

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the CATHODEON Centre on Thursday 18th September 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, 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.

Public Forum

No member of the public sought to address the Council.

- 104 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Gee, Krarup and Linsdell
- 105 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 106 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2008. Cllr Rossiter 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.
- 107 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2008. Under the public forum item it was reported that Camgrain has erected straw bales and stacks and the entrance to the site which has resulted in a decrease in noise. It was agreed to write to South Cambs Environmental Health department requesting them to re monitor the noise levels and to confirm the results. **Clerk**
Under item 97 it was agreed to send a reminder to Mr Hunt for further information on the LA4Y accounts. **Clerk**
- 108 Consideration of the minutes of the planning committee meeting held on 4th September. These were noted.
- 109 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues. Councillors were reminded that the next Neighbourhood Panel meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd September at 7.30pm at Linton Heights Junior School.
- 110 Report from the County Councillor
Item 18 – CCC changes to contracted bus services. Cllr Batchelor reported that the County Council proposed to completely remove the Service 46 bus due to low passenger numbers. All passengers are recorded whether they are paying or non paying. This equates to a £24 subsidy per head and it is the least effective route in Cambridgeshire. However on Tuesdays and Saturdays which are market days in Newmarket it is very popular. It was agreed to write to the County Council requesting that the service be continued on these two days. **Clerk**
Cllr Batchelor reported that the drainage works in Stanton's Lane had been completed and Balingdon Lane footpaths have been resurfaced. Tower View footpaths are due to be resurfaced soon. Back Road to Hildersham road patching has been delayed until after the harvest. After 32 years it has been agreed to resurface Emson's Close; this work should take place within six to eight weeks. Casualty route signs are currently being erected on A1307. There is a delay of 32 weeks to the works at Park Hill, Horseheath turning right into Allington Terrace due to fibre optic cables which require repositioning by Openreach. This work is now scheduled for March 2009. Funding for work on the no right turn into Hildersham is no longer available due to approximately £500,000 being spent on a cycle route from Granta Park to Sawston. It was agreed to send the list of footpaths within Linton which required resurfacing to Cllr Batchelor. **Clerk**
- 111 Report from the District Councillors. Cllr Bear reported that following a crime reduction workshop she had learned that a visual audit of crime hot spots could be made. The bins for plastic recycling have been delivered to households this week.

112 Cemetery regulations – The draft proposals were considered and several small changes were made. These will be reissued for discussion at the next meeting on 2nd October. It was agreed that the Chair contact HJ Paintin for further advice. **AG**

Cllr Cornell left the meeting

113 The dates for Parish Council meetings in January 2009 were agreed as 8th and 22nd.

114 To discuss quotations for Stanton's Lane bridge safety rails. Cllr Bald had obtained several quotations. It was agreed to request scaled drawings so that they could be considered in more detail. **Clerk**

115 Written reports from Council representatives. A written report had been received from the Youth Working Party following a meeting at LVC. It was agreed to investigate:

- cost of adapting the original youth shelter so that it has a back and comfortable seats (approx £2750) **AG**
- cost of repairing light on skateboard ramp (and cost of putting up double light). **Clerk**
- possibility and feasibility of three picnic type benches on Camping Close (with extra rubbish bins) **RH**
- possibility of football goals on Camping Close **RH/EC**

Longer term wishes were to investigate:

- extension of original shelter
- possibility of ball wall near hard surface on recreation ground

116 To undertake drainage works on the recreation ground by the Meadow Lane gate – It was agreed to accept quotation of £796.25 for a concrete channel and proceed. **Clerk**

117 Report on meeting between Cambridgeshire County Council and The Co-operative to discuss storage. Cllr Bald proposed and seconded by Cllr Rossiter that the Parish Council will support the action which Highways proposes to take. It will enable the Co-op to offer an efficient service to residents, keep the parts of the highway that are important for the public free of obstructions and encourage the Co-op to take steps to expand its interior storage which should mean the eventual end of outside storage, except possibly for the metal cabinet. **Proposal carried**

118 Cllr Daly proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Urwin and Cox signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
L Westlake (R&M recreation ground)	1087	260.00	
Moore Stephens (audit fees)	1088	669.75	570.00

119 Correspondence received and for discussion

Item 39 - CCC Minor Highways Improvements Scheme – bids for 2009/10 required by 17th October. This item was passed to the Traffic Working party who will meet on 24th September. **TWP**

Item 46 - Rob Mungovan, Ecology Officer, SCDC - comments re cemetery and pocket park were noted

Item 50 - Moore Stephens – re completion of audit tests on annual return for year ended 31st March 2008 - noted

120 Reports from Councillors (for information only)
Cllr Hammett reported that funds for the general maintenance of the skate ramp should be considered at precept.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed Date

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