

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8th JANUARY 2015 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Present : Cllrs : Dartford, Henderson (Chairman), Lee, Pask, Peerthy, Place, Pryke, Saunderson & White.

In Attendance : Mr S Dartford (Clerk), County Cllr. Bates & 1 Parishioner.

14.101 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from Cllrs: Blunt, Harlock, Kent & West.

14.102 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were received.

14.103 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13th NOVEMBER 2014.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr. Place.

Seconded: Cllr. Pryke.

Vote: Carried.

14.104 MATTERS ARISING.

Agenda item 14.091. Clerks report. The meeting was advised that Mr Robins was unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr. Saunderson raised a query which could not be answered and it was agreed to defer the matter until the next meeting.

14.105 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.

Mr Martin has requested a skate park in the Village. The Clerk has replied advising of the current situation.

Mr Brewer has expressed a concern that the kerbing of Chapel Green may increase the risk of flooding in Chequer Street and has requested assurance that work will not start until a report has been obtained to determine if the kerbing will exacerbate the flooding experienced in Chequer Street and if additional work is needed to mitigate any possible problem. Mr Brewer also requests the report is made publicly available. The Clerk has discussed the matter with County Highways who have undertaken an extensive survey of the drainage and gullies and in doing so have opened a further gully which had been previously covered. It is the opinion of County Highways that the kerbing of Chapel Green will have no adverse effect on drainage and the work undertaken will improve the current situation. The meeting felt a report was unnecessary.

Clerk's report.

The meeting was advised that there is now a new Parish Council e-mail address: fenstantonparishcouncil@btconnect.com

The two benches, as agreed by the General Purposes Committee, have been purchased and received and are currently in storage awaiting installation.

The meeting was advised that the A14 Development Consent Order had been submitted. The meeting felt the Traffic & Transport Committee should meet, once the proposals are announced, to consider noise reducing measures, bunding, etc.

14.106 POLICE REPORT.

14.106.01. To review the list of reported crimes.

A report of crimes for the month of October and November, the latest available from the Police, was distributed to Members for information. A copy of the report is appended to the minutes. Notification had been received of a number of burglaries in the Village during November and December and also of a telephone scam involving bogus police officers attempting to obtain credit card details. The matters will be included in the next edition of Spectrum.

14.107 COMMITTEE REPORTS.

14.107.01. Finance & Constitution Committee. Draft minutes of the meeting held 20th November had been distributed to all Members. The Committee Chairman gave supplementary information.

14.107.02. Planning Committee.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee appraised Members of other planning matters since the last meeting.

14.108 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.

14.108.01. District Councillor's report. In the absence of Cllr. Harlock no report was given.

14.108.02. County Councillors report. Cllr. Bates reported on matters appertaining to the Parish.

14.108.03. Flood Forum. A report of the meeting held 19th November was given by Cllr. Saunderson.

14.108.04. CPALC AGM. Cllr. Saunderson advised the meeting that he had been unable to attend the meeting held 20th November. However, it is understood that option 3, as supported by the Parish Council, was adopted for the future basis for affiliation fees.

14.108.05. Other. Cllr. Pask advised the meeting that he had attended a meeting of the Joseph Ellis Trust.

14.109 TO CONSIDER A PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.

The meeting agreed to approve the recommendation made by the Finance & Constitution Committee. During discussion the meeting was advised that there is no funding available for financial year 2015/2016. It was agreed that a small working party be formed to consider the practicalities and implications and if feasible to move the project forward. It was agreed that Cllrs: Dartford, Harlock, Peerthy and Place form the working group. It was further agreed that the working group will, if possible, present the terms of reference to the next Parish Council meeting

14.110 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Cllr. Henderson attended a meeting on 24th December and furnished the meeting with information. Information received at the meeting had been

distributed to all Members. The meeting was advised that the current proposals will have no effect on Fenstanton. It was resolved to support the proposals.
Proposed: Cllr. White. **Seconded:** Cllr. Lee. **Vote:** Carried.

14.111 PARISH ACTION PLAN.

Members reviewed the action plan and there were no further additions.

14.112 FINANCE

14.112.01. To approve the budget as recommended by the Finance & Constitution Committee.

The meeting resolved to approve the recommendation.

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

14.112.02. To approve the precept as recommended by the Finance & Constitution Committee.

The meeting resolved to approve the recommendation.

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

14.112.03. To receive the Financial Report & approve payments.

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

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

A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

14.112.04. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.

The RFO recommended a transfer of £12,260.00 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of January.

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

14.113 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

14.114 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

- 1). It was reported that overgrowing branches required cutting back on the Huntingdon Road (slip road).
- 2). It was reported that the fence panels between the Huntingdon Road (slip road) and the A14 had not been repaired and concern was expressed their current condition posed safety issues particularly whilst the current windy conditions existed.
- 3). A Councillor had been approached by a Parishioner who felt consideration should be given to holding a Village celebration for the next Coronation.
- 4). A Member enquired if a date had been confirmed for the next Wiser recycling. The meeting was advised that no date has been given but is expected to be in March or April.
- 5). A Member felt the speed thumps in the High Street should be raised. The meeting was advised that it is not possible to have the height increased due to the effect of noise and vibration to properties which are in close proximity to the High Street.
- 6). The meeting was advised that the Christmas lights switch on had been a success and that more money had been raised for the Village hall than in previous years.

A Member commented that the blue lights appeared to have been displayed in a haphazard manner which detracted from the overall effect.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

RFO.

Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

_____ (Date)