respect to the condition of the pavement opposite the Co-op however Cllr Batchelor replied that no funding was currently available for the repair of pavements as it had all been redirected to the repair of pot holes. Cllr Batchelor reported that on 6th February three cars had left the road in Park Hill, Horseheath due to a large pot hole.

250 District Councillor Bear reminded Council of the Community Clean Up incentive. Cllr Batchelor reported that there will be a 3% rise in the South Cambridgeshire District Council's element of the Council Tax. Funding for the Arts and Sports would be most affected by budget cuts, however funding of £300,000 for the sheltered housing projects had been secured.

251 To consider Cemetery Regulations amendments – Cllr Gore reported that no further feedback had been received from HJ Paintin. Proposals would be circulated to the cemetery committee and HJ Paintin for consideration. **AG**

252 Update on trees – see report from Cllr Bald
Cllr Bald proposed that trees T010 and T011 in the Cemetery behind 122 Chalklands be removed (before new hedging is planted) at a cost not exceeding £400. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford. A vote took place with 3 votes in favour, no votes against and 6 abstentions. **Proposal carried**

Cllr Bald proposed that a willow tree (T001) at the south east corner of the Cemetery be removed with roots ground out (if possible) to allow revision of the ashes area at a cost not exceeding £400. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford however it was then agreed that a notice be placed on the tree asking visitors to the cemetery to contact the Council with their views prior to any decision being made.

Clerk

Cllr Bald proposed that an unhealthy conifer in the north east corner of the Recreation Ground be removed (to allow for further planting) at a cost not exceeding £200. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford. A vote took place with 3 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 5 abstentions. **Proposal carried**

It was noted that Mrs Anderson, tree warden was in favour of it being removed.

253 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

254 Cllr Gore proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Cox and Potter signed the cheques.

| | | Gross | Excl VAT |
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| | *S137 | | |
| *Cambridgeshire ACRE | 1295 | 25.00 | |
| P T Pinner and Son | 1296 | 217.02 | 184.70 |
| Atlas Tree Surgery Ltd | 1297 | 916.50 | 780.00 |
| David Brown Landscape Design | 1298 | 105.75 | 90.00 |
| * The Wildlife Trust | *S137 1299 | 36.00 | |
| CBS Office Solutions Ltd | 1300 | 61.76 | 52.56 |
| D Tilling (cemetery work) | 1301 | 240.00 | |

255 Correspondence received and for discussion

Item 40 – A request had been received from the friends of Josie Buxton to plant a tree on the Recreation Ground. The clerk reported that she had since spoken to an interested party who now wished to plant five white stemmed birches to be under planted with bulbs. The area required would be in the region of 12 to 15 square metres and ideally they would need to be planted by the first week of March. Discussion took place and it was agreed to refuse this request. However an alternative site on the land to the left of the cemetery in the vicinity of the old pond was suggested. Cllr Bald would liaise with the friends and it is hoped that a suitable compromise can be reached. **EB**

Item 41 – A request for funding of £500 had been received from the Village College to replace gymnastic equipment. This was to replace the request originally received for the precept under S137 payments. Discussion took place and it was agreed to request further information from the Village College regarding other sources of funding. It was also agreed to place this item on the agenda for 4th March and to seek guidance from Mr Ian Dewar of CPALC who would be attending that meeting.

256 Reports from Councillors.
Cllr Cornell reported that Cllr Williams had resigned.
The Clerk reported that Mr Ian Dewar of CPALC would attend the next meeting to give a short presentation on Local Authority Powers and S137 payments. **Agenda 4/3**
Cllr Rossiter reported that 10 trees had been planted on Horseheath Road.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed Date

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