

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th APRIL 2015 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

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

14.143 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from Cllr. West.

14.144 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were received.

14.145 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12th MARCH 2015.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr. Dartford.

Seconded: Cllr. Pryke.

Vote: Carried.

14.146 MATTERS ARISING.

Agenda item 14.136. County Council Highways have responded to correspondence regarding the adoption or closure of the unofficial layby on the A1096. County Council Highways have stated that they do not have funds to adopt and metal the surface of the unofficial layby although they will continue to lay planings when they are available and that the status quo should remain. The Parish Council could, however, apply for a stopping up order, although to pursue this action may have further ramifications particularly with lorries finding alternative parking places.

14.147 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.

Mr Brewer. Comments regarding the kerbing of Chapel Green.

Mr Buchanan. Support for the kerbing of Chapel Green.

HDC. Notification that a TPO has been placed on a Holm Oak at the King William IV.

HDC. Notification that the Parish office is not subject to a non-domestic rates charge for this financial year.

Mrs. Thompson. That the Parish Council support the residents of Oaklands to make the slip road from the A14 (east bound) a no parking area with the use of double yellow lines. The matter will be included as an agenda item for the next meeting. A Member suggested that consideration should be given to lowering the speed limit.

Fenstanton Town Trust. Notification that all the Trustees wish to remain for a further four year term.

Clerk's report.

The Clerk had no matters to report.

14.148

POLICE REPORT.**14.148.01. To review the list of reported crimes.**

A report of crimes for the month of February, the latest available from the Police, was distributed to Members for information. The meeting noted a further increase in the number of burglaries.

14.149

COMMITTEE REPORTS.**14.149.01. Burial Board.**

Draft minutes of the meeting held 26th March had been distributed to all Members. The Chairman of the Burial Board provided supplementary information. Following a question from a Member, the Chairman advised the meeting that, although no progress has been made, the Burial Board is still seeking a site for a new burial ground.

14.149.02. Planning Committee.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee appraised the meeting of planning matters that had arisen since the last meeting.

14.149.03. Parish Council website Working Group.

A report of the meeting held 8th April was given by Cllr. Peerthy. A copy of the Standard Operating Procedures and the Freedom of Information model Publication Scheme was distributed to all Members present. A Member requested assurance that the administrative aspects would not create additional work for the Clerk. The meeting was advised that the system in place should have no significant impact on the Clerk. The meeting agreed to review the website over the next month and pass any comments back to the working group and include the matter as an agenda item for approval at the next meeting. The Chairman thanked the Working Group for their effort in organising a Parish Council website in such a short time.

14.150

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.

14.150.01. District Councillor's report. Cllr. Harlock advised the meeting that there were no matters to report.

14.150.02. County Councillors report. Cllr. Bates advised the meeting that there were no matters to report.

14.150.03. Environment Agency flooding meeting 31st March. The meeting was attended by Cllrs Henderson, Lee, District Cllr. Harlock, County Cllr Bates and representatives from the Environment Agency. The objective of the meeting was to identify properties susceptible to flooding in the Village. The conclusion was that there are few properties at risk and it is, therefore, unlikely any funding will be provided for flood protection in the Village.

14.150.04. Other. A Member advised the meeting that he had attended a St Ives Town Council Planning Committee meeting for a presentation on the draft District Council Plan to 2036. The possible effect of the Wyton on the Hill development had been discussed and the lack of transport infrastructure. It was suggested that the Parish Council invite a representative of Curtin & Co. to a future meeting to appraise Members of the situation. The meeting

agreed to the suggestion.

14.151 TO AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE REVISED WHIPPET COACHES TIMETABLE.

Information regarding the proposal to reduce the service to one bus an hour outside peak travel periods but to increase the service during peak commuter travel times had been distributed to Members. During discussion it was noted that the Village will benefit from later services in the evening from Cambridge and Huntingdon. It was appreciated that the daytime services operate with very low passenger numbers and that in the circumstances an hourly service is not unreasonable. The meeting was reminded that in the past the Parish Council had fought for a feeder service from the Village to St Ives to access the Guided Bus but Parishioners did not take advantage of the service and it was subsequently withdrawn. It was felt, however, that it would have been courteous if Whippet Coaches had advised the Parish Council of the proposed changes. It was agreed to write to Whippet Coaches requesting that the Parish Council be kept advised of any future changes to the bus service.

14.152 TO REVIEW THE RISK REGISTER.

The meeting reviewed the Risk Register. Cllr. Kent will update the register to include the condition of the Churchyard wall as requested by the Burial Board.

14.153 PARISH ACTION PLAN.

Members reviewed the action plan. The recommendations of the Burial Board Had been included.

14.154 FINANCE

14.154.01. To receive the Financial Report & approve payments.

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

Proposed: Cllr. Pryke.

Seconded: Cllr. Blunt.

Vote: Carried.

A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

14.154.02. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.

The RFO recommended a transfer of £2,120 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of April.

Proposed: Cllr. Pryke.

Seconded: Cllr. Place.

Vote: Carried.

14.155 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members. Members were reminded of the Annual Parish Assembly on 23rd April.

14.156 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

- 1). A Member advised the meeting, following an article in the press, of his concerns at possible changes to the s106 policy which could have implications for the siting of the new Village hall.
- 2). The meeting was advised that the clock is not ringing in synchronisation with the time at the clock tower.
- 3). Following Cllr. Blunts decision not to seek re-election the Chairman thanked her for her contribution to the Parish Council.

- 4). A Member had observed an article in Spectrum reporting that the new bench provided by the Parish Council on Chapel Green had been placed in memory of a Parishioner. Concern was expressed that, although a contribution had been made towards the cost of the bench by a parishioner, this could lead to a precedent of Parishioners wishing to place benches in memory of loved ones at the expense of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

HDC.
RFO.

Huntingdonshire District Council.
Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed _____(Chairman)

_____ (Date)