

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LITLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
LITLINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2019**

PRESENT: Cllr Bathmaker (Chairman), Cllr Williams, Cllr Barlow, Cllr Gray, Cllr Wiltshire, Cllr Jones, Cllr Sharp
Members of the Public 0

7.15 pm PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr McClelland, Cllr Pledger, County Cllr Kindersley and District Cllr Cathcart

02. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Chairman declared a non pecuniary interest under Item 4.1 as a neighbour. Cllr Sharp declared a non pecuniary interest under Item 4.1 as he was associated with the covenant on the land.

03. OPEN FORUM

There were no issues raised.

04. TO CONSIDER PLANNING/TREE APPLICATIONS

4.1 Planning Ref S/0403/19/FL

Site adjoining Fairholme, Bassingbourn Road –Change of use of agricultural land, demolition of barn and stables and construction of replacement barn for commercial use (Class B1)

(Dr P Thulby)

The plans were discussed .

Recommendation –No Recommendation

Lack of compliance with the Local Plan

05. UPDATE ON LEASE FOR RECREATION GROUND

The Solicitor had received the signed lease but advised that she was still waiting for the signed Statutory Declaration. The Chairman to deal and return as soon as possible.

*-Cllr
Bathmaker*

06. OTHER PLANNING ISSUES

6.1 East West Rail Consultation

The Chairman advised Councillors that a report to Cambridgeshire County Councillors recommended that Route A, which would run through Bassingbourn and be the closest to Litlington, be voted as the preferred route.

A number of local parishes had been in contact with a view to joining forces to put up a fight if this option was chosen by East West Rail when their report and announcement was released later in the year. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council and village should be part of a campaign. It was recognised that Cllr Kindersley, and the CAMBED Railroad team had put a lot of time and money into promoting a northern route which had been dismissed by East West Rail. The Chairman would liaise with Cllr Kindersley to discuss what could be done and how the local MPs could help. The Clerk to advise those other local Parish Councils that had not been in contact of the proposal for an action group.

*-Cllr
Bathmaker
& Clerk*

7.45 pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Pledger, Cllr McClelland, County Cllr Kindersley and District Cllr Cathcart

02. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no interests declared.

03. OPEN FORUM –Comments and observations from Members of the Public

3.1 Recreation Centre refurbishment proposal

3.2 Other issues

There were no members of the public in attendance.

04. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

4.1 District Council

Apologies had been received from District Cllr Cathcart.

4.2 County Council

Cllr Kindersley was not in attendance but a report had been circulated.

05. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

5.1 Planning/Parish Council Meeting 12th February 2019

Minutes of the meeting, copies previously circulated, were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5.2 Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting 7th March 2019

Minutes of the meeting, copies previously circulated, were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

06. LIVE INITIATIVES/UPDATE ON RESOLUTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

6.1 Action Point Review of Parish Plan

Cllr Pledger had circulated an up to date report to Councillors. This was reviewed.

One outstanding issue was the suggestion of a review of the one way system. This had been overtaken in 2018 by discussion on the MVAS and Bassingbourn Road speeding traffic. In April 2018 the Parish Council had been advised by the Highway Manager that the cost for a speed survey of the one way system would be around £900. The Clerk to resurrect this suggestion as an agenda item at the next meeting.

-Clerk

Another outstanding issue was related to the village Rights of Way and signage. Cllr Barlow stated that there was a lot of confusion as to where the actual official Rights of Way were. He added that there was not that many and the paths were all signposted. A discussion took place on the official footpaths and permissive paths. It was suggested that the footpath leaflet produced a number of years ago could be updated to include requests for dog control etc. The Clerk to circulate the original leaflet for further discussion.

-Clerk

Planting along the village verges and grassed areas was another topic. Cllr Wiltshire had over the past couple of years planted a lot of daffodils around the village. She suggested that wild flowers could also be planted, for example, at the approaches to the village. A discussion took place on possibilities and it was agreed that Cllr Wiltshire, Cllr Williams and Cllr Barlow would look at the options and make a recommendation to the Parish Council.

-Cllrs
Wiltshire,
Williams &
Barlow

6.2 Update on Clunch Pit Activity and Information Boards

Cllr Jones and Cllr Barlow had met with the owner of the land around the clunch pit and put down some markers for the fencing contractor to dig holes for the posts. Cllr Jones advised that the landowner was planning to put sheep on the land to graze in the Spring which would hopefully assist in preventing motorcyclists using the land.

6.2.1 Request for a seat

Cllr Williams to present a proposal to the Parish Council.

-Cllr
Williams

6.3 Traffic Issues

The result of the LHI bid 2019/20 was not yet known.

6.3.1 MVAS Update

Cllr Williams confirmed that the monitoring team was in place. She queried who was keeping the data collected. The Chairman advised that two Royston Road residents had access to the data sets. He explained how the data was collected via an app on an android phone.

The Clerk advised that County Highways had confirmed that the posts for mounting the MVAS were on order. The Officer was as frustrated as parishioners over the lack of progress.

6.4 Quotation for a planted Christmas Tree

Cllr Barlow reported that he had a quotation for a 3 -3 ½ metre high Norwegian Spruce tree which would cost £800 plus VAT for purchase and installation. This was less than half the previous quotation. The Chairman advised that a member of the Village Fayre committee had indicated that they would be willing to contribute to the cost. A discussion took place on

planting and watering. Cllr Barlow had been advised that the best time to plant would be in November. It was proposed by Cllr Wiltshire, seconded by Cllr Williams that the tree be purchased. All Councillors in agreement. Cllr Gray then proposed that a water butt be purchased to take water from the Recreation Centre roof. This was seconded by Cllr Wiltshire with all Councillors in agreement. Cllr Barlow to forward details to the Clerk. He would also speak to the residents around the village green so that they were aware of the Plan.

07. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received was discussed under agenda items.

08. PLAY AREA /RECREATION GROUND/CENTRE

8.1 Play Area update

Cllr Williams and Cllr Gray had circulated an inspection update. Cllr Williams advised that there was an area behind the children's play area where moss had replaced the grass. She confirmed that there was no Health and Safety issue. It was agreed that the grasscutting contractor be asked to purchase and sprinkle some grass seed on the affected area.

-Cllr
Williams

8.1.1 Quotation for repairs highlighted in 2018 RoSPA report

Cllr Gray agreed to urge the quotation, as discussed at the last meeting, for the Clerk to place the order.

-Cllr Gray
& Clerk

8.2 Recreation Centre Operational Issues

The Recreation Centre Management Committee would be meeting before the next Parish Council meeting.

8.3 Recreation Ground

There were no issues reported.

8.3.1 Proposal for a Tennis Court -Quotations

There was no further update.

09. REQUESTS FOR STREET FURNITURE

9.1 Direction Sign for Village Hall and Recreation Centre

The direction signs were to be installed at the same time as the MVAS posts.

9.2 Visibility Mirror and installation update

The Clerk had arranged for the contractor to source and install the pole. There was no further update.

9.3 Dog Waste Bin installation update

There was no further update.

9.4 Royston Road Nameplate

There was no further update.

10. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2019

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on the same evening as the AGM Tuesday 14th May 2019. Items for the agenda could include the update on the Parish Plan, East West Rail update and the suggestion once again of a change to the one way system. The agenda would be finalised following the April meeting.

11. FINANCES

11.1 Payment of Accounts

K BAKER

Recreation Centre cleaning February 2018	£108.00	
Additional clean January 2019	£ 27.00	£135.00

THE BLUE TREE COMPANY

Village tree works (inc. £227.00VAT)		£1362.00
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MRS G BILES

Litter picking January –March 2019

£ 200.20

MRS S WALMESLEY

Clerks Salary & Expenses 1/1/19-31/3/19		£1002.59
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HMRC

PAYE January –March 2019		£ 163.60
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R G OLIVER

Recreation Ground hedge cut (inc. £30.50 VAT)		£ 183.00
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TOTAL £ 3046.39

As agreed at the January 2019 Parish Council meeting the following transaction had taken place on receipt of £2500.00 from the Plunkett Foundation

K McCLELLAND

Payment from Plunkett Foundation (The Crown Survey) £2500.00

12. COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS

12.1 Emergency Plan

Cllr Gray reported that the working group had met and agreed a draft format for the Plan. He was to finalise the draft for completion by the working group. This would then be presented to the Parish Council for approval.

-Cllr Gray

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION FOR URGENT CLERK ACTION

13.1 Village Allotments

Cllr Williams suggested that the Townlands Charity allotments at Limlow Hill be advertised. The Clerk would arrange an advert for tenants from October 2019.

-Clerk

13.2 Next Parish Post

It was proposed that an edition of the newsletter go out to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting on the 14th May. Cllr Jones asked that an item be included to remind dog walkers to keep their dogs on a lead around sheep. The Post would be prepared following the next Parish Council meeting with a view to being distributed with The Prospect at the beginning of May.

13.3 Dog Fouling

Cllr Williams expressed her concern over the amount of dog fouling on Ashwell Stret. Councillors were aware that the area was used by professional dog walkers that often had up to eight dogs. It was recognised that the Stret was not within the speed limit of the village but Councillors agreed laminated signage might help reduce the fouling. Cllr Williams would also be supplied with some aluminous paint which might make the dog walkers more conscious.

-Cllr Williams

13.4 Anti Social Behaviour

Concern was raised over intimidation of a resident in the village by neighbours. This had been brought to the attention of South Cambridgeshire District Council but no action had been taken. Cllr Wiltshire to ask Cllr Cathcart to escalate with the District Council Housing Officers.

-Cllr Wiltshire

13.5 Vandalism

The Clerk reported that there had been a couple of incidents where car windows had been smashed whilst parked outside their property at night. These had been reported to the police. The Chairman confirmed that Neighbourhood Watch was running and urged residents to be vigilant. Cllr Sharp added that there had been a lot of thefts recently in Guilden Morden.

14. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING- 9th April 2019

There was no further business. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

Chairman

Date