

WILBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 May 2017 at St Peter's Hall, Wilburton at 8.00pm

Present: Cllr K Hennessy (Chairman), Cllr A Dodson, Cllr G Forsyth, Cllr R Howard, Cllr D Reynolds, Cllr H Upton and Cllr P Stubbs

Also Present: 1 member of the public and the Clerk (Mr R Zvauya)

17-001: Election of Chair (and signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office)

Cllr Hennessy was nominated by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Howard, all in favour and he was duly elected. The declaration of acceptance of office was signed.

17-002: Apologies, Acceptance of apologies and declarations of interests

Apologies were received from Cllr P Massey and Cllr G Parrish

17-003: Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr Massey was nominated by Cllr Dodson, seconded by Cllr Forsyth, all in favour.

17-004: Committee Membership

Committee membership was reviewed. The only change was for Cllr Dodson to join the Finance Committee and Cllr Hennessy resigned from the Village Hall Improvement Working Group(See list on the last page)

17-005: To approve of the minutes of previous full Council meetings

It was resolved that the minutes of EGM on 30 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

17-006: Public Participation – to accept questions and comments from members of the public and councillors with a prejudicial interest.

At 8:50pm the session was open for public participation,

There was a presentation, on behalf of Miles Reynolds, exploring the idea and presenting some research findings on having a community cinema in Wilburton. The presentation explained the equipment etc needed to run the cinema. Prices might be as low as £5 and the Council might get a grant for community cinema. The Parish Councillors were asked to consider putting forward a letter for grant funding confirming their support of a community cinema.

At 9:00pm the session was closed for public participation

17-007: Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Hunt gave County and District Council reports as below

County:

- County Cllr Hunt emphasised that devolution will bring benefits in excess of £600million in infrastructure and £170million in Housing
- There will be new County Divisions as the government tries to get every member the similar number of people, Soham South and Haddenham will be our new division.
- County Council is the huge bulk of Council tax we pay and this only rose by 2%, this will be ring-fenced for adult social care
- Milton Station opening is now imminent; it has been handed over to rail network by developers and might be open in a few weeks' time
- Ely by-pass is due to open in spring of 2018, in short term will reduce traffic.

- Expansion at Princess of Wales Unit will go ahead after the proposed closure of the hospital was overturned. There will be long opening hours with more services offered.
- Cllr Hunt explained the prospect of a Flexible Mini Bus, It might take some time to come to you but it's a flexible way of a transport system.
- Cllr Hunt was glad that the Ely Zipper usage has gone up year on year, the more we use it the more it comes out of spotlight. The service can't stop in Witchford because of competition rules with Stage Coach
- A14 £1.4 billion works have started; this will be very much reducing traffic.
- There are trial Social Care models in Soham and St Ives Cllr Hunt is concerned about social care and thinks that the Dutch system, being tried in Soham based on something like a village hall where residents will go and have meals, would benefit communities.
- A rail link from Cambs to Bedford was part of the devolution package and will go ahead.
- Cllr Hunt's dream is to have underground rail in Cambs as he thinks that to be a leading City dramatic changes in transport are needed

District:

- A Cinema is due to open in May 2017
- Leisure Centre is about a year away and due to open in spring of 2018
- Sake Brewery opening in Fordham from July
- There was no increase in Council Tax at district level but the district is still offering free car parking which is a huge achievement.
- Mepal Outdoor centre- This has been vandalised and will be going to consultation to see what people need. East Cambs want to know what to do with it.
- Free Parking until at least May 2019 (No loss Barton Rd), there has been a net gain of 1 car parking space.

17-008: Matters not arising covered elsewhere in the Agenda

None

17-009: Business Matters

a. To receive and approve the accounts for the year 2016/17 and completion of the Annual Return

It was resolved that the Annual Return be approved and forwarded for both internal audit and external audit.

b. Access control of Box/Cloud based storage

It was resolved that we should look at what other providers are out there and also the prices and this should be dealt with at Finance Committee and come up with a solution

c. Discuss cost apportionment for hosting Cricket

It was discussed that the fees we receive from the Cricket Club are inadequate and have not reviewed for number of years whilst the incremental costs related to the Cricket Club are too high.

Cllr Howard proposed to engage with the Cricket Club and agree annual fee, seconded by Cllr Hennessy and Cllr Dodson

It was resolved that Cllr Stubs and Cllr Upton will contact the Cricket Club to start engaging with them, ask to have this item on the Cricket Club meeting and to attend the Cricket Club meeting to discuss this issue.

d. Approval of the Hall plans for submission for planning permission

It was resolved to approve the Hall plans for submission.

e. Community cinema

The Parish councillors were asked if they are prepared to put a letter forward to say they will support a community cinema

It was resolved that the Council will put forward a letter of support so that the project can get some funding.

f. Discuss establishing an events committee for 2017

Wilburton Village has got two major events in a year, the Beer Festival and Fireworks, but the Village would welcome more events.

It was resolved that The Council will welcome the idea of forming an events committee which will be given a £2,000 starting fund with the objective of breaking even

g. To receive any updates or reports from the Chair of the following Committees and working groups:

- **Finance Committee** – The year finished with expenditure being within budget.
- **Planning Committee**- Sadly some planning objections are still being ignored.
- **Grounds, Litter and Minor Works.**
 - Cllr Harvey Upton updated that we now have 4 corex signs in the village and hopefully this will remind speeding drivers to reduce speed when driving through our village.
 - Cllr Harvey also spoke to a dog warden regarding the dog fouling issue facing the village and was advised that offenders can be prosecuted provided there is video evidence or eye witness
 - We now know that Berristead-Broadway pathway was adopted by the Highways so it will be easier to have any overgrown hedges cut
- **Traffic and Safety Committee**
 - Carpond Lane Double Yellow Lines and Raised Crossing works will be starting on 29th May 2017
 - Disappointment on the not getting an extension of 30 mph speed limit on A1123 from current to 100m beyond Millfield Place, with subsequent extension of 40mph limit 300m beyond this.
 - The Committee will look at plans to have a second crossing and more yellow lines where appropriate
- **Recreation Improvement Group**
 - We have a football club interested in using our football pitch
 - Cllr Howard is going to apply for some funding for Village Hall and encourages RIG to do the same for the Pavilion son.
- **SWCLT**- It was resolved to support the SWCLT in development at all three sites.

17-010 - Correspondence not covered in Business Matters

17-011 - Councillors Questions – To receive any comments or questions from the Councillors

17-012 - Date of next meeting 3 July 2017

Meeting closed at 11:05pm

Signed:

Date:

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Committee Memberships – May 2017

Finance Cllr K Hennessy (Chair)
 Cllr R Howard
 Cllr P Massey
 Cllr D Reynolds
 Cllr A Dodson

Planning Cllr A Dodson(Chair)
 Cllr R Howard
 Cllr G Parrish
 Cllr H Upton

Minor Works Cllr H Upton (Chair)
 Cllr A Dodson
 Cllr R Howard
 Cllr P Massey
 Cllr D Reynolds
 Cllr G Parish
 Cllr P Stubbs

Traffic and Safety Cllr G Forsyth (Chair)
 Cllr A Dodson
 Cllr K Hennessy
 Cllr P Stubbs