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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 July 2015 at St Peters Hall

Present: Councillors Hennessy, Howard, Reynolds, Dodson, Upton and Forsyth

010715. Apologies, Acceptance of apologies and declarations of interests.

Apologies were received from Councillor Fella.

020715 Co-option of new Councillors.

An application has been received from Paul Massey

Resolved: - It was proposed by Councillor Hennessy and seconded by Councillor Reynolds that Paul Massey be Co-opted to the Council. All in favour.

Action Point: - Clerk to advise ECDC and give them relevant paperwork.

Action Point: - Chairs of the Committees to “lobby” Paul to join.

030715. To consider approving of the minutes of previous full Council on 1 June.

Resolved: - It was agreed that the above minutes be approved.

Action Point: - Clerk to add to website.

040715. Public Participation – to accept questions and comments from members of the public and councillors with a prejudicial interest.

Presentation from the Phoenix School

A presentation was given by Tracey Best, the Chair of Trustees to the Phoenix School which was as follows:-

The School, which opened in 2010, is an independent school for children aged 3 to 11 which was based in Willingham. The School is a registered charity run by a governing body and caters for children who have been struggling in state schools (bullying, physical difficulties, low achieving etc.) and is able to develop individual lesson plans for all pupils. It currently has 35 pupils and 21 local resident staff, and will never have more than 120 pupils. Last year it was served with an eviction notice and needs to find new premises. After extensive research, it has found a property at Twenty Pence Road (Willow Tree Cottage). There are no intentions to develop the site, apart from putting a hedgerow with a mesh fence around the field around the adjacent field for the children’s safety. An application for change of use (currently residential and builders yard) has been applied for and hope to move in September. It is considered that this be a “forever home”, wish to become part of the community and hope to have the

support of the Parish Council. Already had approval in principle from Highways and are in the process of consulting with the planning office and local community.

Alan James from the HCV (Heavy Commercial Vehicles) Group gave a presentation as follows:-

The group was formed by 6 villages to try to do something to reduce the through traffic of HCVs. Requested funding two years ago for an environmental survey and monitoring of the vehicles which discovered significant problems with noise, vibration and dust. They would like to achieve some weight limits along the roads (accept for access), and are proposing to apply to County Council for traffic regulation orders on twenty pence road bridge, railway bridge on Station Road in Haddenham and on Earith bridge. They wish for the Parish Council's agreement in principle to take this forward. They have put in place a freight route map, intended to advise HCV drivers to use A10, A142, A141 and A14. Have also put up some signs but they are not very effective. Last summer, some of the dust samples taken were analysed, one in Wilburton, one in Haddenham and one in Earith – the worst one was Wilburton – think due to the deceleration and acceleration of volumes of traffic coming out of Twenty Pence Road. They propose, if receive the support of the Parish Council, to go through the exercise of obtaining the traffic regulation orders (unfortunately there are no guidelines from the County Council regarding this and whether all three can be under one order or need three separate orders), believed to cost approx. £3000 per order, and how to apply as a series of 6 villages to spread the cost. As well as requesting a decision in principle to carry on, they are also requesting a volunteer from the Parish Council to join the group.

Alan James also thanked the Parish Council for their support in respect of the wind farm at Stretham.

Meeting re-opened.

Resolved: - It was proposed by Councillor Hennessy and seconded by Councillor Reynolds to put on Agenda to discuss the HCV proposals at the next full meeting, and officially give the Council's support. All in favour.

050715. Reports from County and District Councillors.

None

060715 Matters not arising covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

Councillor Reynolds advised that the bins on the recreation ground and playground had not been emptied properly for the last 4 weeks. This needs to be referred to Minor Works Committee, and for hirers of Pavilion to leave rubbish in correct place. Councillor Hennessy also confirmed that dogs were being walked on the recreation ground and litter left.

070715. Business Matters.

(a) To receive any updates or reports from the Chair of the following Committees and working groups:-

- Finance Committee including signing of bank mandates

Councillor Hennessy confirmed new bank mandate forms now received ready for completion. Also, all cheques signed this month apart from Truelink additional payments which need to be approved by Minor Works Committee.

- Planning Committee.

Councillor Upton attended ECDC planning meeting on 10 June regarding retrospective planning application at Pony Lodge, Grunty Fen. Was advised that the application would be subject to section 106 agreement of the 1990 Town and Country planning Act, and he advised that the Parish Council were fed up with retrospective planning applications and would like to see stopped at source.

- Grounds, Litter and Minor Works including Playground at Berristead

Councillor Upton confirmed most of the works had been carried out at St Peters Hall and Councillor Hennessy confirmed that a good job had been carried out. Councillor Dodson confirmed that the Social Club were still leaving beer barrels in the entrance Hall, not the intention built shed and the lease needs to be sorted out.

Resolved: - It was proposed by Councillor Forsyth (who was actioned with sorting the lease) that this be passed over to the finance committee for updating. Seconded by Councillor Howard. All in favour.

Councillor Upton confirmed that the cottage was not in a condition to be let, and that a list of recommendations is being prepared and options investigated, which will then be presented to full council.

- Traffic and Safety Committee.

Councillor Forsyth confirmed that possible signage in Car Pond Lane for school, white lining, and road traffic surveys were currently in progress and once completed will go to finance committee and full council for approval. Interim measures for safety at the school where currently being investigated.

- Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Police Liaison.

Councillor Dodson confirmed that there had been a meeting with the local PCSO where crime reports were discussed, together with car parking issues, speeding and suspected drug abusing areas.

Councillor Reynolds confirmed that unless residents rang 101 and reported any crimes or anti-social behaviour it would not be recognised or acknowledged that it had been carried out.

- Pavilion Working Group.

Councillor Hennessy confirmed that at the last meeting it was agreed that the members would come up with a list of recommended architects for the next meeting, so that an architect can be appointed and plans drawn up in time for the donated funds from the Blades football club to be utilised in the timeframe required.

- Community Land Trust Scheme.

Councillor Dodson confirmed that at the last meeting it was requested that a commitment was made from Wilburton Parish Council to support the Land Trust on Scheme up to £50,000 on the plot of land so that can progress.

Councillor Forsyth confirmed developer was currently working with Pell Estate and other land owners, with rough plans drawn up. Lodging of planning application

requires support of Parish Council and also need to ensure that additional 4 land owners are in agreement to sell their land.

Resolved: - It was proposed by Councillor Forsyth that the Council support the Trust in progressing further. Seconded by Councillor Howard. All in favour.

- Community Led Plan.

Councillor Reynolds confirmed that questionnaire had been delivered and was awaiting completed forms for collation.

080715. Correspondence not covered in Business Matters.

None

090715. Councillors Questions – To receive any comments or questions from the Councillors.

None

100715. Date of next meeting – 5 October 2015

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On-going projects

Pavilion & Recreation Ground
Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust Scheme
Parish Community Led Plan

Signed:

Date: