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Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 8 July 2013 in St Peters Hall

Present: Councillors Newman, Dodson, Warren, Yarrow, Furness and Kirk. 12 local residents.

010713. Apologies, Acceptance of apologies and declarations of interests.

Councillor Fella sent his apologies

Councillor Furness declared an interest if the possibility of the Pell Estate was raised.

020713. To consider approving of the minutes from the monthly meeting held 10 June 2013.

Several issues were raised regarding these minutes relating to venue, number of residents and Councillors questions.

Resolved: - It was agreed that they would be amended, and re-circulated for approval at the next meeting.

030713. Co-opting of Parish Councillors

Councillor Warren proposed that Kevin Hennessy be co-opted as a Parish Councillor, which was seconded by Councillor Yarrow. All in favour.

Councillor Newman proposed Gordon Forsyth be co-opted as a Parish Councillor, which was seconded by Councillor Dodson. All in favour.

Resolved: - That Kevin Hennessy and Gordon Forsyth be co-opted as Parish Councillors.

Action Points: - Clerk to advise East Cambs District Council of the elections and arrange for the required paperwork to be completed.

040713. Public Participation – to accept questions and comments from members of the public and councillors with a prejudicial interest.

A local resident presented a letter of concern signed by a number of parishioners regarding the Parish Council's planned refurbishment of the Pavilion, the plans regarding the Pell Estate and recreation ground itself, and its future without consulting parishioners.

Barry Starr from Wilburton Theatre Group confirmed that he has received quotes regarding pullies to the stage curtains at St Peters Hall, and once he has received confirmation regarding a query that he has, he will pass on to the Parish Council. It was confirmed that needs to be safe before the panto. As children should

not be on stage unsupervised, this is something that could be raised for the subcommittee for St Peters Hall to look into and possibly add to the booking conditions for the Hall.

A resident raised the condition of the allotments were raised and it was confirmed that the allotments had been checked, and the conditions of all were currently being addressed.

A problem with a street light on Station Road was raised, and the resident will advise the Clerk of the number so that it can be reported.

Kevin Hennessy raised (as a member of the public) concerns regarding an exchange of E-mails regarding the Pavilion, seeming to suggest that decisions could be made outside a formal Parish Council meeting, which is incorrect. The Councillors apologised for any offence caused by the E-mails, and it was confirmed that, any and all correspondence regarding Parish business, cannot be confidential if requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Mr Hennessy confirmed that he was happy with this outcome and the matter could be closed.

50713. Reports from County and District Councillors.

Report from Councillor Bill Hunt

The Council are rolling out real-time Bus information at stops across the County and the scheme should be complete by the end of 2014. He is working on changing the route of the 106 as previously advised.

He supports the re-opening of Soham Station but is of the view that the re-building of the Newmarket link is essential as it would give direct access from Soham to Cambridge and London not just a link to Ipswich/Bury St Edmunds and Ely/Peterborough.

He thinks that he has succeeded in getting x2 Disabled Parking Bays in Bakery Close Wilburton.

New street lighting Lanterns are being rolled out in some Streets and Parish Councils have been contacted.

He is pleased that massive work is scheduled on A14 in Cambridgeshire (£1. Billion) with work planned to start in 2016.

Delighted that CCC has obtained more funding for our Schools from central Government. (The County was bottom of the national list of money per pupil.)

There is a new system of dealing with minor highways improvements and looking to receive suggestions from Parish Councils – he is on the committee who decides whether it is appropriate.

The A10 has been declared as a transport corridor priority – which means that we want to be improving and increasing the amount of traffic and public transport along the corridor.

SWCLT are starting to win awards and has been mentioned in Parliament.

ECDC have abolished the scrutiny committee which he believes is correct and a plus for democracy. This has allowed for a new asset development committee to be formed of which he has been fortunate to be made Chair. The aim is to use the assets owned by ECDC correctly with best value for money.

The Multi-screen cinema in Ely is going to happen with developers paying for an underpass on the A10 and infrastructure which will make the Leisure Centre more viable.

ECDC have obtained £5,000,000 funds from the government to improve our recycling, and the introduction of wheelie bins scheme to be rolled out in September. Each house will have 2 wheelie bins – one for recycling items and one for green waste and food.

060713. 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 - £55.00
Rent of football ground August - £37.5
Grass cutting cemetery £265.50
Grass cutting High Street- Back Lane - £54.50
P warren – keys - £24.75
Grass cutting – Outside church etc. and cutting of keys - £72.00
PRS Licence - £116.04
Electrical repairs to Pavilion - £643.00 (£499.00 for new consumer panel & £144.00 for fixed installation test)
Emergency Electrical repairs to Hall £132.00

Post-dated cheques for August

Clock-winding - £47.66
Caretaking – St Peter’s Hall - £329.33
Parish and Booking Clerk - £377.56
Rent of football ground September - £37.50
Grass cutting cemetery £280.00
Grass cutting outside church etc. - £60.00

Resolved: - It was proposed by Councillor Dodson and seconded by Councillor Newman that all accounts be paid.

070713. PLANNING

Applications: - None

Approved:-

Summer House at 33 Station Road
Change of use of land and outbuildings to dog training centre at White Cross Farm

Refused: - None

Appealed: - Refusal of change of use of land for two plots for show people to include residential accommodation at Site North of 198 Whitecross Road – Reference number 13/00117/FUL
Councillor Warren warned chair that may be contacted by local journalists.

Councillor Furness to check out complaint from resident regarding building works to site near Pony Lodge, Grunty Fen Road.

080713. Review of Action Points from previous meeting to be carried out and any further actions to be agreed.

All action points were discussed, with the following resolutions and action points agreed.

Resolved:-Although old buffer machine passed the PAT testing, it was resolved that Councillor Warren continue with negotiations regarding a replacement machine.

Resolved:-Proposed by Councillor Dodson and seconded by Councillor Forsyth that the allotments continue to be sprayed and request that the pallets be removed. All in favour.

Resolved:-Proposed by Councillor Newman and seconded by Councillor Yarrow that the Clerk arrange for a 1 year contract, at reduced rates, for the electricity for the floodlights in the football field. All in favour.

Action Point: - Clerk to contact Eon to change contract.

Resolved:-It was agreed to add the Pavilion Lease to the Agenda for September's meeting.

Action Point: - Clerk to add to Agenda.

Action Point: - Clerk to contact letting agency to try to obtain a contact number for the tenants of the cottage so that quotes may be arranged for the replacement of the kitchen and required repairs.

Action Point: - Clerk to add the flooring and decoration of the small committee meeting to be added to September's meeting.

090713. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Policy regarding quotes and purchase orders

Resolved: - That this be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Points: - Clerk to add to September's Agenda.

(b) Social Club Lease

Resolved: - That this be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Points: - Clerk to add to September's Agenda.

(c) ROSPA Report

Resolved: - That this be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Points: - Clerk to add to September's Agenda.

(d) St Peters Hall – Sub-committee

Resolved: - This item already covered in action points above

(e) Pavilion repairs/electrical repairs

Councillor Newman handed out the updated list following the meeting at the Pavilion on 3 July 2013 and Councillor Hennessey requested that the Cricket Club write to the 77 committee regarding a new kitchen. Councillor Warren requested that beading in the main room be added to the list.

Councillor Dodson proposed that revised quotations be obtained, this was seconded by Councillor Newman. All in favour.

Councillor Warren to confirm the specifications for the doors to the shed and pavilion for the Clerk to be able to obtain the quotes.

Councillor Newman could raise an extraordinary meeting if necessary.

Resolved: - Clerk to obtain revised quotes, once specifications for doors supplied by Councillor Warren. Extraordinary meeting to possibly be called depending on when quotes received.

Action Points: - Councillor Warren to give specification for doors to Clerk, and Clerk to obtain revised quotes.

(f) S106 funds

Resolved: - That this be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Points: - Clerk to add to September's Agenda.

Meeting closed at 21.45pm

100713. Date of next meeting – 9 September 2013

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

Signed:

Date: