

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 18th March 2010 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, T Krarup, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

County and District Councillor J Batchelor and Mrs K France (Press) were in attendance together with one member of the public.

Public Forum

Mrs Wright of Paynes Meadow asked if the road on the Phase 2 of the development had been adopted by the County Council. The Clerk thought not but would investigate and report back. Mrs Wright reported that a street light near to the flats and the car park was not working. **Clerk**

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

275 Apologies for absence.
Cllr Linsdell - unwell

276 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.

277 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2010. Cllr Gee 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.

278 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2010. Under item 265, presentation by Mr Dewar, Cllr Rossiter requested that clarification be sought regarding the value added consideration of S137 payments. Clarification would also be sought as to whether groups were required to state exactly how any funding would be spent and whether the Council should be prescriptive when allocating funding. It was agreed to seek clarification on these matters. **Clerk**

An additional item pertaining to the wind farm application will be discussed at the end of the meeting in confidence.

279 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 18th February 2010. These were noted.

280 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues
Cllr Hickford reported that the next Police Panel meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd March at Linton Heights Junior School.

The Clerk reported on an incident earlier in the week when the Village Custodian had found a hand grenade on Camping Close and had taken it to the Village Hall. The police had been alerted and a bomb disposal squad from Colchester had been deployed to make the device safe. It was later identified as a hand held smoke grenade.

Cllr Cornell reported that further evidence in support of the Council's application to register Camping Close as a Village Green had been sent to the Mr Thoday at the County Council. He confirmed that the solicitor acting for the objector, the County Council's property team, was considering their options in the light of the Redcar judgement. Mr Thoday would contact the Council as soon as any further information was received.

281 County Councillor Batchelor reported that the Transport Innovation Fund to provide public transport in Cambridge had been rejected by the government as the County Council would not accept an unconditional congestion charge. The saga of the much publicised guided bus scheme continued.

282 District Councillor Batchelor reported that many senior officials at the District Council were due to retire shortly and would not be replaced.

283 Written reports from Council representatives
Cllr Bald had issued a report regarding the Linton Heritage Trail which was being developed in conjunction with the Historical Society. The council was asked to consider a site for a lectern type map board and to consider the siting of waymarkers for the route. Council felt that they were not able to make any decision on this issue until they had walked the route. It was agreed to arrange an evening when this could be undertaken. **Clerk**

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

		Gross	Excl VAT
Carter Jonas LLP re EDBF Clients a/c (Glebe land)	1314	100.00	
Five Star Pest Control	1315	105.75	90.00
J Rossiter (mileage wind farm Inquiry)	1316	64.00	

285 Cambridgeshire Together Rural Strategy Consultation (Item 268 deferred from meeting of 4th March). The notes previously distributed by Cllr Rossiter were agreed. Cllr Cornell proposed that she and Cllr Rossiter complete the on-line consultation response. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gore and agreed by the meeting. **Proposal carried**

286 Correspondence received and for discussion
Item 32 – Kester Cunningham John, the Council's solicitors, had requested comments regarding the proposed lease on Coles Lane car park. It was agreed that the Council was willing to take on the car park in its present condition providing that the ivy on the boundary walls was addressed. At the end of the lease the car park would be handed back in a similar condition.
It was agreed to accept Clause 2 of the lease if Clause 1 of the lease was given up. This referred to the provision of car parking spaces without charge. **Clerk**

Item 34 – Mr Prior would be hiring the pavilion from the football club and had requested permission from Council to erect a marquee, on August 29th, for his wedding reception, on the block paving in front of the pavilion, with live music in the afternoon and a disco until midnight, a bouncy castle and BBQ. Council considered this request. Cllr Gee proposed that permission be granted for the marquee to be sited on the block paving adjacent to the pavilion. The appropriate permissions and licences for music and catering should be obtained. A copy of the public liability insurance for the bouncy castle would be required prior to the event in addition to a site plan. Parking would not be allowed on the Recreation ground so permission to park at the Village College should be sought. All activities should be kept to the same side of the path and adjacent to the pavilion. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gore. A vote took place with 9 votes in favour, no votes against and 2 abstentions. **Proposal carried**

Item 45 – A quotation to address the puddle by Meadow Lane gate to Recreation Ground had been received. It was agreed to query this quotation as it did not appear to meet the specification. **Clerk**

Item 46 - CPALC and the Future Jobs Fund, a government scheme to get 18 to 24 year olds who have been unemployed for a period of six months back into work. The position of Grounds Maintenance Operative was currently being advertised. It was agreed that Cllr Bald and the Clerk be tasked to conduct interviews and to offer the position to a suitable candidate. **Clerk**

287 Reports from Councillors.
Cllr Cornell reported that following a meeting with the pavilion users, Su Matthews will be attending the next Parish Council meeting on 8th April to discuss ideas for extending and upgrading the pavilion. **Agenda 8/4**

Cllr Krarup advised that a timetable for appraisals be put on a future agenda.

Clerk

Cllr Bald reported that trees were due to be planted on the Bartlow Road verges between 23rd and 26th March.

The Council resolved to exclude the press and public whilst the Council considered the following item of business pursuant to section 100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972

278 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2010

Disclosure of Interest

Cllr Cornell disclosed a possible personal interest and decided it appropriate that she would take no part in the discussion and decision on this matter.

It was agreed that Council would inform the Inspector that it was the intention of the Parish Council to call an expert highways consultant to provide evidence.

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.