

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2015 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Present : Cllrs : Caswell, Dockerill, Grantham, Henderson, Kent (Chairman), Lee, Pask, Saunderson, West & White.

In Attendance : Mr S Dartford (Clerk), District Cllr. Mead, Ch. Ins. Hunt & 5 Parishioners.

15.055 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from Cllrs. Dartford, Place, Pryke & County Cllr. Bates.

15.056 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of Interest were made.

15.057 POLICE REPORT.

15.057.01 Report by Ch. Ins. Hunt.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:32 to allow Ch. Ins. Hunt to address the meeting. Ch. Ins. Hunt advised the meeting of challenges currently facing the Constabulary and the modus operandi used for policing. The meeting was advised that crimes are prioritised which leads to some crimes receiving minimal investigation. The meeting felt this was an area for concern. Ch. Ins. Hunt agreed she would support the Parish Council in providing assistance towards the enforcement of double yellow lines on the east bound A14 slip road, should the Parish Council agree to providing part funding under the Local Highway Initiative grant scheme. Members thanked Ch. Ins. Hunt for attending the meeting. The Chairman reopened the meeting at 20:00.

15.057.01 To review the list of reported crimes.

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

15.058 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9th JULY 2015.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

15.059 MATTERS ARISING.

Agenda item 15.040. Address by Mr Curtis on the effects the Wyton on the Hill development will have on the Parish.

The meeting was advised that assurances have been given by the County Council that there is no road link to Godmanchester will be built.

Agenda item 15.043. Correspondence & Clerks report.

Following discussion with Mr Duggan of Wisser Recycling the next collection of unwanted electrical items has been rescheduled for the 6th January.

Agenda item 15.046.03. report of A14 update meeting held 2nd July.

The meeting was advised that a footpath is included on the Hilton Road bridge.

Agenda item 15.048. To consider and agree a response to the consultation for the proposed move to a new premises and branch modernisation for Fenstanton Post Office.

The Parish Council's response to the consultation has been duly submitted. However, a reply has been received from the Post Office stating that "the proposed new operator has decided not to progress their application to operate the branch. The branch will, therefore, continue to operate from the current location for the time being. However, we may carry out a further local public consultation on another location in the near future". Members were advised that a meeting is to be convened between the Post Office, Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk to discuss possible locations.

Agenda item 15.054.1. Parish matters to note.

The meeting was advised that further cuts will be made to Countryside budget.

15.060

CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.

HDC. Confirmation has been received that the TPOs placed on 4 trees at 10 Honey Hill and 8 trees on land south of Oaklands was confirmed by the District Council on 11th August.

CCC. Notification that street lighting charges will increase by 15% from 1st October 2015.

CCC. Notification that the Rights of Way improvement Plan is being updated.

Fenstanton Youth Football Club. An expression of thanks to the Parish Council for its support in allowing the Club to play their home matches at the Hampton Close open Space / football pitch.

Village Hall Committee. Notification that an application has been made to temporarily close 40m of Hilton Road, in front of Barry's Plaice up to the Post Office drive on 8th December from 16:00 until 21:00 for the Christmas lights event.

Clerk's report.

PFK Littlejohn, the external auditor, have completed their audit of the Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2015. The meeting was advised that the Annual return is in accordance with proper practices and that no matters came to the auditors attention to give concern and that all relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have been met. The meeting thanked the RFO for his work in preparing the Annual Return.

Highways England had contacted Cllr. Kent concerning aspects of the Statement of Common Ground appertaining to the A14. Cllr Kent appraised the meeting of the points raised.

15.061

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

15.061.01. General Purposes Committee.

Draft minutes of the meeting held 16th July were distributed to all Members for information.

15.061.02. Planning Committee.

To consider Planning Application 15/00952/HHFUL. To move existing rotten wooden fence close to boundary of land owned to increase garden & stop animals fouling, public picnics and general disturbance. 35, Rookery Place, Fenstanton.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:24 to allow Parishioners to address the meeting concerning the application. The Chairman reopened the meeting at 20:30. Members considered the application and following discussion resolved to recommend refusal of the application as it is not in keeping with the street scene and is contrary to the concept of an open plan estate. The repositioning of the fence will have a detrimental effect on the sight line of vehicles manoeuvring in the turning area.

Proposed: Cllr. Lee. **Seconded:** Cllr. Henderson. **Vote:** 9 in favour.
1 abstention.

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

15.062**REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.****15.062.01. District Councillor's report.**

Cllr Mead appraised the meeting of any matters appertaining to the Parish. The meeting was advised that the new boundary changes will have no effect on the Parish. The meeting was further advised that the District Council and possibly Parish Councils may have to make contributions to assist with the current refugee crisis.

15.062.02. County Councillors report.

A report outlining the financial challenges facing the County Council was distributed to all Members present.

15.062.03. Other. St. Ives Road Safety Committee.

The Parish Councils representative reported on the meeting held 9th September.

15.063**TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION FOR FURTHER STREET LIGHTING ENERGY SAVINGS .**

Information had been distributed to all Members. It was noted that the energy savings were confined to Maytrees, Elizabeth Court and Greenfields. The meeting was advised that these are the only areas in the Parish where the County Council are able to effect energy saving measures. Members were unclear as to the number of quoted lights that are subject to the night time restrictions against the total number of lights in the stated roads. Cllr. Saunderson agreed to undertake a survey to identify the number of lights in each of the identified roads. Following discussion it was resolved to respond to the County Council requesting that a full consultation is undertaken with the residents of Maytrees, Elizabeth Court and Greenfields and that energy savings can be made by taking action to ensure that street lights are not illuminated during daylight hours.

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

15.064 TO CONSIDER APPLYING FOR A GRANT UNDER THE LOCAL HIGHWAY INITIATIVE.

Information explaining the process and criteria had been distributed to all Members. The meeting felt that an application should be submitted for the application of double yellow lines on the east bound exit slip road from the A14 to prevent lorry parking. The meeting was reminded that the matter of applying double yellow lines had been discussed at the May meeting (agenda item 15.010 refers) and it had been resolved not to pursue the matter and, therefore under Standing Order 36 the issue cannot be revisited for 6 months except by resolution. Following discussion it was resolved to reconsider the matter and include it as an agenda item at the next meeting.

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

15.065 PARISH ACTION PLAN.

Members reviewed the Action Plan and there were no further actions.

15.066 FINANCE**15.066.01. To receive the Financial Report & approve payments.**

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

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

A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

15.066.02. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.

The RFO recommended a transfer of £3,300 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of September.

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

15.067 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

15.068 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

- 1). A Member advised the meeting that a Parishioner had remarked on the improvement the kerbing had made to Chapel Green.
- 2). The meeting was advised that the Blood Transfusion banner had not been removed from the railings at the Huntingdon Road / Low Road junction.
- 3). It had been observed that land had been cleared on the corner of Pitfield Close.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:40pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

C.C.	County Council.
HDC.	Huntingdonshire District Council.
RFO.	Responsible Financial Officer.
TPO.	Tree Protection Order.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

_____ (Date)