

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 21st May 2009 commencing at 8 pm.

Present: Ms E Cornell (Chair), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), B Hammett, A Gore, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin, Mrs J Williams
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 one member of the public.

Public Forum

Mrs G Fidler complained about the quality of grass cutting in the village. The Clerk suggested that she came into the office to look at the grass maintenance contract to ascertain which areas were of concern and to identify who was responsible.

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

- 17 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cox, Daly, Gee, Krarup and Potter.
- 18 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 19 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2009. Cllr Gore proposed that the draft minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and agreed by the meeting.
- 20 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2009.
Under Item 15/23 Cllr Hammett had spoken with Stuart Crook regarding the skate ramp repair. Cllr Hammett proposed that the work be undertaken. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Linsdell and agreed by the meeting. **BH**
Cllr Hammett was added to the CCTV and Youth Working Groups.
Under Item 10, Cllr Hickford, in response to Cllr Gore's comments, reported that he had received confirmation from Locality that Sharon Punchard had been employed to set up the youth club at the Village College which would open in September.
Under Item 12, Cllr Hammett had contacted Zurich Insurance regarding the revaluing of assets. This was deferred to the Finance meeting.
- 21 Consideration of minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on 7th May 2009. These were noted.
- 22 Consideration of minutes of the Finance committee meeting held on 19th March 2009. These were noted.
- 23 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues:
Notes on the Linton Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on 24.3.2009 (correspondence Item 45) were considered.
Cllr Hickford reported that the PCSOs had been very proactive in the village recently and should be officially thanked. They had also averted potential trouble in Balsham.
Cllr Rossiter commended the police on their results in Horseheath Road following the targeting of drivers.
Cllr Hickford confirmed that councillors should continue to monitor the situation and advise the police of any concerns and they would then target those issues. The PCSOs would be asked to maintain their checks on Horseheath Road. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Sgt Williams at Sawston Police Station. **Clerk**
- 24 County Councillor Batchelor reported that the resurfacing of Wheatsheaf Way had been agreed and was to be included in the programme of repairs. He had met with the former Chair, Cllr Gore, and Keith Fauch of the County Council Highways Department to consider the condition

of the High Street and Back Road and it was hoped that funding would be found to address these problems.

- 25 District Councillor Batchelor confirmed that the AGM of South Cambridgeshire District Council had taken place and there was very little change in terms of committees; Cllr Manning continued as leader; Cllr Batchelor continued as Chair of Scrutiny. The result of the tenant's vote on the proposed transfer of the housing stock to the housing association was due on 4th June.

District Councillor Bear said that she continued as a member of the planning and licensing committees. She was progressing the suggested signage changes in Rivey Close. She also reported that the re-letting of vacant council houses had been reduced from 46 days in 2006/7 to 12 days overall, although extensive work sometimes had to be carried out to meet the decent homes standard.

Cllr Hammett reminded Cllr Bear that the sign 'Rivey Way leading to Rivey Close' was on the wrong side of the road and had been since the one way system was introduced. **TB**

Cllr Cornell asked that the Council be kept informed of any developments regarding the wind farm planning application especially timescale and any reports commissioned. **JB/TB**

Cllr Cornell reported on the lack of response from the Planning Department of the District Council regarding the Parish council's search for allotment land. She considered this failure was totally unacceptable and asked the District Councillors to speak to the officer concerned on the Parish Council's behalf. It could then be decided whether an official complaint should be made. **JB/TB**

Cllr Rossiter reported on the non identification of Areas of Special Landscape by the District Council. She said that in the Development Control policy document adopted in 2007 it was stated that the Council would prepare a district-wide design guide. She understood this document had been prepared and circulated, however it appeared that it had never been adopted. It could have formed the basis of the Parish Council's response to the wind farm and Flaxfields planning applications had it been available. She asked that the District Councillors investigate this issue and report back. **JB/TB**

- 26 Written reports from Council representatives:

Cllr Bald had issued a report on the green area with trees in front of nos. 9-19 Chalklands, following a meeting with parishioners, District Councillor Bear and members of the Open Spaces Working Party. The grass was bordered by bungalows to three sides, with parking spaces adjacent to the road. Some residents had requested extra parking which would result in the loss of grass and trees. Two or three more parking spaces could be achieved by hard surfacing the grass area to the south of the current spaces, between the paths, in front of the tree, without removing any tree or harming the rest of the area. These new proposals would be discussed at the forthcoming Chalklands Residents Association AGM.

- 27 Cllr Urwin proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Urwin and Gore signed the cheques.

(*Section 137 payment)	Gross	Excl VAT
*1 ST Linton Scouts	1187	800.00
*ACE	1188	3350.00
*Linton ATC	1189	387.75
*Granta Playgroup and Toddler Group	1190	550.00
*Linton Junior Cricket Club	1191	1000.00
*The Beacon Community Trust	1192	2000.00
*Linton Music Society	1193	1000.00
*MAGPAS	1194	1450.00
*Brinkman, Butt and Harrison Trusts (Parish Charities)	1195	750.00
*St Mary's PCC	1196	750.00
*Linton Free Church URC	1197	750.00
*Linton Initiative for Elderly (LIFE)	1198	500.00
*Cambs County Council (summer reading challenge)	1199	200.00
*Linton Action For Youth	1200	5500.00

All above mentioned S137 payments were agreed at the meeting of 7th May, minute number 10.

B Cox (Churchyard gate stop)	1201	24.94	
Wages Total	bacs and 1202,1203 and 1204	2984.48	
Linton News	bacs	90.00	
CGM (Cambridge) Ltd (grass maintenance)	bacs	1661.07	1444.41
Briar Security (cctv)	1205	184.00	160.00

The following cheque was added as payment was required upon completion of the work, due to be carried out on 27th May 2009.

Garrick Outdoor Ltd	1206	5396.03	4692.20
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- 28 Approval of Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement for year ending 31st March 2009. Discussion took place regarding the draft governance statement and it was considered that under item 7 the Council's response should be to detail the actions it had taken rather than responding either "yes" or "no". Subject to that alteration, Cllr Gore proposed that the draft Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement be approved. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and agreed by the meeting. **Clerk/Finance committee**
- 29 Consideration of the request from Chalklands Residents Association for a litter bin at Back Road bus stop at a total cost of £380 + VAT. Cllr Bald proposed that the Council purchase and install a bin as requested. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and agreed by the meeting. It was also agreed to ask the District Council to take on the responsibility of emptying it. **Clerk**
- 30 Cllr Bald gave an update on the status of the application for the registration of Camping Close as a village green. A letter had been received from the County Council stating that in order for land to be registered as a village green the Parish Council had to show that a significant number of the inhabitants of the locality had indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years, the relevant period being April 1989-April 2009. Evidence questionnaires in support of the claim, produced by The Open Spaces Society, were available from the Parish Council office.
Cllr Hickford reported that at the last meeting he had had with the Infants' School Governors, they had agreed to keep the Council informed of any developments. It was disappointing that the Council had received no information regarding their proposals for Camping Close. Cllr Hickford asked both the District and County Cllrs if they supported the PC application for Camping Close to become a village green, and they both agreed that they did support the application. District Councillors Batchelor and Bear agreed to complete evidence questionnaires. **JB/TB**
- 31 Correspondence received and for discussion.
Item 50 – Cllr Bald suggested that to celebrate the 'Big Lunch' on Sunday 19th July a village picnic should be held on Camping Close.
- 32 Reports from Councillors (for information only) There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.31pm

Signed Date

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