

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2014 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

In Attendance : Mr S Dartford (Clerk), Ms. J Philpott, Mr. D. Mead & 2 Parishioners.

The meeting resolved to bring agenda item 14.092 forward to follow agenda item 14.088 to allow Mr Mead and Mr Barnett sufficient time to speak on the planning application.

Proposed: Cllr. Pryke.

Seconded: Cllr. White.

Vote: Carried.

14.086 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from Cllr. Kent.

14.087 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr. Dartford. Agenda item 14.098.01. Personal & pecuniary interest.

Cllr. Dartford. Agenda item 14.098.02. Personal & pecuniary interest.

14.088 HACTS UPDATE.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:32 to allow Ms Philpott of HACTS to appraise the meeting of the latest developments. The Clerk will include details of the services and contact details in the next edition of Spectrum. The Chairman reopened the meeting at 19:43.

14.092 COMMITTEE REPORTS.

14.092.01. Planning Committee.

To consider Planning Application: H/5003/14/CM. Importation of soil to enable widening of bank. Manor Farm, Low Road, Fenstanton.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:45 to allow the representative of the applicant to speak on the planning application and objections to be heard.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting at 20:07

Following discussion it was resolved to recommend approval of the retrospective application for the importation of soil to enable the widening of the bank subject to approval of the scheme by the Environment Agency and acknowledging the concerns of Mr S Barnett. The Parish Council requires sight of the responses from the Environment Agency. The Parish Council strongly urges the Environment Agency to clean the overgrown ditches and replace the existing flap with a two way type. This action may reduce the perceived risk of flooding to land and property to the south of the bank.

Proposed: Cllr. Lee.

Seconded: Cllr. White.

Vote: 9 in favour.
2 against.

The Chairman did not vote and the resolution was, therefore, carried.

The Chairman advised the meeting that Hemingford Grey Parish Council in conjunction with the County Council were proposing a safety improvement scheme for Armes Corner and Victoria Terrace. Hemingford Grey Parish Council

had agreed to hold a consultation for residents of the Parish which concludes on 17th November. A Member of Hemingford Grey Parish Council had contacted a member of Fenstanton Parish Council suggesting the residents of Maytrees, Greenfields and Elizabeth Court should be notified. Hemingford Grey Parish Council had agreed to notifying these residents, although the responsibility in doing so would fall to Fenstanton Parish Council. Hemingford Grey Parish Council had agreed to print sufficient copies of their letter for these residents but requested a covering letter from Fenstanton Parish Council be attached. The meeting was advised that no formal decision could be taken as the matter was not included as an agenda item. Members also felt that there was little benefit to advising residents with the consultation period ending on 17th November. It was agreed not to pursue the matter. The Clerk will advise the Clerk to Hemingford Grey Parish Council of the decision.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee appraised Members of other planning matters since the last meeting.

14.092.02. Finance & Constitution Committee. Draft minutes of the meeting held 23rd October had been distributed to all Members. The Committee Chairman gave supplementary information.

14.092.03. General Purposes Committee. Draft minutes of the meeting held 30th October had been distributed to all Members. The Committee Chairman appraised the meeting with supplementary information.

14.089 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9th OCTOBER 2014.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr. White.

Seconded: Cllr. Pryke.

Vote: Carried.

14.090 MATTERS ARISING.

Agenda item 14.085.02. Lorry parking on the slip road. Following a request from a Member for an update on the situation the meeting was advised that no further information had been received from the Police. The Clerk will continue to pursue the matter.

Agenda item 14.085.03. Overgrowing bush. It was reported that the offending bush remained uncut. Clarification of the location of the bush was given. The Clerk will have the necessary cutting undertaken.

14.091 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.

Mr Hobbs of Chequer Street raised the following points.

- 1). That Mr Hobbs is advised when any maintenance etc. is carried out to the clock.
- 2). That the Parish Council reviews the verge at the High Street end of Chequer Street.
- 3). To keep the Village web page updated with the latest minutes as he feels the report in Spectrum is minimal and non-informative.

Richardson Tree Surgery. A report on the condition of the tree on Chapel Green has been received. Mr Richardson states that he does not consider the tree to be of an imminent safety risk.

Mr. Laborne expressed concern regarding speeding in Headlands and offering Possible solutions. The matter will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

Clerk's report.

Notification that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Cambridgeshire County Council. Full information is included with Members papers. The consultation period closes on 19th January. The matter will be included as an agenda item at the January meeting of the Parish Council. The meeting was further advised that two presentations are being held to explain the review process and how Parish Councils can contribute to the electoral review of Cambridgeshire. Cllr. Henderson agreed to attend the meeting at Camborne on 24th November.

Notification had been received advising that the Speedwatch team had been disbanded. Information as to the decision had been distributed to all Members. Mr Robbins the Police Speedwatch Co-ordinator will be invited to attend the January meeting and the matter of reforming a Speedwatch team will be considered

The meeting was advised that the Parish Council's bid under the Local Highway Improvement Initiative has been rejected as Police comments were not included in the submission.

14.093

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.

14.093.01. District Councillor's report. Cllr. Harlock advised the meeting that there were no matters appertaining to the Parish.

14.093.02. County Councillors report. In the absence of Cllr. Bates no report was given.

14.093.03. Other. St. Ives Road Safety Committee. A report of the meeting held 11th November was given by the Parish Council's representative.

14.094

POLICE REPORT.

14.094.01. 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 Members for information. A copy of the report is appended to the minutes. Notification had been received of the following crimes:

A property in Greenfields had been burgled between 15th & 16th October.

A purse had been stolen from the Burger King

A BMX cycle had been stolen from the School on 22nd October.

The meeting was advised of reported suspicious behaviour in the underpass.

14.095

CPALC AGM. TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS IN RESPECT OF AFFILIATION FEES

The Parish Councils representative sought advice from the meeting concerning the future structuring and level of affiliation fees. A report outlining the proposals had been distributed to all Members. Following discussion it was agreed to support option three, which if agreed at the CPALC AGM would see a reduction in the Parish Council's affiliation fee.

Proposed: Cllr. Harlock.

Seconded: Cllr. Lee.

Vote: Carried.

- 14.096 TO CONSIDER PROVIDING WRITTEN SUPPORT TO THE CAPABILITY BROWN 300 COMMITTEE.**
 The meeting was advised that during the Finance and Constitution Committee meeting the representative of the Capability Brown Committee made request a for the Parish Council to provide written support for the event to enable them to pursue further grant funding from other bodies and authorities. The meeting resolved to provide written support as requested.
Proposed: Cllr. Harlock. **Seconded:** Cllr. Place. **Vote:** Carried.
- 14.097 PARISH ACTION PLAN.**
 An updated plan had been distributed to all members. The meeting agreed to include the re-painting of the Village sign in the Action Plan.
- 14.098 FINANCE**
 Cllr. Dartford retired from the meeting at 21:15
- 14.098.01. To approve the Finance & Constitution Committee's request to release the sum of £100 from the General Reserve to the S137 budget to fund a donation to the RBL Poppy Appeal.**
 The meeting resolved to approve the request.
Proposed: Cllr. Pryke. **Seconded:** Cllr. Saunderson. **Vote:** Carried.
- 14.098.02. To approve the grants and donations as recommended by the Finance & Constitution Committee.**
 The meeting resolved to approve the recommendations.
Proposed: Cllr. Pryke. **Seconded:** Cllr. Place. **Vote:** Carried.
 Cllr. Dartford re-joined the meeting at 21:20.
- 14.098.03. To approve the General Purposes Committee's request to release the sum of £12,765 from the General Reserve to the General Purposes budget to fund the kerbing at Chapel Green.**
 Following discussion the meeting resolved to approve the request.
Proposed: Cllr. Pryke. **Seconded:** Cllr. Saunderson. **Vote:** 8 for.
 3 abstentions.
- The Chairman did not vote.
 The resolution was, therefore, carried.
- 14.098.04. To receive the Financial Report & approve payments.**
 The Financial Report had been distributed to Members. It was resolved the payments be approved.
Proposed: Cllr. Pryke. **Seconded:** Cllr. Saunderson. **Vote:** Carried.
- A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.
- 14.098.05. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.**
 The RFO recommended a transfer of £ 5000 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of November and known expenditure for the month of December.
Proposed: Cllr. Pryke. **Seconded:** Cllr. Saunderson. **Vote:** Carried.
- 14.099 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.**
 Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

14.100 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

- 1). The meeting was advised that the Police & Crime Commissioner had responded to complaints regarding the 101 call service.
- 2). The meeting was advised that the Parish Council’s letter supporting the proposed A14 route had been published in the Hunts Post.
- 3). The meeting was advised that the road sign at the A14 exit opposite the Low Road had not been repaired.
- 4). A Member expressed concern at vehicles parking by Chequer Street Green.
- 5). A Member had observed an increase in the number of vehicles parking in the Village.
- 6). The meeting was advised that the footpath in the High Street, from the Bakers to the Pharmacy, had a covering of leaves and required sweeping.
- 7). The meeting was advised that a new light had been installed on the west end of the Church.
- 8). The meeting was advised that the Christmas light switch on will take place on 2nd December.
- 9). The meeting was advised that following an amended planning application, which was approved under the Planning Officer’s delegated powers, work has commenced at Eden Park.
- 10). A Member had observed that the kerbing by A14 exit opposite the Low Road had been knocked over.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

RBL.
RFO.

Royal British Legion.
Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

_____ (Date)