

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2014 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

In Attendance : Mr S Dartford (Clerk), Ch. Ins. Hunt, County Cllr Bates.

14.055 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from Cllrs: Pryke, Kent.

14.056 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr. Henderson. Agenda 14.061.01. Pecuniary interest.

In the absence of the Vice Chairman Cllr. Lee was elected to chair the agenda item.

Proposed: Cllr. White.

Seconded: Cllr. Harlock.

Vote: Carried.

14.057 POLICE REPORT.

14.057.01. Ch.Ins. Hunt – to discuss crime figures and the work being carried out to address them.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:33 to allow Ch. Ins. Hunt to address the meeting. The Chairman re-opened the meeting at 20:14.

Ch. Ins. Hunt reviewed the Parish crime figures for the period March to September which confirmed there had been an increase in both non dwelling and dwelling burglary. An explanation of the action taken and the method of prioritising crime was given. The meeting was advised that policing priorities were changing with a greater emphasis on human trafficking and a heightened national security status. It is appreciated that the 101 service is underperforming but the problems are being addressed. A comprehensive explanation of current policing was given along with expectations for the future. The meeting also discussed the role of Neighbourhood Watch.

14.057.02. To review the list of reported crimes.

A report of crimes for the months of June and July, the latest available from the Police, was distributed to Members for information.

14.058 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10th JULY 2014.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr. Place.

Seconded: Cllr. Blunt.

Vote: Carried.

14.059 MATTERS ARISING.

Agenda item 14.043. The meeting was advised that the Community Speedwatch signs are now in place.

Agenda item 14.043. Cllr. Saunderson had conducted two speed checks on the High Street and Headlands and found no significant levels of speeding. Cllr. Saunderson agreed to undertake another session. Details are appended to the minutes.

Agenda item 14.053. The meeting was advised that the bid application for the Local Highway Initiative has been submitted.

14.060**CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.**

Fenstanton Village Sports. Grant application. The matter will be considered by the Finance & Constitution Committee at the meeting to be held in October.

Fenstanton Football Club. Grant application. The matter will be considered by the Finance & Constitution Committee at the meeting to be held in October.

Fenstanton PCC. Grant application. The matter will be considered by the Finance & Constitution Committee at the meeting to be held in October.

Clerk's report.

The meeting was advised that Environmental Health have no powers to prevent lorries parking on the A14 slip road. The meeting was further advised that the Police have visited the site and found no problem but the matter has been passed "along the chain" for further investigation.

Mr. Peter Hobbs (HDC Countryside Ranger) has been contacted concerning the condition of the pond. He has undertaken an inspection of the pond and a date of 27th September has been agreed to take the reed etc. back.

14.061**COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

14.061.01. Planning Committee. Cllr. Henderson retired from the meeting at 20:34. Draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 24th July had been distributed to all Members. The Chairman of the Planning Committee provided supplementary information to the meeting. Considerable discussion took place concerning the application for a terrace of 3 dwellings on land between 7 & The Limes, Bell Lane and the redevelopment of 22 High Street. The meeting agreed to discuss the matter of access and egress to the development with County Highways. Cllr. Henderson re-joined the meeting at 20:53.

14.061.02. Report of the Vindis development meeting held 2nd September.

A report of the meeting was given by Cllr. Lee. The meeting was advised that access and egress to the development will remain via the Low Road as County Highways are of the opinion that traffic flows are too great to re-locate it onto the London Road. A new footpath will be constructed to the pedestrian crossing although there is a possibility that the crossing could be moved. The meeting agreed to discuss the issue of the crossing with County Highways. It is proposed that a public consultation will take place in early October followed by a development brief in early November. All Councillors were urged to attend the Public Consultation.

14.062**REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.**

14.062.01. District Councillor's report. Cllr. Harlock reported on matters appertaining to the Parish. The meeting was advised that the District Council had agreed not to increase the Council Tax for 2015/16.

14.062.02. County Councillors report. Cllr. Bates reported on matters appertaining to the Parish.

14.062.03. Other. A report of the St Ives Road Safety Committee meeting was given by Cllr. Saunderson.

14.063

RESPONSE TO LOCAL FLOODING DATA.

The County Council is compiling data on local flooding. Cllr. Lee has agreed to correlate information for the Village. Cllr. Lee has identified a number of areas susceptible to flooding and the possible causes. Members were requested to advise the Clerk of other known locations.

14.064

TO CONSIDER THE PARISH COUNCIL'S SUPPORT AND POSSIBLE FORM OF INVOLVEMENT TO THE CAPABILITY BROWN CELEBRATION.

The meeting discussed the possible effect the event could have on the Village and a number of issues were identified. The meeting was advised that a Capability Brown 300 Committee is being formed and a meeting has been convened for next week. Following further discussion it was resolved to defer the matter until the next Parish Council meeting when further information will be available following the Capability Brown 300 Committee meeting.

Proposed: Cllr. White.**Seconded:** Cllr. Harlock.**Vote:** 8 in favour.
1 against.
1 abstention.

The Chairman did not vote.

14.065

PARISH ACTION PLAN.

There were no further actions added to the Action Plan.

14.066

FINANCE**14.066.01. To receive the Financial Report & approve payments.**

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

Proposed: Cllr. White.**Seconded:** Cllr. Harlock.**Vote:** Carried.**14.066.02. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.**

The RFO recommended a transfer of £8,640 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of September.

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

14.067

CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

14.068

PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

- 1). The meeting was advised that the contractors had left grass cuttings over the footpaths and into the gutters. The Clerk will contact the contractors.
- 2). A Member had observed that a rubber tile had lifted under one of the swings at the Headlands Park play area. The Clerk will ensure that the necessary repairs are undertaken.
- 3). The meeting was advised that the hedge on Huntingdon Road between Chequer Street & Low Road required cutting. The Clerk advised the meeting that he is currently attempting to make contact with the landowner who is responsible for the hedge.

- 4). The meeting was advised that the Village Hall Committee are planning to hold the illuminating of the Christmas Lights on 2nd December and therefore requested the Parish Council's permission to erect the Christmas tree on Clock Tower Green. The Clerk will include the request on the next Parish Council meeting agenda. The meeting was also advised that the Village Hall Committee are encountering problems in obtaining a Road Closure Order.
- 5). It was reported that hypodermic needles had allegedly been found in Chequer Street play area.
- 6). A Member asked for a request be made to Parishioners requesting that hedges & trees etc are cut back and do not overgrow or overhang footpaths.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.53pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

PCC.
RFO.

Parochial Church Council.
Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

_____ (Date)