

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2013 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Present : Cllrs : Blunt, Dartford, Harlock, Henderson, Kent, Lee, Place,
Pryke, Saunderson, West & White (Chairman).

In Attendance : Mr S Dartford (Clerk), PCSOs Davis & Shepherd & 5 Parishioners.

13.070 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from Cllr. Pask & County Cllr. Bates.

13.071 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr. Saunderson agenda items 13.078 & 13.079. Personal interest.

13.072 POLICE REPORT.

PCSOs Davis & Shepherd attended the meeting and advised Members of changes to the e-cops system. The meeting expressed concern over parking on corners and speeding. PCSO Davis advised the meeting that they will continue to monitor the parking issues particularly at the known problem areas. However, they have adopted an educational approach to errant motorists by firstly by speaking to them and if they persist in issuing a ticket.

Correspondence from The Police & Crime Commissioner, notifying of the launch of Neighbourhood Alert, had been distributed to all Members for information.

13.058.01. To review the list of reported crimes.

A report of crimes for the month of August, the latest available from the Police, was distributed to all Members present for information. A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

13.073 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12th SEPTEMBER 2013.

Agenda item 13.062. Dairy Crest site. Cllr. Harlock requested that the minutes show he attended the meeting. The minutes were duly amended.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr. Harlock. **Seconded:** Cllr. Blunt. **Vote:** Carried.

13.074 MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

13.075 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.

A grant request had been received from Fenstanton PCC. The matter will be considered by the Finance & Constitution Committee at the meeting later in the month.

Clerk's report.

The Annual report has been signed off by the external auditors without comment.

The annual pond clean took place on Saturday 5th October. The meeting offered its thanks to Cllr. Saunderson and the 5 parishioners who assisted in the task. It was requested that thanks be extended to the Ranger from Hinchbrook Park who assisted in the task.

Members were advised that a Code of Conduct training session is being held for Hilton Parish Council and an invitation has been extended to Members of Fenstanton Parish Council to attend.

The meeting was advised that Ermine Street (Huntingdon) will be closed on 19th & 20th October.

13.076 COMMITTEE REPORTS.

13.076.01. Planning Committee.

A report of planning matters since the last meeting was given by the Committee Chairman.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on the latest meeting concerning the Dairy Crest site development between representatives of the Parish Council, the District Council representative, trustees of the Village Hall and officers of the District Council. The meeting was advised that the agent is expected to start marketing the site during the autumn and that the District Council will not be responsible for any open spaces included in the development. There was support for a new Village Hall being included on the site with a belief by the Village Hall trustees that the land will be donated by the developers. Members were advised that it is necessary to prioritise needs of the Village in respect of the CIL and that consideration be given to formulating a Parish Plan to increase the amount of CIL that the Parish may receive. The Village Hall trustees will provide the Parish Council with an outline business plan to enable it to give support to any grants the Village Hall trustees may be seeking. Members were, further advised that there is no definite clarification as to the phasing of the CIL payment(s) or if the payment will be made in full once permission is granted for all three sites as identified in the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 or when development actually starts. Members were further advised that the Parish may not receive the full amount as other parties, such as education, may require funding in the future.

13.076.02. Other.

No other meetings had been convened.

13.077 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.

13.077.01. District Councillors report. There were no matters appertaining to the Parish.

13.077.02. County Councillor's report. In the absence of County Cllr. Bates no report was given.

13.077.03. A14 meeting. Cllr. Henderson gave a comprehensive report on the meeting held 9th October between the Highways Agency and St Ives Town Council. Members were advised of the methods of accessing the local road, the method of tolling and the new road layouts in Huntingdon.

13.077.03. Other. No other meetings had been attended.

13.078 TO CONSIDER INSTALLING SPEEDWATCH AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNAGE ON THE LOW ROAD.

The Speedwatch co-ordinator had requested that the Parish Council install permanent Speedwatch and "pedestrians crossing" signs on the Low Road between River View and Jones's Boatyard. The cost of the Speedwatch signs to the Parish would be £70 each no cost was available for the Pedestrian signs. Information from the Speedwatch co-ordinator had been circulated to all Members, Cllr. Saunderson supplied further information.

During discussion it was felt by some Members that a considerable amount of street furniture already existed on this particular section of the Low Road and that the installation of more would be a further distraction to motorists and not contribute to road safety. The meeting did feel that, at this juncture, the cost of installing "pedestrians crossing" signs cannot be justified for the number of existing dwellings; however, the situation should be reviewed once any development takes place on the Vindis site.

Following discussion a proposition was made to install only Speedwatch signage.

Proposed: Cllr. Blunt **Seconded:** Cllr. Saunderson. **Vote:** 2 in favour.
9 against.

The proposition was, therefore, lost and agreement will not be given to install any signage.

13.079 TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE VOLUNTEERS TO UNDERTAKE SPEEDWATCH DUTIES.

No Councillors expressed an interest in volunteering to become members of the Speedwatch team. The Clerk will include the matter in the next edition of Spectrum. It was agreed that the importance of the role should be stressed.

13.080 SUBWAY FLOODING.

Cllr. Saunderson had produced a paper on the causes and a possible solution to the cause of the flooding in the subway. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Saunderson for producing a comprehensive report. Following discussion it was agreed to forward a copy of the report with a covering letter to the Highways Agency whilst advising County Cllr. Bates.

13.081 PARISH ACTION PLAN – 2013 / 2014.

The comments of the General Purposes Committee have been included in the Action Plan.

13.082 FINANCE**13.082.01. To receive the financial report & approve payments.**

The Financial Report had been distributed to all Members present. It was resolved the payments be approved.

Proposed: Cllr. Henderson. **Seconded:** Cllr. Saunderson. **Vote:** Carried.

A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

13.082.02. To approve the transfer of funds.

The RFO recommended a transfer of £2,580 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of September.

Proposed: Cllr. Pryke. **Seconded:** Cllr. Blunt. **Vote:** Carried.

13.083 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

13.084 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

1. The meeting was advised that an overhanging tree on footpath nr. 1 is preventing the Parish Council contractor from carrying out maintenance.
2. It was reported that the branches of a tree in Dove Close are obstructing the telephone lines.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

CIL.	Community Infrastructure Levy
PCC.	Parochial Church Council.
PCSO.	Police Community support Officer.
RFO.	Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

_____ (Date)