

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 19th January 2012

Present: R Hickford (Chairman), D Champion, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, B Manley, D Penfold, G Potter, Mrs J Wilson
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 together with four members of the public. Cllr Walker arrived at 8.10pm.

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

- 234/11/12 Apologies. Cllr Bald – work commitments. Cllr Mannassi – family commitments. Cllrs Cornell, Hunt and Linsdell – unwell.
- 235/11/12 To receive declarations of interest. None.
- 236/11/12 Chairman's Comment
Council was asked to avoid abstaining from making a decision unless more information was required on the subject.
- 237/11/12 Public Participation
Mr D Walker gave an update on the proposed play equipment. Several grant funding sources had been identified and it would be more beneficial to apply for a number of smaller grants rather than being dependant on one larger grant. He had written an article for the Linton News to gain publicity. He asked for volunteers from the Council to help him to seek grant funding.
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The Chair thanked him for his efforts.
- 238/11/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2012. Cllr Champion proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Manley and agreed by the meeting.
- 239/11/12 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2012
Under item 227/11/12 ix, Cllr Champion requested that the Disability Rights group be contacted to ascertain their requirements. He agreed to investigate this. **DC**
Under item 227/11/12 ix, the Clerk reported that no information on padlocks allowing access to emergency vehicles was available from the Fire Service or Water Board. However high security padlocks with a master key had been sourced.
Cllr Potter asked the Chair for clarification that the Council would be liable if an accident involving a motor vehicle took place on the Recreation Ground. The Chair replied that the Council, having been made aware of the problem of unauthorised vehicles driving on the Rec, would be liable if they did not act. Cllr Potter also commented that only one complaint had been received, during a recent public forum, so this phrase too was misleading. The Chair replied that there had been much debate both verbally and on the Village Forum. However it was noted that this was unofficial and any comments should be addressed to the Council direct.
Under item 230/11/12, the Clerk reported that SCDC were willing to waive the fee, of £3 per week, to empty the proposed dog bin. Cllr Wilson proposed that the bin be sited in the vicinity of Meadhaven at a cost of

£456. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Walker and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**

Under item 231/11/12, Cllr Potter reported that the office photocopier had been replaced as it could not be repaired. No extra costs would be incurred.

Under item 224/11/12 viii, Cllr Cox reported that although no application for grant funding for the Churchyard had been made the process had been investigated. He reminded Council that the 'Monday Gang' maintained the Churchyard at a considerable saving to the Council. The Council was responsible for its upkeep, as it was a closed Churchyard but they did not own it. The Chair reminded Council that all money spent should be proportionate. It was agreed that the Clerk seeks clarification as to whether s137 funding could be used. **Clerk**

Under item 227/11/12 viii, Cllr Cox reported that the SCDC tree officer had been contacted. She had advised that safety work should be carried out as soon as reasonably possible and therefore Atlas Tree Surgery had been tasked to carry out the work at a total cost of £990 + VAT.

Under item 227/11/12 x, the Chair reported, that late today, emails had been received from our solicitors suggesting that terms for the sale of the land, on the second site, should be discussed assuming that the land was fit for purpose to avoid any unnecessary costs involved in detailed investigations. It was also advised that it may be possible to resurface the Bridleway access to the original site without permission from the owners. However investigations were ongoing.

240/11/12 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues. Nothing to report.

241/11/12 County Councillor Batchelor reported that it was the budget setting season and the government had offered the County Council an extra 2.5% of funding if Council Tax was not raised. However it was likely that it would be increased by around 3%.

Following the aborted withdrawal of bus subsidies and the closure of the current consultation, 81% were against the withdrawal. A decision would be made at the end of January.

A Community Transport pilot Scheme (correspondence item 64 refers) was to be introduced between Linton, Duxford and Whittlesford station.

However it had been changed to incorporate Sawston and not Linton. The only involvement with Linton would be delivering pupils to the Granta School.

242/11/12 District Councillor Bear reported that solar panels were no longer being installed on the SCDC building.

Age UK would be introducing a shopping service whereby anyone over 60, who did not have access to on-line shopping, could phone through their order to be delivered by one of the major supermarkets.

The Chair asked Cllrs Batchelor and Bear to confirm whether they had a vote on the planning committee to determine the Nichols Court lighting application as conflicting information had been received. Both confirmed that they had no vote.

243/11/12 Cllr Cox proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Walker and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Cox and Potter signed the cheques. *S137

		Gross	Excl VAT
Shine Windows	1589	56.00	
Cambs County Council (street lights energy and maint)	1590	2116.80	

Elec 24-7 Ltd (PAT)	1591	52.70	
*The Wildlife Trusts	1592	36.00	
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd			
(play equipment check)	1593	108.00	90.00
PT Pinner & Son (trees)	1594	20.40	17.00

- 244/11/12 To consider co option to fill Council vacancy
Mr Paul Poulter addressed the meeting. Cllr Champion proposed that Paul Poulter be co opted to the Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Manley and resolved by the Council. **Resolved**
- 245/11/12 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.
- 246/11/12 To consider correspondence received:
Item 64 – CCC re Community Transport Consultation. It was agreed to respond that we were disappointed that Linton was no longer part of the pilot scheme but were willing to arrange distribution of a questionnaire. **Clerk**
Item 76 – SCDC re proposed changes to the Standards regime - comments welcomed by 2nd March. This was noted.
Item 78 Mr V Harris request for permission to use Recreation Ground for annual funfair from 23rd to 26th May inclusive. This was agreed.
- 247/11/12 Matters for future consideration. There were none.

Cllr Walker declared a personal interest as an employee of Camgrain.

- 248/11/12 Allotments
The confidential minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2012 had been approved.
- 249/11/12 Matters Arising and update
Cllr Champion read out a long statement culminating in the following proposal:
All persons who had expressed an interest in having an allotment be contacted and asked to confirm their continued interest within 28 days or be deleted from our files. They should be advised that the rent was expected to be 55p per square metre.
The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox.
Cllr Manley proposed an amendment to the proposal that all from “interest within 28...” to the end be deleted and replaced with “and asked to confirm their continued interest in writing as soon as possible”
The proposal was seconded by Cllr Dew.
A vote took place with six votes in favour and two votes against.
Amendment carried
Amended Proposition
All persons who had expressed an interest in having an allotment be contacted and asked to confirm their continued interest in writing as soon as possible
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Amendment carried

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed

Date