

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2013 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Present : Cllrs : Blunt, Dartford, Harlock, Kent, Lee (Chairman), Place, Pryke, Saunderson & West.

In Attendance : Mr S Dartford (Clerk), 3 Parishioners

The Chairman welcomed Cllrs: Kent and Pryke to the Parish Council.

12.114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from: Cllrs: & Geard, Henderson, White & County Cllr. Bates.

12.115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None were received.

12.116 POLICE REPORT.

To review the list of reported crimes.

A report of crimes for the month of December, the latest available from the Police, were distributed to the meeting for information.

The meeting noted that the last 3 crime reports had reported violent crime in Rookery Way and Tythe Piece. The Clerk will attempt to seek further information from the Police to ascertain if there is a particular problem in these locations. The meeting was also advised that there have been an increase in burglaries in St Ives and surrounding villages with one known burglary having taken place in Tythe Piece. The Clerk will bring the Parishioners attention to the increase in burglaries in the area in the next edition of Spectrum.

Copies of the reports are attached to the Minutes for information.

12.117 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10th JANUARY 2013 .

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr. West. **Seconded:** Cllr. Harlock. **Vote:** Carried.

12.118 MATTERS ARISING.

Agenda item 12.113.1.

A Councillor queried who would be liable if the Parishioner injured herself whilst clearing rubbish from the Woodland Walk. No definitive answer could be given as the area is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

12.119 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.

Fringe in the Fen. Formal notification of the event being held 6th to 13th July 2013. A request was made for the use of Chapel Green on 7th July. The matter will be considered by General Purposes Committee at the next meeting. A copy of the correspondence was distributed to all Members for information.

Fenstanton Football Club. Expression of thanks for the grant provided by the Parish Council.

St Ives Day Care Centre. Expression of the thanks for the donation provided by the Parish Council.

Fenstanton Bowls Club. Expression of thanks for the grant provided by the Parish Council.

HDC. Confirmation of the precept for 2013/14.

Clerk's report.

Changes to the refuse and recycling rounds will commence on 25th February. Information was distributed to all Members for information. It was reported that no decision had been made concerning charging the Parish Council for the collection of the second green bin from the Cemetery. The Parish's District representative had raised the matter with the District Council.

The meeting was advised that the subway had suffered flooding and that the Low Road had been closed for a substantial period also as a result of flooding. A site meeting had taken place at the subway on 8th February with Mr Endersby (Highways Agency), Mr Sullivan (Carillion), Cllr. Saunderson and the Clerk to consider methods of alleviating the flooding problem at the subway. A report of the meeting had been distributed to all Members for information. A copy of the report is appended to the minutes for information. It was agreed to include the matter as an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

The meeting was advised that the Stagecoach service 20 ceased to operate from 10th February.

Information from the County Council regarding the Cambridgeshire Future Transport Programme had been distributed to all Members.

The meeting was advised that the Queens Diamond Jubilee Oak tree had been collected on 24th January and planted at the Church Street car park on 5th February. The tree and guard were provided at no cost by the District Council. It was reported that a dead tree in Hampton Close needs removing but can be replaced by the District Council.

A resident of Elizabeth Court had expressed concern to the Police at the number of vehicles he believed to be exceeding the 40mph speed limit on the London Road from the Low Road roundabout towards Galley Hill. It is the residents' contention that the speed limit should be reduced to 30mph following the increased residential development on this section of road. The matter had been passed to Speedwatch who will obtain statistics whilst undertaking a number of anti-speeding sessions. Once the statistics are obtained the Parish Council will consider the matter.

Two parishioners have expressed an interest in the Parish Council vacancy.

The meeting was advised that anomalies have come to light between the planning application submitted and the actual size of the chicken sheds erected and the routing of the road at the Galley Hill Chicken Farm.

12.120 COMMITTEE REPORTS.**12.120.01. Planning Committee.**

A report of planning matters and applications received since the last meeting was given by Cllr. Lee. It was reported that the application for change of use for the doctor's surgery had been approved.

Planning application 1100925FUL. Change of land for stationing 15 mobile holiday homes & warden's accommodation. Crystal Lakes Touring Park, Low Road, Fenstanton. To approve the recommendation of the Planning Committee.

The meeting resolved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Committee and recommend approval of the application.

Proposed: Cllr. Harlock.

Seconded: Cllr. Blunt.

Vote: 7 in favour.

1 against.

1 abstention.

The meeting expressed concern that water had been pumped from the Crystal Lakes site onto the Low Road following a recent period of heavy rain. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of the District Council.

12.120.02. Other.

No other Committee meetings had been held.

12.121 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.

12.121.01. District Councillors report. Cllr. Harlock advised the meeting that the District Council had formulated the Council tax for 2013/2014.

12.121.02. County Councillor's report. No report was given in the absence of Cllr. Bates.

12.121.03. Other. HDC Meeting. Cllrs Lee and Harlock reported on the meeting held 31st January at Pathfinder House with Mr Ingram and Mr Bland of the District Council. Cllrs Harlock and White attended with Cllr. Lee. The meeting addressed the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 and the future of the Dairy Crest site. It was reported that the first draft for the development of the Dairy Crest site is still being undertaken. The draft is expected in the near future. It was further reported that the latest census indicates that population growth in the District is greater than expected, therefore, the Parish may possibly be required to take more development than originally anticipated. The next draft consultation of the Local Plan to 2036 is expected in June/July. It is unknown at this juncture if the Dairy Crest site will form part of the plan or will be taken as a windfall site.

12.122 TO REVIEW THE COMMUNITY LED PLAN DOCUMENT AND CONSIDER THE VARIOUS OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT A LOCAL PLAN.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs: Blunt and Place for producing a comprehensive document. It was resolved to defer a decision until the March meeting to allow the new Members of the Council to fully appraise the facts and a full complement of Members may be present.

Proposed: Cllr. Harlock

Seconded: Cllr. Kent.

Vote: Carried.

12.123 TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO FILL THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE VACANCIES.

It was resolved that Cllrs: Kent and Pryke be appointed to the Planning Committee.

It was resolved that Cllrs: Kent and Pryke be appointed to the General Purposes Committee.

It was resolved that Cllr. Pryke be appointed to the Burial Board.

It was resolved to appoint Cllr. Kent to the Traffic and Transport Committee.

Proposed: Cllr. Place. **Seconded:** Cllr. Harlock. **Vote:** Carried.

12.124 TO APPOINT 2 PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

The Chairman advised the meeting of the obligations the Parish Council Representatives have as Trustees of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr. Place expressed an interest and requested a copy of the Village Hall's constitution. It was resolved to defer a decision until the May meeting of the Parish Council, when all Committees and representatives are appointed.

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

12.125 PARISH ACTION PLAN 2012/13.

The meeting was advised that General Purposes Committee and the Burial Board will consider their respective actions and financial implications at their forthcoming meetings.

12.126 FINANCE**12.126.01. To receive the financial report & approve payments.**

The financial report had been distributed to Members. It was resolved the payments be approved.

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

A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

12.126.02. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.

The RFO recommended a transfer of £1,570.00 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for February.

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

12.127 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

12.128 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

1). It was reported that the drain in Honey Hill was blocked and that as a result of flooding the road is breaking up. The meeting was advised that the matter had been reported to the relevant authority.

2). It was reported that two sets of lights in the subway were unserviceable. The meeting was advised that the matter had been reported to the relevant authority.

3). It was reported that gravel lorries are ignoring the weight restriction through the Village.

4). A Councillor advised the meeting that, following a Parishioners request for action to curtail the amount of flooding on the Low Road by River View, he had taken remedial action by adding weights to the covers attached to the outlet

pipes, taking water from the road to the ditch in order to stop water backing up onto the road. Whilst this is a temporary measure it appears to have had the desired effect. A full and permanent repair is expected to be undertaken by County Council Highways in April. It was further reported that the flooding by Crystal Lakes Touring Park was a result of no cover on a pipe taking surface water from the road. The flooding was further exacerbated by water being pumped onto the Low Road from the Crystal Lakes site. A temporary cure was effected with County Council Highways making a permanent repair in April.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28 pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

HDC.
RFO.

Huntingdonshire District Council.
Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed _____(Chairman)

_____ (Date)