

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 21st July 2011

Present: R Hickford (Chairman), Mrs E Bald (Vice Chair), D Champion, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, B Manley, Ms M Mannassi and Mrs J Wilson
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

County and District Councillor J Batchelor and District Councillor Mrs T Bear were in attendance together with three members of the public.

Public Forum

No member of the public sought to address the Council.

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

71 Apologies for absence. Cllrs Gee and Potter – other business. Cllr Cornell – ill health.

72 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.

73 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 7th July 2011. Cllr Manley proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and agreed by the meeting.

74 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2011.
Under item 59, Cllr Bald confirmed that a meeting between the SCDC tree officer, the Environment Agency and Mr Richardson on behalf of the cricket club, had been arranged to discuss the levelling of the river bank.
Under item 64, the Chair confirmed that he would be writing an article for the September edition of the Linton News regarding a consultation of the possible introduction of a 20mph speed limit in the village. **RH**
Under item 66, Cllr Bald reported that a revision to the lighting scheme at Nichols Court had been received from SCDC. It did not quite reflect the discussions held at the meeting on 29th June. A copy of what the Parish Council minuted as having been agreed would be sent to SCDC for consideration. **Clerk**

75 Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 7th July 2011. These were noted.

76 Cllr Cox proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Linsdell and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Cox and Hickford signed the cheques.

		Gross	Excl VAT
Petty Cash	1532	77.58	
Viking Direct	1533	43.86	36.55

77 Report from Police and consideration of Policing, Safety and Security issues
Cllr Champion reiterated points from his report from the previous meeting that the police were continuing to monitor illegal parking outside the Co-op, anti social behaviour in the vicinity of the Dog and Duck, rowdy children in the vicinity of Chalklands and Paynes Meadow and speeding on A1307. They would also be considering the erection of a stop sign at the junction of Balsham Road and the High Street.
The Chair reported that Locality was planning to undertake outreach work during the summer holidays and any hot spots experiencing anti-social behaviour could be targeted. **DC/Clerk**

78 County Councillor Batchelor reported that customer standards in respect of highway faults were being extended. For example potholes would now be repaired within 14 days as opposed to 7. Planned maintenance such as drain cleaning would be abandoned and only undertaken when a blockage occurred. It was therefore important that any problem was reported to them as soon as possible.

A judicial review had been called due to the failure of the County Council to consult on the proposed cuts to bus services. A review would take place in 2012 and therefore all services were safe until then.

Cllr Cox was concerned regarding the safety of the Babraham roundabout. The road surface became very slippery when it rained following a long dry period and several cars had lost control. Cllr Batchelor confirmed that the County Council were aware of some problems there.

JB

79 District Councillor Bear reported that SCDC had approved the installation of photovoltaic panels on their building. This would lower running costs by £14 - £15.5k per year and reduce the carbon footprint. The District Council were encouraging others to follow suit however no financial incentives were available. Cllr Batchelor reported that the District Council planned to equip 550 council-owned homes. They were also trying to ease the restrictions relating to the installation of panels on listed buildings.

80 Consideration of draft Service Level Agreement for Linton Youth Club
Discussion took place and it was agreed that the following should be included/amended:

- The PC and Locality should meet at the end of each term to discuss performance and progress
- Weekly subs should increase by 50p to £1 per week
- All children in receipt of free school meals should have free access
- Detailed accounts should be submitted each year detailing how the funding had been spent, and termly reporting of spending/saving of subs

81 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

82 Correspondence received and for discussion and decision
Item 59 SCDC had issued details of grant funding opportunities. There were two opportunities, in August and February, to apply for grant funding for a number of projects. The current projects which could benefit were additional skate ramp and BMX facilities and the refurbishment of the pavilion. The planning application for the pavilion had not yet been submitted and no plans had been agreed for additional sports initiatives. It was therefore agreed to wait until later in the year when more information was known about which projects required financial help.

Item 60 Cambs ACRE re QEII Challenge to protect outdoor recreational spaces.
The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge was a new programme to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee led by its Patron the Duke of Cambridge. It was a landmark project to create a permanent legacy from the two major events scheduled to occur in the UK in 2012; Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympics. The Challenge would permanently protect a network of 2,012 outdoor recreational spaces by 2012 in communities across the UK – the Queen Elizabeth II Fields. It was agreed to look into nominating the Recreation Ground, as if successful may secure future funding opportunities. Further information would be sought.

Clerk

83 Reports from Councillors (for information only)
Cllr Bald requested that the traffic working party meet as soon as possible. **Clerk**
The Clerk reported that on Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm, Karen Kenny from the National Association of Allotment and Leisure Gardens would speak in the Village Hall. All welcome.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed

Date