

**FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 7:30 PM  
AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

**In Attendance :** Mr S Dartford (Clerk), Mrs. S Thompson (Clerk), District Cllr. Mead, County Cllr. Bates & 2 Parishioners.

**16.133 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Were received from Cllrs: Dockerill, Henderson & Saunderson.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Sandra Thompson to the meeting who will assume the position of Clerk and RFO from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**16.134 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No declarations were received.

**16.135 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017.**

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

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

**16.136 MATTERS ARISING.**

Agenda item 16.121. (Agenda item 16.113). refers. Sgt. Street has confirmed that the original pick up point (opposite Headlands) is the safest option. Cllr. Dartford will contact Mr Hackshaw of the County Council and request the original pick up point is reinstated.

Agenda item 16.123. The Police Crime initiative has been postponed until the Autumn as there has been a substantial increase in burglaries and car crime in Earith whilst crime levels have dropped in Fenstanton.

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

**HDC.** Notification has been received that the Parish Council office will not be liable for a business rates charge for financial year 1217 / 2018.

**County Council Highways.** A long delay is expected in completing the works To the Turnpike Bridge due to unexpected problems being encountered. The junction is now expected to be closed from the 24<sup>th</sup> April for eight weeks instead of the originally planned three weeks.

**Capability Brown 300.** An invitation has been extended to all members to attend a tree planting in memory of Lancelot Capability Brown on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**HDC.** A CIL payment of £17,941.62 has been made in respect of planning applications 15/01451/FUL and 15/01711/REM

**Clerk's report.**

The meeting was informed that Cllr. West has relinquished his position as a member of the Planning Committee. Cllr. West will, however, fill one of the vacant seats on the Burial Board. Cllr. Caswell has agreed to become, and has been appointed, a member of the Planning Committee until the Parish Council's Annual General meeting in May.

It was brought to Members attention that the Village pond clean will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May commencing 10:00.

A Member, not present at the meeting, wished the matter of the legality of providing financial grant funding to Churches be brought to the meeting's attention. The suggestion was made that the Parish Council should in future hire the Church Centre for Committee meetings to assist in providing financial assistance to the Church in future. The Finance and Constitution will consider the suggestion when it next meets.

**16.138****POLICE REPORT.**

A report of crimes for the month of January, the latest available from the Police, and a statistical report of crimes over the past 12 months was distributed to all Members present. The meeting was advised of known reported incidents since the last meeting.

**16.139****COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**16.139.01. Planning Committee.** Draft minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> March were included with Members papers. The Chairman of the Planning Committee provided supplementary information.

**16.139.02. General Purposes Committee.** Draft minutes of the meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> March were included with Members papers for information. The Chairman of the General Purposes Committee provided supplementary information.

**16.140****REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.****16.140.01. District Councillor's report.**

District Cllr. Mead reported on matters appertaining to the Village and Parish. The meeting was advised that the s106 has been signed by the Developers in respect of the Dairy Crest site. The meeting was further advised that the RAF Wyton development is not progressing further at this juncture as the current level of infrastructure cannot sustain the demands of a development the size of that proposed.

**16.140.02. County Councillors report.**

County Cllr. Bates reported on matters appertaining to the Village and Parish.

**16.140.03. Report of the meeting held with County Council Highways 29<sup>th</sup> March.**

The meeting was advised that the following matters were discussed:

- 1). High Street parking and works.
- 2). The Dairy Crest Development and that a Transport Management Plan should be put in place prior to work commencing. The Parish Council will be consulted on this matter.
- 3). HGV parking and the weight limit in the Village.

- 4). The A14 will be redesignated as the A1307 following de-trunking.  
 5). The impact the development of St Ives will have on the Village and that traffic flows on the London Road and Low Road should be monitored.

**16.140.04. Report of the Huntingdonshire Town & Parish Councils conference held 30<sup>th</sup> March.**

In the absence of the Parish Council's delegate, a written report was submitted for Members information.

**16.140.05. Other.**

**CAPALC meeting.** In the absence of the Parish Council's representative a written report was submitted for Members information.

**St Ives Road Safety Committee.** In the absence of the Parish Council's representative a written report was submitted for Members information.

**16.141 TO CONSIDER THE COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT A 30mph. SPEED LIMIT ON THE CAMBRIDGE ROAD.**

The Parish Council has been consulted on the above proposal which closes on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Following discussion the meeting resolved to respond to the consultation stating that the length of the speed limit should be increased in a westerly direction as far as legally possible.

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

**16.142 TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS AND TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE CASUAL VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

The meeting was advised that no applications had been received. The Clerk will continue to advertise the vacancy.

**16.143 TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE DATES FOR THE A14 MOBILE EXHIBITION TO ATTEND THE VILLAGE AND A POSSIBLE LOCATION.**

The meeting was advised that the A14 Mobile Visitor Centre is now available. Following discussion it was agreed to request attendance on any date after the 25<sup>th</sup> June dependant on availability. The meeting further agreed the most suitable location is the Clock Tower.

**16.144 FINANCE.**

**16.144.01. To consider the recommendation from the General Purposes Committee to use CIL funding, if necessary, for the provision of play equipment at the Pitfield Close play area.**

During discussion a Member expressed his discomfort at the wording of the agenda item. The meeting was advised that the provision of play equipment is included on the Action Plan and the Parish council had agreed that CIL funding could be used to finance the project once the Ivy Nurseries development had been completed. It was argued by some members that the funding should be retained and used to improve other forms of infrastructure, which were not defined. The meeting was unable to make a decision and the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee proposed the matter be withdrawn and, possibly, be reconsidered at a future meeting.

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

**16.144.02. To receive the Financial Report & approve payments.**

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

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

A copy of the report is appended to the Minutes.

**16.144.03. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.**

The RFO recommended a transfer of £5,300 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of April.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Lee.

**Seconded:** Cllr. Kent.

**Vote:** Carried.

**16.145**

**CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.**

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

**16.146**

**PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.**

- 1). A Member had observed that the overgrowing vegetation on the Cambridge Road has not been cut back. The meeting was advised that the County Council have been advised.
- 2). A Member enquired if a weed spraying schedule had been produced by the District Council as the gutters are becoming overgrown.
- 3). A Member expressed concern at the resurfacing of Swan Road and felt the gullies should be rodded.
- 4). A Member had observed two HGVs in the High Street but omitted to take any details.
- 5). The meeting was advised that 150 archaeologists are working on the A14 route with two interesting sites having been found.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

CIL.	Community Infrastructure Levy.
HDC.	Huntingdonshire District Council.
HGV.	Heavy Goods Vehicle.
RFO.	Responsible Financial Officer.

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

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