

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th JANUARY 2017 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Present : Cllrs : Caswell, Dartford, Henderson, Kent (Chairman), Lee, Pask, Pryke, West & White.

In Attendance : Mr S Dartford (Clerk) & 2 Parishioners.

16.091 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from Cllr. Saunderson, Grantham & District Cllr. Mead.

16.092 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made.

16.093 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10th NOVEMBER 2016.

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

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

16.094 MATTERS ARISING.

Agenda item 16.081. Swavesey Village College pick up point. Cllr. Dartford advised the meeting that she had held a site meeting with representatives from the coach company. The meeting was advised that the pickup point had been moved following complaints from residents in Oaklands who objected to the stopping opposite the Oaklands turning. Following discussion it was agreed to include the matter as an agenda item for the next meeting.

16.095 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.

Curtin and Co. A letter regarding proposals for Wyton Airfield were included with Members papers for information. The meeting noted that the District Council's Local Transport Strategy is expected to be released for publication in early 2017 and it is essential that the Parish Council makes representation through the consultation process.

Whippet Coaches. A reply to the Parish Council's letter concerning the schedule changes was included with members papers for information.

County Council Highways. Notification has been received advising that major bridge works to replace Turnpike Bridge and the Low Road culvert are to take place. This will necessitate the junction being closed for 3 weeks.

Mr Payne. A resident of Hampton Close has written advising that an Oak tree on the community land at the rear of his property is causing damage to his garage. The Clerk has discussed the matter with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and the Parish Council tree surgeon has inspected and produced a report which, in his opinion, states that the Oak tree is not the cause of any damage at this juncture, although it could be cause for concern in the future. Following the comments made, any trees which may cause any future damage to property will be removed. Mr Payne has also expressed interest in acquiring the section of community land directly to the rear of his property. There are a number of

legal issues with any such acquisition and the Chairman and Vice Chairman will meet with Mr Payne in the New Year.

County Council Highways. Notification has been received that the 30mph speed limit is to be extended by 150m on the Cambridge Road. The speed limit will now include the Ivy Nurseries development.

Clerk's report.

The meeting was advised that the clock was serviced on 29th November 2016.

The meeting was advised that HDC have appointed Cllr. Jim White to undertake the handling of parking issues. Any problems should be reported to Cllr. White by e-mail (jim.white@huntingdonshire.org.uk) with accompanying photographs.

16.096

POLICE REPORT.

Sgt. Street had provided information on the Ramsey School Parking Plan which was included with Members papers. The Chairman agreed to discuss the plan with the Headteacher at the School. The meeting noted that the Hemingford Grey initiative had been expected to commence in the New Year and it was suggested to seek an update of progress from Sgt. Street.

A report of crimes reported during the months of October and November, the latest available from the Police, were distributed to all Members present. The meeting also felt it may be prudent to discuss the situation concerning the pickup point for the Swavesey College students with a view for a PCSO to possibly observe the situation.

16.097

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

16.097.01. Planning Committee.

Draft minutes of the meeting held 17th November 2016 were included with Members papers. The Chairman of the Committee provided supplementary information.

16.097.02. Finance & Constitution Committee.

Minutes of the meeting held 24th November 2016, as approved at the meeting held 5th January, were included with Members papers. Draft minutes of the meeting held 5th January 2017 were distributed to all Members present. The Committee Chairman provided supplementary information.

16.098

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.

16.098.01. District Councillor's report.

In the absence of District Cllr. Mead no report was given.

16.098.02. County Councillors report.

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

16.098.03. CPALC AGM. A report of the meeting held 15th December 2016 was distributed to all members present in the absence of the Parish Council's representative.

16.098.04. Other. St Ives Road Safety Committee. The Parish Council's representative attended the meeting held on 10th January 2017.

16.099 PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR – UPDATE.

The meeting was advised that the Finance & Constitution Committee had agreed not to budget for a Parish defibrillator for financial year 2017/2018 due to the impact such a commitment would have made to the increase in the precept. The meeting was advised that whilst the Pharmacy is sympathetic to placing a defibrillator on the wall the landlord will not give consent. Cllr. Kent has confirmed that the Doctor is willing to have a defibrillator installed outside the surgery.

16.100 TO APPROVE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CO-OPTION PROCESS TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The meeting resolved to commence the co-option process.

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

16.101 FINANCE.**16.101.01. To approve the budget as recommended by the Finance & Constitution Committee.**

It was resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance & Constitution Committee.

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

16.101.02. To approve the precept as recommended by the Finance & Constitution Committee.

It was resolved to approve the recommendation of the Finance & Constitution Committee.

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

16.101.03. 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. Caswell. **Vote:** Carried.

A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

16.101.04. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.

The RFO recommended a transfer of £9,280. from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of January.

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

16.102 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

16.103 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

- 1). A member expressed disappointment that, despite assurances, there had been no increase in the Police presence on the A14 west bound slip road (Cambridge Road). Concern was also expressed at the number of lager cans deposited by the side of the road.
- 2). A Member expressed concern at the wheelie bins being left on the High Street footpath which are causing an obstruction and difficulties for mobility scooter users. The Member has contacted the District Council who are investigating the matter.
- 3). The Chairman brought to the meeting's attention his concerns over the level of commitment some Members appear to give to the Parish Council. He felt that Members must consider taking more responsibility particularly in terms

of Committee Chairmanship, in view of the fact that one Member is Chairman of three Committees. Members must also consider the future Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship of the Parish Council. Cllr. Pryke advised the meeting that, subject to being nominated, would be prepared to take the Chairmanship of the General Purposes Committee. Cllr. Caswell advised the meeting that he would be prepared to take the Chairmanship of the Finance & Constitution Committee subject to receiving the support of the existing Committee Chairman and receiving a nomination. The Chairman requested that Members give serious consideration to his comments.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:54pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

RFO. Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)