

**FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 7:30 PM  
AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

**In Attendance :** Mr S Dartford (Clerk), Ms J Philpott (HACT) County Cllr. Bates &  
1 Parishioner.

**13.055 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from the following Cllrs:- Kent, Place & Pryke.

**13.056 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No declarations of interest were received.

**13.057 PRESENTATION BY HACT.**

The presentation was given by Ms J Philpott, manager of HACT (Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport).

The meeting was advised that HACT operates a free, to holders of a bus pass, door to door service to various destinations throughout the District. A number of excursions are also offered at a modest cost. The meeting suggested that HACT contact the Over 60's Club.

**13.058 POLICE REPORT.**

**13.058.01. 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 all Members present for information. A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

A crime statistics report had been presented to all Members present. A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

The meeting was advised that a Police representative is expected to attend the October meeting of the Parish Council. The Clerk will advise the Police that speeding and parking remain concerns for the Parish Council and residents. The Clerk will prepare copies of the parking infringement notices for Members.

**13.059 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Henderson.

**Seconded:** Cllr. Blunt.

**Vote:** Carried.

**13.060 MATTERS ARISING.**

Agenda item 13.049.01. A Member queried if the County Council had sufficient funds to cover the additional cost incurred in the construction of the Guided Bus way. The meeting was advised that the County Council had funds to cover the cost.

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

A resident of Tythe Piece has complained of overgrowing trees on the Cambridge Road which were planted by the Parish Council. The Parish

Council's tree surgeon has undertaken and the necessary action. The resident has since written to thank the Parish Council for its prompt action.

A resident of Oaklands has commented on the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036. A copy of the letter has been forwarded to the Chairman of the Planning Committee and Cllr. Harlock for information.

### **Clerk's report.**

Information on the Cambridgeshire Street Lighting PFI has been distributed to all Members.

Mr Hobbs of the District Council has been contacted and requested to inspect the pond. He has found the pond to be in good condition although the removal of weed is required. The annual clean of the pond has been arranged for 5<sup>th</sup> October.

It has been noticed that bushes, shrubs, trees etc. are overhanging the footpaths in the Village. Residents will be requested to cut back overgrowing vegetation etc. in the next edition of Spectrum. It was requested that residents are also reminded to keep hedges cut between properties and that gravel from driveways is swept up.

## **13.062**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

#### **13.062.01. General Purposes Committee. To approve the recommendation of the Committee to purchase goal posts/nets, etc. for the Hampton Close open space.**

The meeting resolved to approve the recommendation.

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

Minutes of the meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> September had been distributed to all Members present. The Committee Chairman provided supplementary information. A Member expressed disappointment at the Committee's decision to refuse permission for a hedging screen to be planted at the unofficial lay by on the A1098.

#### **13.062.02. Planning Committee.**

#### **To consider Planning Application: 1300946FUL. Retention of current poultry sheds to include 8 new broiler houses, feed bins, service building & new dwelling for supervisor of the unit.**

During discussion the meeting expressed its dissatisfaction at the lack of information received from the District Council regarding the application. Following considerable debate the meeting resolved to recommend refusal of the application, stating 'on the information received Fenstanton recommends refusal of the application because of the increased number of vehicle movements, smell and fire risk.

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

#### **Ivy Nurseries.**

The Committee Chairman advised the meeting that the proposed development had been considered by the District Council's Development Management Panel. During which the Parish Council's comments were considered. Members were advised that it is not possible to grant the Parish Council's request for a link path between the new development and Pitfield Close as the developer does not own

the land. An extension of the 30mph speed limit and railings will be considered at a later time.

**Dairy Crest Site.**

It was further reported that a meeting with the District Council had taken place with Members of the Parish Council and the County Council representative to review the comments of residents following the consultation on the Dairy Crest site development. The site agent will contact all respondents.

The Committee Chairman reported on other planning matters that had arisen since the last meeting.

**13.062.03. Other.**

No other meetings had been convened.

**13.063 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.**

**13.063.01. District Councillors report.** Cllr Harlock reported on matters appertaining to the Parish. The meeting was advised of the expected shortfall in the District Council's budget

**13.063.02. County Councillor's report.** County Cllr. Bates reported on matters appertaining to the Parish. The meeting was advised of the County Council's financial situation.

**13.063.03. Other – St Ives Road Safety Committee**

A report was not given due to the time and weight of the agenda.

**13.064 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM SPEEDWATCH TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PARISH.**

Copy of the request with supplementary information from the Local Speedwatch co-ordinator had been presented to all Members for information.

Following discussion it was resolved to invite Speedwatch to continue their involvement in the Parish.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Henderson

**Seconded:** Cllr. Blunt.

**Vote:** 5 in favour.

3 against.

1 abstention.

The Chairman did not vote.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will look towards appointing volunteers to assist in undertaking the task within the Parish.

**13.065 A14 – TO REVIEW THE REPORT ON THE PREVIOUS PROPOSAL.**

Cllr. Lee had reviewed the previous proposals and advised the meeting that the current proposed route was similar in nature to the orange route as previously preferred by the Parish Council. During discussion it was agreed that a meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee should be convened at the appropriate time and that the A14 Action Group be re-formed to ensure the maximum pressure is applied to ensure the Parish receives the necessary protection against noise etc.

Notification had been received from St Ives Town Council that representatives from the Highways Agency have been invited to the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October to give a presentation on the A14 improvement scheme. The Parish Council had been invited to send a representative to the meeting.

Cllr. Henderson agreed to attend the meeting.

**13.066 PARISH ACTION PLAN – 2013 / 2014.**

The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee will be added to the Action Plan.

**13.067 FINANCE****13.067.01. To receive the financial report & approve payments.**

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

**Proposed:** Cllr. Harlock.

**Seconded:** Cllr. Lee.

**Vote:** Carried.

A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

**13.067.02. To approve the transfer of funds.**

The RFO recommended a transfer of £7,300 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of September.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Henderson.

**Seconded:** Cllr. Harlock.

**Vote:** Carried.

**13.068 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.**

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

**13.069 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.**

1. The meeting was advised that one of the lights in the subway is not functioning. The meeting was further advised that the fault has been reported.
2. The meeting was advised that the Village Hall Christmas lights event is planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The Parish Council has previously given permission for the erection of a Christmas tree on Clock Tower Green. The meeting was also advised that the Village Hall Committee intend to put 'medallions' in the form of stars or snowflakes on the lamp posts between the clock tower and the King William IV public house.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.01pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

RFO.

Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ ( Chairman )

\_\_\_\_\_ ( Date )