

## FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

**In Attendance :** Mr S Dartford (Clerk), 4 Parishioners, Mr P Duggan (Wiser Re-cycling),  
County Cllr. Bates.

**13.102 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Were received from Cllrs: Harlock, Kent & West.

**13.103 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No declarations of interest were received.

**13.104 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE WISER RE-CYCLING SCHEME.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:43 to allow Mr Duggan to appraise Members of the Wiser Recycling scheme and the possible benefits to the Parish. The meeting was advised that Wiser Recycling collect all unwanted electrical items including refrigerators and freezers. Collections are made twice a year and the Parish Council would receive £40 for each tonne collected in the Village. The Chairman reopened the meeting at 19:57

Following discussion it was resolved to accept the offer made by Wiser Recycling.

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

Wiser Recycling will undertake the promotion of the scheme and the first collection may be expected in April.

**13.105 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

**13.106 MATTERS ARISING.**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**13.107 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.**

Mr Ferrier. A festival is being planned in 2016 to celebrate the 300 years of Capability Brown. A copy of the correspondence was distributed to all Members for information. Mr Ferrier will attend the March meeting of the Parish Council to appraise Members with further information.

Carillion. A report of work undertaken to prevent further flooding of the subway was distributed to all Members for information.

Highways Agency. A report of the public consultation on the A14 improvement scheme is now available. A copy of the correspondence was distributed to all members for information.

NHS – Cambridgeshire Community Services. A copy of the “Keeping in Touch” newsletter had been received. The document is available from the Clerk to any interested Member.

### **Clerk’s report.**

The fence at the Church Street car park has been repaired.

## **13.108**

### **POLICE REPORT.**

#### **13.108.01. To review the list of reported crimes.**

A report of crimes for the months of October and November, the latest information available from the Police, was distributed to all Members present for information. The meeting noted that an increase in the number of burglaries had become evident. It was agreed to bring this to Parishioners attention in the next edition of Spectrum.

The meeting was advised that a burglary had taken place at the Ladybird Nursery. The meeting was advised that entry may have been gained from the empty neighbouring property. During discussion Members expressed concern at the dilapidated condition and probable unsafe condition of the building and the possibility of vermin within the overgrown garden. It was agreed to write to HDC Planning with copies to Environmental Health, Building Control and the owners demanding that action be taken to demolish the property and that the site be cleared.

## **13.109**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**13.109.01. Finance & Constitution Committee.** Draft minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> November had been distributed to all Members. In the absence of the Chairman a member of the Committee provided the meeting with supplementary information.

#### **13.109.02. Planning Committee.**

A report of planning matters since the last meeting was given by the Committee Chairman.

#### **13.109.03. Other.**

No other meetings had been convened.

## **13.110**

### **REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.**

#### **13.110.01. District Councillors report.**

In the absence of Cllr. Harlock no report was available.

#### **13.110.02. County Councillor’s report.**

Cllr. Bates reported on matters appertaining to the Parish.

#### **13.110.03. Other.**

No other meetings had been attended.

- 13.111 STREET LIGHTING. TO AGREE AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLLRS. WHITE & KENT.**  
 Balfour Beatty has supplied drawings of the proposed removal and replacement of street lights for the Parish, which have been reviewed by Cllrs. White and Kent. Parishioners will also be consulted on the proposals. Following the review of the drawings it is recommended that the proposal be accepted as Balfour Beatty are experts in the field. Following discussion, during which the meeting was advised as to the reason why such a large capital expenditure scheme is being undertaken at a time of austerity, it was resolved to approve the recommendation.  
**Proposed:** Cllr. Lee                      **Seconded:** Cllr. Pryke                      **Vote:** Carried.
- 13.112 CIL FUNDING. TO CONSIDER PRIORITIES.**  
 Following preliminary discussion by the Finance and Constitution Committee and consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Committee it was felt that priorities would only become apparent once the outline planning applications had been received for the proposed developments, which will highlight the areas of deficiency which will need to be addressed. The meeting agreed to review the matter at the March meeting of the Parish Council.
- 13.113 PARISH ACTION PLAN – 2013 / 2014.**  
 There were no further actions.
- 13.114 FINANCE.**
- 13.114.01. To approve the budget as recommended by the Finance & Constitution Committee.**  
 It was resolved to approve the recommendation of the Committee.  
**Proposed:** Cllr. Henderson.                      **Seconded:** Cllr. Lee.                      **Vote:** Carried.
- 13.114.02. To approve the precept as recommended by the Finance & Constitution Committee.**  
 It was resolved to approve the recommendation of the Committee.  
**Proposed:** Cllr. Lee.                      **Seconded:** Cllr. Dartford.                      **Vote:** Carried.
- 13.114.03. To receive the financial report & approve payments.**  
 The Financial Report had been distributed to all Members present. It was resolved the payments be approved.  
**Proposed:** Cllr. Henderson.                      **Seconded:** Cllr. Place.                      **Vote:** Carried.
- 13.114.04. 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 January.  
**Proposed:** Cllr. Pryke.                      **Seconded:** Cllr. Henderson.                      **Vote:** Carried.
- 13.115 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.**  
 Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.
- 13.116 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.**
1. A Member expressed concern at the number of potholes in the Village.
  2. A Member had noted an increase in the number of four wheel vehicles using the Fen.

3. The meeting was advised that the lights in the bus shelters at the Headlands and Oaklands are not working.
4. The meeting was advised that the road sign on the old Huntingdon Road by the Low Road has been knocked over and that the sign on the Cambridge Road / Conington Road junction has also been knocked over.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

CIL.	Community Infrastructure Levy
HDC.	Huntingdonshire District Council
RFO.	Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ ( Chairman )

\_\_\_\_\_ ( Date )