

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13th JUNE 2013 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

In Attendance : Mr S Dartford (Clerk), County Cllr. Bates, Mr P Bland, Ms A Wood, Mr J Dudge & 1 Parishioner.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Peerthy to the Parish Council.

13.025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
Were received from: Cllr. Saunderson.

13.026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
No declarations of interest were received.

The Chairman requested the approval of the meeting to bring forward agenda item 13.033 to allow the representatives from the District Council and the site agent to give an update on the Dairy Crest site. The meeting resolved to bring the agenda item forward.

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

13.033 DAIRY CREST SITE CONSULTATION – TO NOTE THE STATEMENT FROM HDC.

The meeting was advised that following a High Court ruling, not appertaining to the Dairy Crest site, the District Council had felt it prudent not to continue with the planned public consultation. The District Council and site agent did feel, however, that it would be beneficial if an update of the current situation concerning progress was communicated to the Parish Council.

A comprehensive update was given by the site agent during which it was stated that it was envisaged that the site would comprise of a mixed development of dwellings, a community centre and employment use, although residential use will form the major part.

Traffic flow was discussed and it is proposed that the primary access will be through the existing entrance with access for 20 dwellings through Conington Road and limited access for the flats onto the High Street. The meeting was advised that interest has been shown in the site. It is the intention of the site agent to have, possibly, two 'drop in' sessions for the public prior to the next Parish Council meeting with a further presentation to the Parish Council allowing Parishioners the opportunity to ask questions at the July meeting of the Parish Council.

13.027.01. To review the list of reported crimes.

13.027 POLICE REPORT.

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

The meeting was advised that the method of investigating burglaries from dwellings has changed. The Police state “we have found that this has provided a better service for victims and has streamlined the investigation process.

The meeting was further advised that it is the intention of the new Sergeant to attend at least one Parish Council meeting a year. A list of Parish Council meeting dates has been forwarded to the Police.

A report of the last St Ives Road Safety Committee meeting was provided by e-mail in the absence of the Parish Council’s representative. The matter of vehicles jumping the traffic lights at Harrison Way and vehicles parking half on pavements and corners in the Village had been discussed. The police will address the matter of vehicles parking on pavements etc.

13.028 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9th MAY 2013.

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

13.029 MATTERS ARISING.

Agenda item 13.020. The meeting was advised that a representative from HACT will attend the September meeting of the Parish Council.

13.030 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK’S REPORT.

Bridget Parr. A request that consideration be given to transferring the Youth Club fund to the Fenstanton Youth Football Club. The matter will be considered at next meeting of the Finance and Constitution Committee.

Fenstanton Over 60’s Club. Parish Council grant request. The matter will be considered, along with all requests, by the Finance & Constitution Committee at its October meeting.

Clerk’s report.

A Key Issues briefing statement from the County Council had been distributed to all Members for information.

Residents in Four Acres have reported that the footpath is in poor condition and breaking up. County Highways have been advised and a survey has been undertaken. Work to facilitate the necessary repairs is expected to be started in the near future.

Concern has been expressed at the condition of the Horse Chestnut tree on Chapel Green. The tree has been inspected by a tree surgeon who states that whilst the tree’s days are numbered, although it may last for years, there are no immediate safety issues. It was recommended that some work will be required within the next 6 to 12 months. The matter will be considered by the General Purposes Committee at its next meeting.

13.031 COMMITTEE REPORTS.

12.031.01. Planning Committee. A report of planning issues since the last meeting was given by a Member of the Planning Committee.

12.031.02. Other.

No other meetings had been convened.

13.032 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.

13.032.01. District Councillor's report. There were no matters appertaining to the Parish.

13.032.02. County Councillor's report. A report of County Council matters was given by Cllr. Bates. It was reported that discussions concerning the A14 are on-going with Central Government.

13.032.03. Flood Forum. A report of the meeting held 20th May was given by Cllr. Lee. Notes of the meeting will be circulated to all Members.

13.032.04. Town/Parish Council Planning Forum. A report of the meeting held 12th June and attended by Cllrs. Kent and Lee was given by Cllr. Kent. A copy of the presentation will be distributed to all Members.

13.032.05. Other St Ives Road Safety Committee. Information from the meeting had been raised under agenda item 13.027. Police report.

13.034 TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE TO USE POND GREEN TO RAISE FUNDS AT A FRINGE IN THE FEN EVENT.

The meeting resolved to grant approval.

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

13.035 TO APPOINT 2 REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND A DRAFT LOCAL PLAN MEETING, 20th JUNE.

A Planning Committee meeting coincided with the Local Draft Plan meeting and it was agreed that that the business on the Planning Committee agenda required all Members to be in attendance. Following discussion Cllr. Peerthy agreed to attend the draft Local Plan meeting.

13.036 TO CONSIDER APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND A FRIENDS OF THE GREAT OUSE MEETING 19th JUNE.

Following discussion Cllr. West agreed to represent the Parish Council.

13.037 PARISH ACTION PLAN – 2013 / 2014.

There had been no further actions since the last meeting.

13.038 FINANCE**13.038.01. To receive the financial report & approve payments.**

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

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

A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

13.038.02. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.

The RFO recommended a transfer of £2,540 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of June.

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

13.039 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

13.040 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

1. Concern was expressed that the large sign on the front of the takeaway is not in keeping with a conservation area. The meeting was advised that a Parishioner has reported the matter to the District Council Planning department.
2. A Member felt that the hedge on the corner of Swan Road and the High Street has become hazardous. It was stated that the footpath has been reduced by the bulk of the hedge and that it is now impossible for a double buggy or wheelchair to remain on the path. Members also felt that the hedge also restricts the visibility for vehicles entering the High Street from Swan Road.
3. A Member expressed concern at the number of vehicles parking in Swan Road.
4. It was reported that parking on the corner of Rookery Way / Headlands remains a problem.
5. It was reported that a tree at 19 High Street is overhanging the footpath.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

CCC.	Cambridgeshire County Council.
PCSO.	Police Community Support Officer.
RFO.	Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

_____ (Date)