

## Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009 commencing at 8 pm

Present: A Gore (Chair), Ms E Cornell (Vice Chair), Mrs E Bald, Dr B Cox, B Hammett, R Hickford, T Krarup, J Linsdell and G Potter  
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. Ms T Hunt and Mrs J Williams were also present.

### Public Forum

No member of the public sought to address the Council.

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

- 269 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Daly, Gee, Rossiter and Urwin.
- 270 Ms Trysha Hunt and Mrs Janet Williams were welcomed after being co-opted to the Council. They signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office. **Clerk**
- 271 Declaration of Interests from Members. Cllr Gore declared a personal interest under item 278 as Chairman of the Trustees of the Cathodeon Centre.
- 272 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Krarup and agreed by the meeting.
- 273 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009.  
Under item 260 xi) Allotments, Cllr Cornell reported that since the last meeting it had been established that a letter to Mr McMurray at South Cambs from Mr Balaam some nine months earlier had not been responded to. This had caused a long delay in the process of searching for allotment land.  
Under item 260 v) Venture Playground, Cllr Hammett reported that he and Cllr Hickford had reset the timer on the skate ramp light. PC Electrics thought that the timer might be faulty. The pole holding the light needed to be made more stable and the light itself was only being held on by one bracket. It was agreed to install a new timer if required and to make the pole more stable.
- 274 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues  
Cllr Hickford reminded the meeting of the Police Panel Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March at Linton Heights Junior School at 7.30pm. The meeting would be preceded at 6.15pm by a Speedwatch Initiative presentation.  
Cllr Hickford confirmed that cameras for collecting data regarding speeding had been installed in Horseheath Road.
- 275 County Councillor Batchelor reported on the Cambridge Transport Commission's consultation on a congestion charge. The Transport Innovation Fund was setting up consultation meetings in the Cambridge area. A meeting was planned for South Cambs, the date and venue as yet unknown. It was agreed that the Parish Council would send a representative to address the meeting. Cllr Cornell requested that the meeting be held closer to Linton and not in Cambourne. Cllr Batchelor said that a congestion charge was a realistic option as it could be a key to investment in infrastructure and public transport to villages, including proposals for an outer ring of park and ride sites in some villages, provided it was not implemented until all the investment had been made.  
The safety work on the A1307 at Horseheath had stopped as the contractor had gone into liquidation. It was not yet known if the County Council would have to re-tender for the whole

contract. Cllr Hickford asked if there was still sufficient funding available to complete the work.

**JB to check**

Cllr Potter reported that Back Road was beginning to sink in places.

Cllr Batchelor reported that the County Council had raised its element of Council Tax by 3.9%.

276 Reports from the District Councillors.

Cllr Bear welcomed the new councillors. She was pursuing the issue of signage in Rivey Close. There were proposals to add more parking bays by the green and sheltered bungalows in Chalklands, which would result in the loss of green space and a cherry tree. It was agreed to delegate this issue to Open Spaces working party for consideration.

**Open spaces**

Cllr Batchelor reported that the Housing Futures consultation process was still in progress.

The District Council had raised its element of Council Tax by 4.5%, a decision which might again result in capping by central government.

277 Decision to proceed and award Kingfisher Walk path contract. Following the receipt of a satisfactory timescale of work from J Cobb and Sons (item 42) Cllr Bald proposed that the contract be awarded to them. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and agreed by the meeting.

**Proposal carried**

It was agreed to send letters to the residents concerned advising them of the works.

**Clerk**

278 Written reports from Council representatives

A report from Cllr Gore as Chairman of the Cathodeon Trustees had been circulated regarding the possibility of setting up a Childrens' Centre on the Cathodeon site. It would comprise a comfortable meeting space and ancillary facilities in an extension to the eastern end of the building and might offer an opportunity to upgrade and enhance some of the library's facilities and to re-arrange the car parking area to provide more convenient parking. It was understood that the building and other works would be carried out by the County Council with funding from central government, so that no cost would fall on the Parish Council and might avoid the trustees incurring some costs they might otherwise face in future years. The Centre would make a contribution towards the outgoings on the building in the same way as the Library Service. Whilst the proposal was still at an early stage, and there were many matters to be addressed, the trustees felt it was a positive proposal which could widen facilities in the village and enhance the Cathodeon Centre's role. The Parish Council expressed general support at this stage.

Cllr Gore's report also noted that the Police had enquired about the possibility of using the Library as a meeting point with the public. He had advised the Library Service of the Parish Council's policy to press for a new police station on the Fire Station site.

279 Cllr Linsdell proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Krarup and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Potter and Gore signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
P&C (Electrical) Contractors Ltd	1157	322.58	280.50
Wages	bacs and 1158, 1159, 1160	2967.94	
ESPO	1161	75.00	65.22
B Cox	1162	9.53	

Cheque number 1163 payable to Carter Jonas for £100 for annual rent of the Glebe Land was also signed.

280 Wind farm application – update.

The public meeting had been arranged for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 8pm, at Linton Village College.

Cllr Gore reported that Enertrag had declined the Council's invitation to attend the meeting.

After much discussion Cllr Hickford proposed that the format for the meeting be changed with only residents being invited to attend and no presentations being given. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hammett and agreed by the meeting.

**Proposal carried**

A planning officer would be invited to attend, to explain the planning process.

It was agreed to simplify the residents' questionnaire and covering letter and that the questionnaires be numbered and printed on pink tinted paper.

**AG/Clerk**

It was agreed that the envelopes containing the questionnaires be posted and that the Clerk be authorised to employ temporary help at the rate of £6 per hour.

- 281 Correspondence received and for discussion
- Item 31 South Cambridgeshire District Council Local Development Framework, Supplementary Planning Documents Public Participation, consultation – It was agreed that the biodiversity element be passed to Cllr Williams and the listed building element to Cllr Cornell for consideration. **JW/EC**
  - Item 35 2<sup>nd</sup> Linton Brownies request for funding. It was agreed to contribute £50 from unallocated S137 funds. **Clerk**
  - Item 45 Cambridgeshire County Council, additional consultation on the inspector's larger site option for the north-west Cambridge area action plan. The matter was noted and it was agreed not to submit a response.
  - Item 48 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils – Renewal of CPALC membership for 2009/10. It was agreed to renew the Council's membership.
  - Item 51 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils – Confirmation sought as to whether the Parish Council intended to seek to use the Power of Well-being. It was agreed to advise CPALC that the Council did not foresee doing so at this time
  - Item 53 L North request for kerbing and renewal of yellow lining by Fire Station. It was agreed to pass this matter to the Cambs Fire and Rescue Service asking them to reinstate the kerbing and yellow lining and to copy the request to the County Council for information. **Clerk**
  - Item 54 WI request for litter bin at Swan bus stop by new bus shelter. This was agreed. **Clerk**
  - Item 59 South Cambridgeshire District Council licensing department, request for approval of food van in The Grip Industrial Estate. This was agreed. **Clerk**

282 Reports from Councillors. There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed ..... Date .....

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