

WILBURTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 6 October 2014 at the Baptist Chapel

Present: Councillors Hennessy, Yarrow, Warren, Reynolds, Dodson, Forsyth and Fella. Councillor Hunt, 2 residents registering interest in being co-opted as Councillors and 5 local residents.

011014. Apologies, Acceptance of apologies and declarations of interests.

All Councillors were present so no apologies required and declarations of interest were received from Councillor Yarrow and Dodson in connection with accounts to be paid.

021014. To acknowledge and/or approve the minutes from the monthly meeting held on 1 September 2014 and emergency meeting on 1 August 2014.

Resolved: - It was agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 1 September 2014 be approved.

Resolved: - It was agreed that the minutes of the emergency meeting on 1 August 2014 should be added to the Agenda for the EGM on 13th October 2014 for approval, once a query raised by Councillor Warren could be investigated and resolved.

Action Point: - Clerk to add the minutes of the September meeting to our website, and add the minutes from the emergency meeting on 1st August 2014 to the Agenda for the emergency meeting on 13th October 2014.

031014. Election of new Councillors.

Two local residents attended the meeting confirming their interest in becoming a Councillor and gave the Council details of their background and experience. Councillor Hennessy confirmed that there was a third resident who had applied for the position and that an EGM would be called for the Councillors to co-opt for the two vacancies once the third applicant could attend and present their experience etc.

Session closed

041014. Public Participation – to accept questions and comments from members of the public and councillors with a prejudicial interest.

The caretaker of the Cemetery raised a concern that stonemasons arrived to place 2 gravestones were they were unsure where they should be located.

He also reported that jumps had been put up at the pits for bikes etc near the allotments.

A local resident requested an update regarding the traffic problems in Car Pond Lane. Councillor Forsyth confirmed that a Safety Traffic Committee had been formed and that a request was being made for funding for a formal traffic survey to be carried out, by a traffic engineer, of the whole of the village, particularly Berristead and Car Pond Lane, to design the most appropriate scheme for the Village. The Committee is working with Councillor Hunt to see what support is available and with the local school to educate children regarding safety.

Once funding secured and survey undertaken, the results will be published and a consultation made with the whole village. Further funding will then be needed/requested for implementation of the scheme with some requested from the Parish Council.

A resident from Berristead confirmed that he was still unhappy with the noise from the playground at Berristead, and the possible impact on house prices.

It was confirmed that the Council had sited the playground at Berristead as it was the only piece of land that the Council owned, and could therefore obtain grants, and had made consultations before the playground was built. The plans, were actually altered (originally a zip wire was proposed but felt that this would be too noisy and disruptive to residents). The Council sympathised with the resident, and apologised for any unacceptable noise and anti-social behaviour, but not able to do anything, apart from advising the resident to notify the police of any anti-social behaviour. The possibility of a hedge or fence was raised to minimise noise.

Back into session

Resolved: - It was agreed that Councillor Yarrow would investigate the issue regarding the gravestones at the Cemetery and the Minor works Committee would investigate the issue of the jumps near the allotments.

Resolved: - It was agreed that the possibility of a hedge or fence, to minimise noise be investigated.

051014. Reports from County and District Councillors.

The following report was given by Councillor Hunt

County Matters.

1. The Ely By-Pass at £35,000,000 has been approved and work should be starting in 2015.
2. Work has started for a footpath/cycleway from Wentworth to Witcham Toll.
3. Work has started at Milton Road for the Science Park Station.
4. Is convinced that the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Witchford will keep open despite budget changes.
5. Currently trying to get MP's to realise Central Government Grants per head are unfair (County= £207 Inner London £705. - Over 75's County = £496 London £1957!)
6. Confirmed that Archives are coming to Ely, which is good for people tracing their ancestry, jobs, tourists etc.
7. Is still committed to Soham Station, Wisbech Station and Cambridge/Bedford link.

District matters

1. Is opposed to the Gladman application for houses in Haddenham and Witchford.
2. Is committed to the Cinema (Private), Leisure Centre and Pool, development in Ely.
3. The Community Land Trust (Stretham and Wilburton) is about to put in second planning application.

4. Would be pleased to hear about best use of any East Cambs District Council assets in Wilburton. (Has Maps of Parish marked with areas owned by the Council.)
5. Cannot agree with Aldreth wind farm as currently proposed. Will, however, keep an open mind.
6. The income from the rental of car park spaces to the post office will be used to promote free parking in Ely.
7. The New Bus timetable has been approved, and asking Parish Council's to help promote/deliver timetables and donate £150.00 to help with costs.

Councillor Hunt also confirmed he had received some correspondence from a local resident where an old high-way went through his property for which he wished to receive a stopping order.

Councillor Fella thanked Councillor Hunt for the time spent regarding Superfast Broadband for the Village.

Councillor Forsyth raised the possibility of de-trunking the High Street to B road?

The number of Councillors allowed for a Parish Council was raised and it was confirmed that this was set by the district council to a specific formula.

Resolved: - It was agreed to add the approval of the donation to the Agenda for the EGM on 13 October 2014.

Resolved: - It was agreed that Councillor Hunt would advise the local resident to re-send the information regarding the stopping order to the Clerk so she could forward to the relevant Committee.

Resolved: - It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the procedure for increasing the number of Councillors for the Parish Council.

061014. Finance.

(a) To approve the following accounts to pay:-

Clock-winding - £47.66
Caretaking – St Peter's Hall - £329.33
Parish and Booking Clerk - £377.56
Petty Cash - £20.00
Rent of football ground November 14 - £37.50
*External Auditor – £360
*Boiler for St Peters Hall - £306.00
Piano tuning for St Peters Hall - £63.00
*Post for Allotments - £36.58
Maintenance of Allotments - £71.50
Grass cutting – Cemetery - £260.00
Cottage Insurance - £335.80

Any other accounts received by 6 October 2014.

Payments including VAT are marked with *

Resolved: - It was proposed by Councillor Forsyth and seconded by Councillor Fella that all accounts be paid. All in favour.

071014. Review of Action Points from previous meeting to be carried out and any further actions to be agreed.

Resolved: - It was agreed that the Clerk should change the action points so they relate to the appropriate Committees and send to the members for actioning or updating at the appropriate meetings.

081014. Business Matters.

(a) Structure and Conduct of Parish Council Meetings.

Resolved: - It was proposed by Councillor Forsyth and seconded by Councillor Fella that the updated Financial Regulations be approved. All in favour.

Resolved: - It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds and seconded by Councillor Warren that the updated Standing Orders be approved. All in favour.

Resolved: - It was agreed to approve the new calendar for Parish and Committee meetings and reporting structure at the Emergency meeting on 13 October 2014.

(b) To approve the outstanding terms and conditions and powers drawn up by the Chairs of the Committees.

Resolved: - It was proposed by Councillor Dodson and seconded by Councillor Reynolds that the Council adopt the model terms for Committees from NALC and all draft copies of minutes be circulated to all Councillors for their information. All in favour.

(c) To receive an update regarding the Social Club Lease.

Councillor Forsyth confirmed that he had updated the Lease, spoken to Nigel Tiley from the Social Club and will E-mail the new lease to him.

(d) To agree St Peters Hall hire costs for Humpty's Christmas fayre on Friday 21/11/14 and Saturday 22/11/14.

Resolved: - It was proposed by Councillor Hennessy and seconded by Councillor Reynolds that the Hall be available free of charge. All in favour.

(e) To agree St Peters Hall hire costs for Wilburton School Association for their quiz night on Saturday 18/10/14

Resolved: - It was proposed by Councillor Forsyth and seconded by Councillor Hennessy that the Hall be available free of charge. A counter proposal was raised by Councillor Warren and seconded by Councillor Yarrow that a charge be paid for heating. The counter proposal was voted on with 2 for and 5 against, so the original proposal was carried.

(f) To receive any updates from Committees and working groups.

Councillor Yarrow confirmed that the allotment plots were being updated and new tenancies arranged.

Councillor Forsyth confirmed the Safety Committee would like to carry out a survey for a defined professional view of priorities, and requested funding from the Council to be added to the Agenda for the Emergency Meeting on 13 October 2014. The survey was likely to take 5-10 days at £400 per day.

Councillor Reynolds confirmed that a further meeting was being arranged for the Community Led Plan working group to look at the feedback and collate the information from the completed questionnaires.

Councillor Fella confirmed that the playground at Berristead was nearly completed with an opening ceremony to be arranged.

Councillor Forsyth confirmed that the Pavilion working group had received a proposal from the Pell Estate and hoped to meet soon to be able to go into more detail.

Councillor Hennessy confirmed that the Fireworks display would be on 8th November, that a risk assessment had been carried out and volunteers were required.

Resolved: - It was agreed that the requested funding for the traffic survey should be added to the EGM on 13th October for approval.

091014. Correspondence not covered in Business Matters.

Bidwells rent review for recreation ground.

Resolved: - It was agreed that this should be added to the EGM on 13th October for approval.

101014. Councillors Questions – To receive any comments or questions from the Councillors.

Councillor Dodson requested an inspection be carried out of the Pavilion now the Cricket season had finished and prior to the fireworks event.

Councillor Fella raised a concern regarding the overgrown hedge at a property in Berristead.

Councillor Warren asked that a payment for the use of the Chapel for the September meeting be raised at the Finance Committee meeting in November.

111014. Date of next meetings – 3 November 2014 – Finance, Traffic and Safety, and Minor Works Committees.

Please note that copies of minutes can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or by visiting our Website at www.wilburtonparishcouncil.org

On-going projects

Pavilion & Recreation Ground
Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust Scheme
Playground Working Group
Working Groups
Parish Community Led Plan

Signed:

Date: