

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2017 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

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

The Chairman advised the meeting that Cllr. Grantham had, regretfully, resigned as a Member of the Parish Council.

16.104 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from Cllrs: Henderson, Pryke & West.

16.105 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made.

16.106 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12th JANUARY 2017.

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr. White.

Seconded: Cllr. Dartford.

Vote: Carried.

16.107 MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising.

16.108 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.

HDC. Notification that the waste collection days are to change with effect from 27th February. From week commencing 6th February all households will receive an information pack including a letter giving information on the new collection dates.

Fenstanton Village Sports. A letter of thanks for the grant provided by the Parish Council.

Royal British Legion. Expression of thanks for the donation from the Parish Council for the Poppy Appeal.

St. Ives in Bloom. A decision has been made not to pursue the plan to re-design the Low Road roundabout because of concerns over the impact on the existing shrubs.

United Reform Church. A request has been received for the Church to hold the Annual Hobbies Day on Chapel Green on 16th September. The request was received too late for the matter to be included on the agenda for this meeting. It will, therefore, be included on the agenda for the March meeting.

Clerk's report.

The meeting was advised that, currently, five applications had been received for the forthcoming vacancy for the Clerk / RFO position.

16.109 POLICE REPORT.

A report of crimes during the month of December, the latest available from the Police, was distributed to all Members present.

The meeting requested that Sgt. Street be contacted and ascertain when the initiative, recently undertaken in Hemingford Grey, will commence in Fenstanton.

16.110 COMMITTEE REPORTS.**16.110.01. Planning Committee.**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee provided information appertaining to Planning matters that had arisen since the last meeting.

16.111 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.**16.111.01. District Councillor's report.**

District Cllr. Mead advised the meeting that there are no matters appertaining to the Parish.

16.111.02. County Councillors report.

County Cllr. Bates advised the meeting that the County Council is meeting next week to set the County's budget. A Member was concerned that the Cambridge City Deal is disadvantaging Parishioners especially with the reduction in the bus service to Cambridge and no easily accessible park & ride sites to the north of the City. Cllr. Bates advised the meeting that the Cambridge City Deal did not embrace Huntingdonshire, Fenland or East Cambs.

16.111.03. Other. Cllr. Saunderson advised the meeting that he had attended a CPALC Board meeting.

16.112 TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS AND TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE CASUAL VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The meeting was advised that no applications had been received. The Clerk will re-advertise the vacancy.

16.113 TO DISCUSS SAFER ALTERNATIVE BUS PICK UP POINTS FOR SWAVESEY VILLAGE COLLEGE STUDENTS.

The meeting was advised that the Clerk had contacted Sgt. Street as requested at the last meeting. Sgt. Street had agreed to visit the site and assess the problem with a colleague. To date no further comments have been received. The meeting noted that the Parish Council had received no complaints from residents in Oaklands concerning the bus picking up the students on the High Street opposite the Oaklands turning. It was agreed to contact the bus company and request that, as the Parish Council has received no complaints, that they reinstate the original pick up point as the students safety is paramount. It was also suggested that Sgt. Street be contacted and obtain Police support.

16.114 TO REVIEW THE IMPACT OF CURRENT AND FUTURE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS ON THE VILLAGE.

The meeting discussed the effects the current works on Turnpike Bridge were having on the Village. It had been observed that "No Parking" bollards had been placed around the Clock Tower to enable the buses to turn. The meeting felt that the No Parking bollards were unnecessary on the Post Office side of Hilton Road as buses are unable to execute a turn at the far end of the Clock Tower,

however, the bollards at the King William side would allow buses to reverse and turn safely.

The latest information on the A14 construction, from Highways England, had been forwarded to all members for information. It had been noted from the information that Highways England will, in the near future, be providing Mobile Visitor Centres for Parish Councils. It was agreed that the Parish Council should request that the Mobile Visitor Centre comes to the Village to provide information on the works to Parishioners. It was also noted that Highways England is able to provide assistance in environmental projects. It was agreed that assistance could possibly be obtained in clearing the pond and that an approach should be made.

16.115 FINANCE.

16.115.01. To receive the Financial Report & approve payments.

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

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

A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

16.115.02. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.

The RFO recommended a transfer of £2,940 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of February.

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

16.116 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

16.117 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

- 1). A Member had observed that vegetation was overgrowing onto the road close to the Oaklands bus stop. On further investigation it was seen that the edge is kerbed but completely overgrown. The Clerk will advise County Highways.
- 2). A Member had observed that a fence existed between Scorney and Cranesbrook and felt that it would improve access between the areas if the fence was removed and a footpath laid. The meeting felt that before any action is considered ownership of the land must be ascertained.
- 3). A Member expressed concern at vehicles parking on the Talls Lane / Chequer Street junction and felt that the lack of visibility constituted a safety issue.
- 4). The meeting was advised that the Village sign is expected to be back in situ on Sunday 12th February.
- 5). A Member had noticed that a number of gullies needed cleaning. Cllr. Mead agreed to speak with the relevant department at the District Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

CPALC.	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils.
HDC.	Huntingdonshire District Council.
RFO.	Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed _____(Chairman)

_____ (Date)