

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14th APRIL 2016 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

In Attendance : Mr S Dartford (Clerk), 1 Parishioners.

15.139 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
Were received from Cllr. Grantham.

15.140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
Cllr. Saunderson. Agenda item 15.149. Personal interest.

15.141 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10th MARCH 2016.
The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr. Pryke. **Seconded:** Cllr. West. **Vote:** Carried.

15.142 MATTERS ARISING.
There were no matters arising.

15.143 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.
HDC – Street Naming and Numbering. The Ivy Nurseries development is to be known as Apple Trees Close.

Clerk's report.

The District Council have recommended to the Local Government Boundary Commission, as part of the Huntingdonshire Electoral Review consultation, that representation for Fenstanton encompasses Hilton whilst the Low Road, Maytrees, Elizabeth Court and Greenfields are incorporated into St Ives South. The Clerk has replied to the consultation supporting the original proposal for no change, as agreed by the Parish Council at the last meeting.

An expression of thanks was received from the Village Hall Trust for the use of Clock Tower Green for the garage sale event.

The meeting was advised that the District Council will not levy a business rate for the Parish Council Office for financial year 2016 / 2017.

Information had been distributed to Members from a Parishioner concerned at reports of the closure of the Accident & Emergency Department at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, following a report in the Hunts Post in January. Cllr. Henderson furnished the meeting with information as to the current situation. During discussion the meeting felt that to take action at this juncture would be premature but gave support to the Parishioner to continue with her actions and the Parish Council will proceed when further clarification is received.

- 15.144 POLICE REPORT.**
To review the list of reported crimes.
 The Police web site had not been updated and it was, therefore, not possible for a report to be given. The meeting was, however, advised that a car in the High Street had been broken into and various items stolen.
- 15.145 COMMITTEE REPORTS.**
15.145.01. General purposes Committee.
 Draft minutes of the meeting held 24th March had been included with Member's papers. The Chairman of the Committee provided supplementary information to Members.
- 15.145.02. Planning Committee.**
 The Chairman of the Planning Committee appraised the meeting of planning matters which had arisen since the last meeting.
- 15.146 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.**
15.146.01. District Councillor's report.
 In the absence of District Cllr. Mead no report was given.
- 15.146.02. County Councillors report.**
 In the absence of County Cllr. Bates no report was given.
- 15.146.03. HDC Planning Forum.** Cllrs. Henderson and White had been unable to attend the meeting held 21st March and, therefore, no report was given.
- 15.146.04. A14 Improvement – Parish and Community Forum.**
 A comprehensive report of the meeting held 23rd March was given by Cllr. White who attended on behalf of the Parish.
- 15.146.05. Other.**
 No other meetings had been attended.
- 15.147 TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE ETC. FOR THE POTENTIAL NEW BUS SHELTERS ON THE CAMBRIDGE ROAD.**
 The meeting was advised that as part of the planning application for the Ivy Nurseries development Persimmon have a requirement to provide two bus shelters , one eastbound and one westbound on the Cambridge road. The County Council Local Highways Team are not prepared to take responsibility and the District Council confirm that they do not wish to add any further liabilities to their existing maintenance contract.
 Following discussion it was resolved not to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the two new proposed bus shelters as the Parish Council does not wish to take on further financial liabilities.
Proposed: Cllr. Henderson. **Seconded:** Cllr. White. **Vote:** 11 in favour.
 1 abstention.
- 15.148 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATORS FOR THE PARISH.**
 It was resolved at the last meeting of the Parish Council to review the additional information as requested and finalise a decision. Members were advised that it had not been possible for a speaker to attend this meeting but could attend the May meeting. Cllr. Pask appraised the meeting of further information received during the past month. It was agreed to invite a speaker to the May meeting and defer making a decision until that time.

- 15.149 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM St IVES IN BLOOM TO ERECT A STRUCTURE ON THE LOW ROAD / HARRISON WAY ROUNDABOUT.**
St Ives in Bloom have contacted Fenstanton and Hemingford Grey Parish Councils requesting support for a structure to be erected on the roundabout to promote the Old River Port. Members also noted that Hemingford Grey Parish Council supported the proposal suggesting that a Fen Lighter be depicted as a metal cut out. During discussion concern was expressed that the structure could prove a distraction and impair visibility to road users. Following further debate it was resolved to advise St Ives in Bloom that Fenstanton Parish Council has no objection subject to the structure not impairing visibility and complies with road safety legislation.
Proposed: Cllr. Kent. **Seconded:** Cllr. White. **Vote:** 10 in favour.
2 against.
- 15.150 PARISH ACTION PLAN.**
There were no further actions.
- 15.151 FINANCE.**
15.151.01. 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. Pryke. **Vote:** Carried.
- A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.
- 15.151.02. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.**
The RFO recommended a transfer of £ 1,700 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of April.
Proposed: Cllr. Henderson. **Seconded:** Cllr. Pryke. **Vote:** Carried.
- 15.152 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.**
Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.
- 15.153 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.**
- 1). A Member advised that the meeting that there had been a reduction in the amount of litter collected on the A14 east bound slip road. This could be as a result of the police patrolling this stretch of road and moving HGVs on.
 - 2). A Member enquired if any further information had been received concerning the future of the post office. The meeting was advised that the Post Master continues to await for a reply from The Post Office.
 - 3). A Member had observed the poor condition of the fence and wall at the car park to the rear of the Headlands shops and requested that the owner be contacted to effect satisfactory repairs.
 - 4). A Member has observed that the pedestrian lights on the London Road had been removed. The Meeting was advised that the lights had been purchased by the Parish Council and should not have been removed without notification. Councillor Saunderson agreed to investigate the matter and Cllr. Kent would contact the Parish Council's County Councillor.
 - 5). A Member had observed that construction work appeared to have commenced at the Stagecoach site. It was noted that no planning applications had been received. The Clerk will contact the Planning Department at the District Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

HDC.
RFO.

Huntingdonshire District Council.
Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed _____(Chairman)

_____ (Date)