

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2014 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

In Attendance : Mr S Dartford (Clerk), 9 Parishioners.

13.117 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from Cllrs: Henderson, Kent & County Cllr. Bates.
Due to Parishioners interest in agenda item 13.125 the meeting agreed to bring the item forward to follow agenda item 13.120.

13.118 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were received.

13.119 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9th JANUARY 2014.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

13.120 MATTERS ARISING.

Agenda item 13.108.

The meeting was advised that the Clerk has written to the District Council Planning Department, Environmental Health, Building Control and Miss Lambe concerning the condition of 22 High Street as directed at the last meeting. A reply has been received from the District Council stating the demolition application was refused because the applicants proposed the complete demolition of the property, which is located within the designated Conservation Area, without the benefit of any accompanying satisfactory redevelopment proposal being put in place. In such instances there is a specific presumption against conservation consent for such a demolition being granted. It was further stated that the Principal Building Control Officer has inspected the building and has deemed that it is not currently considered dangerous. Environmental Health have also carried out an inspection and have concluded no statutory nuisance is currently present. However, they will continue to monitor the property. Cllr Lee reported on a meeting with members of the Lambe family held on Saturday 8th February.

Agenda Item 13.116.3.

A Member advised the meeting that the lights in the bus shelters are still not working.

13.125 To formulate/agree a response to County Highways following a resident's privately funded request to construct a footpath (pavement) along part of the western side of Chequer Street.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:45 to allow residents to comments the matter.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting at 19:50

During a full discussion Members considered the benefits of constructing a footpath or the possibility of double yellow lines. It was felt that the construction of a footpath would provide little in the way of additional safety to pedestrians due its short length and that the provision of double yellow lines could not be policed and, therefore, would not be of any significant benefit. It was resolved to recommend to County Highways that no action is taken to construct a footpath, however, the hatching should be re-instated, the white line be repainted and that the overgrowing verge is taken back to the original Highway boundary (the kerb) around the green,

Proposed: Cllr. Lee

Seconded: Cllr. Harlock

Vote: 9 in favour.
1 against.

The Chairman did not vote.

13.121

CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.

HDC - Street naming & Numbering. Change of address to the property previously known as Vericool Ltd, Solstice House, Low Road, now to be known as Wisser Environment Ltd, Manor Farm Low Road.

CCC. A statement concerning the launch of the Cambridgeshire Energy Scheme was included with Members papers for information. A Member noted that the only method of contact was by e-mail which put some sections of the community at a disadvantage.

Fenstanton Over 60's Club. An expression of thanks for the grant provided by the Parish Council.

Clerk's report

The United Reform Church has invited the Bury & Ramsey Brass Band to play in the grounds of the Church on 14th June. The Church are applying for a Road Closure Order for the section of road in front of the Church for the duration of the event.

It had been necessary to close the footpath through the Churchyard for safety reasons, as a split had appeared between two of the boughs of the oak tree. Bollards had also been placed around the tree to maintain maximum safety to the public. The Parish Council's tree surgeon inspected the tree and made it safe by bolting the damaged area. The footpath is now open. The Church had thanked the Parish Council for its prompt action.

A New Councillor Training Evening was held on 16th January. Those Councillors who attended felt the evening had been beneficial.

13.122

POLICE REPORT.

13.122.01. To review the list of reported crimes.

A report of crimes for the month of December, the latest information available from the Police, was distributed to all Members present for information. A copy of the report is appended to the minutes. The meeting was advised that fuel had been drained from a vehicle parked in Church Street car park on 27th January and that a shed at a property in Church Lane had recently been broken into. Cllr. Saunderson reported on a Police Panel meeting. The meeting was advised that the Police intend to become active in taking action against illegally parked vehicles, particularly in the vicinity of schools.

13.123

COMMITTEE REPORTS.**13.123.01. Planning Committee.**

A report of planning matters since the last meeting was given by the Committee Chairman.

Planning Application 1100925FUL To approve the recommendation of the Planning Committee. The Chairman of the Planning Committee provided supplementary information to the meeting. It was resolved to approve the recommendation of the Committee and grant approval

Proposed: Cllr. West

Seconded: Cllr. Pryke.

Vote: Carried.

13.123.02. Other.

No other meetings had been convened.

13.124

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.**13.124.01. District Councillors report**

Cllr. Harlock reported on matters appertaining to the Parish.

13.124.02. County Councillor's report.

In his absence Cllr. Bates had provided information to Cllr. Harlock on matters appertaining to the Parish.

13.124.03. St Ives Road Safety Committee.

A report of the meeting held 14th January was given by the Parish Council's representative. The meeting was advised that all County Highways funds have been diverted into repairing potholes. The meeting was further advised that it is not the intention of County Highways to reinstate the centre white lines on the bends on the Low Road. The Member stated that it is his possible intention to paint the lines himself. The meeting was concerned at this comment and wished it to be noted that the Parish Council cannot support individual action being taken to repaint the white lines, however good the intentions.

13.124.04. Other.

No other meetings had been attended.

13.126

To consider planting Poppies in the village / Parish.

The meeting was advised that the planting of Poppies is an initiative of the Royal British Legion to remember the commencement of the 1914 - 18 war. Concern had been previously expressed at the proliferation of Poppies once they had been planted. The meeting was advised that the proliferation could be reduced by the removal of the seed heads once they had flowered. At this juncture a suitable site has not been identified. The Councillor wishing to pursue the initiative will identify suitable sites and make a proposal at the next meeting.

13.127

PARISH ACTION PLAN - 2013 / 2014.

There were no further actions.

13.128

FINANCE.**13.128.01. 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. Blunt.

Vote: Carried.

A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

13.128.02. To approve the transfer of funds,

The RFO recommended a transfer of £2,250 from the instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of February,

Proposed: Cllr. Harlock.

Seconded: Cllr. Blunt.

Vote: Carried.

13.129 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

13.130 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

1. It was reported that the litter bin in Chequer Street car park has been stolen.
2. A Member requested if consideration could be given to the Parish Council becoming a Holding Trustee, in the future once land has been secured for a new Village hall, on behalf of the Village Hall Trustees. The matter will be considered at the next meeting.
3. A Member queried why the Parish Council does not have its own web - site. The matter will be considered at a future meeting.
4. The meeting was advised that Swan Road has become badly potholed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:26pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

RFO.

Responsible Financial Officer.