

## Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Present: R Hickford (Chairman), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), D Champion, Ms E Cornell, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, M Gee, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, B Manley, D Penfold, G Potter, Mrs A Walker  
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 10 members of the public.

### The Chairman opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8.01pm

- 153/11/12 Apologies for absence. Cllr Wilson – family commitments. Cllr Mannassi arrived at 8.03pm.
- 154/11/12 Dan Penfold was welcomed to the Council and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was signed.
- 155/11/12 Disclosure of interest.  
167/11/12 Allotments and 164/11/12 report on meeting with Steve Hampson  
Cllr Walker declared personal interests as an employee of Camgrain Ltd  
167/11/12 Report on meeting with Steve Hampson  
Cllr Hickford declared a personal interest due to association with an employee at Camgrain.
- 156/11/12 Public Participation  
Two residents of Paynes Meadow spoke of their concerns regarding imminent development of the site. The Chair responded that an area to the north of Paynes Meadow had been added to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). However no decision as to its suitability would be made until after the public consultation next year.  
Concerns were also raised that Paynes Meadow was attracting anti-social behaviour.
- 157/11/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Cllr Champion proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and agreed by the meeting.
- 158/11/12 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
Item 74 Carter Jonas had written confirming their client, the Diocese of Ely's proposal to develop land between Horseheath Road and Bartlow Road and had offered information. Discussion took place and it was agreed to decline their offer to meet but to request a copy of their Transport Assessment. **Clerk**  
Cllr Cornell confirmed that the Parish Council's submission to the St Edmundsbury Concept Statement public inquiry had been forwarded to SCDC for information.  
Item 78 A letter had been received from the Chair of the Fabric Committee of St Mary's Church clarifying the work required in the Churchyard. It was agreed to contact the Tree Officer for permission to remove the walnut tree. However the request to reduce the slope of the path just inside the gate from Church Lane would be a major project and could not be considered at this time. **BC/Clerk**
- Item 6 An addendum had been received adding an area north of Paynes Meadow to the SHLAA. This had been discussed under agenda item 156/11/12.  
Winter gritting - Cllr Mannassi asked whether this training precluded other residents from gritting paths. Cllr Gee was concerned that too much gritting could endanger the feet of dogs.  
The Council's response to the planning application in respect of the lighting scheme at Nichols Court had been forwarded to SCDC.
- 159/11/12 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues

Cllr Champion reported that the main areas of concern in Linton were criminal damage and anti social behaviour. An appeal had been made for information relating to the identification of the four skate ramp arsonists. He would alert the police to the antisocial behaviour taking place in Paynes Meadow. **DC**

160/11/12 County Councillor Batchelor reported that the threat of closure to libraries had been lifted. The withdrawal of subsidised bus services had been delayed until the results of the public consultation were known. The County Council, in conjunction with the Government, European Union and BT, would bring high speed broadband to rural Cambridgeshire in the next three years. The County Council had voted to increase councillor's allowances however this was being investigated by a review body set up by the Standards Committee.

A resident asked Cllr Batchelor if a crossing could be installed at the top of Coles Lane and outside Sweettalk News. He was concerned for the safety of children crossing. Cllr Batchelor responded this had been investigated when the crossing patrol had been lost but it was unlikely that one would be permitted outside Sweettalk News due to visibility problems. Cllr Bald alerted everyone to the Safer Routes to School scheme (SRS), however clearer signage would be beneficial. **JB/TWP**

161/11/12 Reports from the District Councillors  
Item 57 SCDC was considering changes to Footway lighting maintenance arrangements. It was agreed to await the outcome before making any decision. Cllr Bear confirmed that SCDC Housing surgeries were no longer taking place in the Village Hall or Chalklands Community Centre. However Liz Berridge was willing to make house calls if required.  
Cllr Bear confirmed that Rob Mungovan, SCDC Ecology Officer, was keen to meet with the Council to discuss the River Granta. It was requested that he contact the Council direct. Cllr Cox was concerned that the suggestion by RM to remove the weirs, which provided pools when the river was low, would endanger the fish population. **BC/EB/MM**

Cllr Batchelor commenting on the SHLAA stated that it was very unlikely any development would be allowed outside the existing village envelope.  
A member of the public, Paul Poulter, was amazed that Carter Jonas gave the impression they had entered into financial discussions with developers and considered their letter to be forceful and misleading. He suggested they should be reported to the ethics committee of Chartered Institute of Professional Surveyors.  
Cllr Champion reported that despite being recommended by the Ombudsman, no apology had been received from SCDC in respect of the complaint that was upheld and asked that this be progressed. **JB/TB**

162/11/12 Recreation Ground play equipment  
a) The recommendations from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd following their quarterly play equipment inspection report were considered. Discussion took place and it was agreed to bring this item back to Council for the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> December when it could be discussed in readiness for the precept. **Clerk/Agenda 1/12**  
The swings had been taken out of action for safety reasons and Cllr Potter would arrange for these to be repaired. **GP**

b) David Walker's business proposal for new play equipment on the Recreation Ground was considered. Mr Walker confirmed that he had met with Kompan to discuss possible ideas for new play equipment and a quotation had since been received. Cllr Potter was concerned that the item 'Climby Shifter' was possibly for older children and was not suitable for this area. Mr Walker agreed to source new swings as an addition to the current proposals as these had been highlighted in Wicksteed's report as needing to be replaced within the next 12 months.

Cllr Cornell proposed that £2000 be set aside for new play equipment to assist with obtaining grant funding. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and resolved by the meeting. **Resolved**  
The Chair thanked Mr Walker for all his work on this project.

163/11/12 Cllr Cornell proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Cox and Potter signed the cheques.

|   | *s137 | Gross  | Excl VAT |
|---|-------|--------|----------|
| * RBL Poppy Appeal                                  | 1559  | 100.00 |          |
| Fulbourn Parish Council (training)                  | 1560  | 401.00 |          |
| Sanderling Internet Ltd                             | 1561  | 150.00 |          |
| Wicksteed Leisure Ltd (play equipment inspection)   | 1562  | 118.80 | 99.00    |
| Zurich Municipal (bldg insurance Children's Centre) | 1563  | 482.50 |          |

164/11/12 Written reports from Council representatives.  
Meeting with Steve Hampson, SCDC on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Discussion took place regarding the lack of enforcement particularly in respect of Nichols Court and Camgrain. Cllr Hickford reported that residents had raised complaints about recent excessive noise from Camgrain. Cllr Hickford had contacted the Environmental Health dept that day regarding this issue, and was awaiting a call back. Cllr Hickford stated that during the summer months some noise was expected, and even then it caused concern to some residents. Now it was autumn residents needed to know why Camgrain was reported as emitting more noise than the summer months. Cllr Walker was asked if she knew the reason for this as she was an employee of Camgrain, she declined to comment. It was agreed to write to Camgrain advising that complaints had been received from residents, because Camgrain had previously asked to be made aware of any problems. Cllr Bald thought that malting was taking place. She asked the District Councillors to check on this and to ascertain if permission for a 'change of use' was required. **JB/TB**  
Meeting of the Village Hall Trustees on 13<sup>th</sup> October - Cllr Hunt . This was noted.  
East Anglian Tree Warden Forum – Cllr Bald. This was noted.  
Meeting regarding Planning issues related to Listed Buildings and Conservation – Cllr Bald. This was noted.  
Meeting with County Council regarding 20mph speed limit – Cllr Hickford. This was noted. Cllr Hickford also reported that the County Council was being consulted as a statutory consultee on every area of land that had been proposed for development in the SHLAA.

165/11/12 To consider correspondence received  
Item 69 Invitation to CCC Heavy Commercial Vehicles (HCV) Strategy meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Cornell reported that this meeting was for smaller villages with access problems. She had previously highlighted concerns regarding the safety of children at the Village College who were only protected by a fence against lorries speeding along the dual carriageway. No response had been received and she asked Cllr Batchelor to look into this issue. **JB**  
Item 71 Invitation to attend information evening on 3rd November at Sawston VC regarding Transformation Fund for Youth Provision (IYSS). It was agreed that as this coincided with a Council meeting an alternative date be requested. **Clerk**  
Item 81 To consider quotation from CGM Ltd for agreed works on the Recreation Ground. This was agreed. **Clerk**  
Item 87 CCC had advised that the High Street, between Green Lane and Mill Lane would be closed on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November for gas works. Cllr Cornell asked why this work had not been scheduled for a weekend and had the Health Centre and businesses in the High Street been advised. She asked that Cllr Batchelor investigate this issue to ensure that the public were aware of possible inconvenience, particularly with respect to the disruption to bus services. **JB**

166/11/12 Reports from Councillors (For information only)  
It was confirmed that a new sewer pipe had been laid in Granta Vale.  
Cllr Manley reported that he had met with a surveyor regarding the pavilion extension and would issue a report.

The public part of the meeting closed at 9.49pm

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

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

