

WILBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting on 5 January 2017 at St Peter's Hall at 8.00pm

Present: Cllr K Hennessy, Cllr R Howard, Cllr P Massey, Cllr D Reynolds, Cllr H Upton, Cllr P Stubbs and Cllr G Parrish

Also Present: Cllr Hunt, Mr R Zvauya (The Clerk) and a member of the public

16-039: Apologies, Acceptance of apologies and declarations of interests

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Dodson and Cllr G Forsyth.

16-040: To approve of the minutes of previous full Council meeting on 3 October 2016 and EGM on 12 December 2016

It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 3 October 2016 and 12 December 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

16-041: Public Participation – to accept questions and comments from members of the public and councillors with a prejudicial interest.

At 8:05pm the meeting was open to the public.

Georgina Peachey, resident of Mill Field Place, gave her arguments to support an extension of 30 mph speed limit on A1123 from current to 100m beyond Mill Field Place, with subsequent extension of 40mph limit 300m beyond this. 10 years ago there was an accident along that stretch of A1123 and her son was in a comma. On 12 November 2016 her son's car was hit by a speeding car and had to be written off. She also pointed out that children have to cross the road sometimes in the dark to wait for buses to go to school.

Georgina promised to submit a written account of her experience to the Parish Council as evidence together with video footage of the accident on 12 November 2016.

The meeting was back in session at 8:12

16-042: Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Hunt said to write to him with the evidence, from Georgina, and he can contact a new Police Sgt based at Ely who is very helpful

Cllr Hunt reported on District and County Council as follows;

County

- Devolution will bring benefits in excess of £600million in infrastructure and £100million 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
- There are Plans for Camb to Bedford rail link, Soham Station, Wisbech station etc.
- Ely By Pass opening Spring 2018, work starting on Monday 9/1/17
- There are Plans for A10 upgrade as there is now a budget to explore possibilities
- Cambridge North Station will be opening in spring 2017 and New Chesterton foot/cycle bridge in 2017/18 to encourage people to go and watch Cambridge United FC.
- Princess of Wales Hospital future is looking bright; with a doctor on duty and extended hours, so not is closing down.

- The County Council had planned to reduce gritting but this has now been reversed, this is now back as normal.
- Resurface on A1123 and B1049 (Wilburton Only). One person complained because work was done at night not in the afternoon when he was at work.

District (Wilburton only)

- Cinema in Ely is on the cards to open by Easter.
- Work on the Leisure Centre in Ely has also started.
- Tunnel at Downham Road under construction.
- Cycle link at St John's Road Ely is now safer people can cycle safely
- The East Cambridgeshire District Council is not planning to increase Council Tax for 2017/18 which is good news. The County Council might increase their portion.
- No net loss of parking at Barton Rd Ely 1150 spaces including Waitrose. Out of the 4 parking spaces lost, 5 have been found in Broadway so net gain of 1. Only city in East Anglia with free parking.
- New Station Car Parks at Angel Drove Ely and Littleport. Bought acre of land next to Tesco click and collect to open within 6 months. Bought extra 80 spaces at Littleport to ease traffic and some in reserve.

16-043: Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

None

16-044: Business Matters

- a. **To receive any updates or reports from the Chair of the following Committees and working groups:-**
 - **Finance Committee** – Expenditure is within budget.
 - **Planning Committee** - Responded to several planning applications which have been submitted outside the planning boundary and have opposed them all on the grounds of being outside the boundary and no CLT involvement. However, I am not sure how we will get on as the planning rules appear to be very lax at the moment due to the need for more housing in East Cambs. We have opposed the two semidetached houses at 8 The Firs as the design is totally at odds with anything else that is nearby, in particular the thatched cottage.
 - **Grounds, Litter and Minor Works** - The Hall Working Group has been formed. The Community Payback Team has done the sandpits for free. We have new sign for the Village Hall, to be finished soon.
 - **Traffic and Safety Committee** – Cllr Hennessy advised that Cllr G Forsyth will stand down from the Council end of fiscal year. Cllr G Forsyth had updates but not received in time for the meeting.
 - **Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Police Liaison**- no update
 - **Recreation Improvement Group**- Cllr Hennessy updated that we need to appoint CMP as architects for the pavilion project. They have met all the requirements/needs. Their design met the requirements to carry this forward. Initial cost is around £7K to get the design produced and submitted for planning. CMP also met the needs of the landowner which is important for us to get the lease extension from them. We can't get the ball rolling without spending this and without any planning permission. Cllr Hennessy proposed to ask RIG to engage the architect, Cllr Massey seconded, all in favour
 - **Community Land Trust Scheme**- Not much developments but the group is meeting this month.
 - **Community Led Plan**- Need to review and see what our achievements are
- b. **Approval of Budget and setting Precept**- It was resolved to set the precept at same level as previous year.

16-045: Correspondence not covered in Business Matters

16-046: Councillors Questions – To receive any comments or questions from the Councillors

Cllr Hennessy said the Parish Council has to apply to Local Council to have the preservation order for the Pub to remain as a Pub as the village needs a Pub. Immediately, there is no action for us to take.

16-047: Date of next meeting - 3 May 2017

Meeting closed at 10:40 pm

Signed:

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