

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LITLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
LITLINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2020**

PRESENT: Cllr Wiltshire (Chairman), Cllr Barlow, Cllr Sharp, Cllr Williams, Cllr Gray, Cllr Parker,
District Cllr Cathcart, County Cllr Kindersley
Members of the public 1

7.30 pm PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bathmaker, Cllr Jones, Cllr Pledger

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

A statement would be published in the next Parish Post which was due to be printed in the next couple of weeks.

3.2 Other Issues

There were no other issues raised.

04. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

4.1 County Council

Cllr Kindersley had circuted a monthly report. He added that the Fire Authority had agreed a 1.91% increase to their element of the council tax and Cambridgeshire County Council were to set their precept at 1/59% which Cllr Kindersley stated did not meet the cost of inflation of the services already being provided.

East West Rail had announced their preferred route being Option E. Litlington and the Mordens would not be affected. CAMBED Railroad needed to decide what to do next. They would continue to campaign for the route previously proposed. The problem was that Route E did not follow the A428 alignment therefore two sets of engineering works would be required instead of one which would be much better and cheaper. The proposed station was also south of Cambourne when the largest development was to the north. The battle would continue to convince East West rail that it would be better for a station to the north. Cllr Kindersley referred to the impact Route E could have on southern villages and stated that CAMBED Railroad now needed to engage with those villages.

Cllr Sharp asked what was to happen to the money raised locally to fight a proposal through local villages. Cllr Kindersley confirmed that there was no money collected only pledges. This could not be used to save other villages.

Cllr Kindersley stated that he was not sure of the next steps although he felt that East West Rail would now prepare a statutory consultation. He was not aware of a timetable. He was also not aware of a timetable for the Oxford to Cambridge cycleway. He added that the Oxford to Cambridge expressway had also gone very quiet.

4.2 District Council

Cllr Cathcart referred to the East West Rail decision not to go through Bassingbourn. He added that the area was not completely free from proposed development as he was not sure of the land included in the recent call for sites. The army was only using a small amount of land at the Barracks so just because the railway was not going there future development on MOD land could not be ruled out.

Cllr Cathcart confirmed that if development was to happen it would not be under the current Local Development Plan which ran until 2030. The next Plan, which was currently being consulted on, was until 2040.

There had recently been a query on the district five year land supply and whether it was failing. Cllr Cathcart stated that if this could not be demonstrated then the process would open up further speculative planning applications. He explained how the five year land supply was measured adding that officers were monitoring the situation very carefully.

The District Council was meeting the following week to agree their council tax. Work was still taking place on an investment strategy where a lot more investments were needed. The Chairman thanked the County and District Councillors for their reports.

05. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

5.1 Parish Council Meeting 14th January 2020

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 Next Parish Post

Cllr Barlow reminded Councillors of the immediate deadline for copy. He welcomed additional content urgently. Cllr Gray agreed to provide an update on the data gathered from the MVAS and the Chairman would prepare an item on dog fouling.

*-Cllrs
Gray &
Wiltshire*

07. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Fewes Lane Consortium –Update on delegation arrangements for SCDC Planning Applications

7.2 SCDC Update on Items referred to Planning Committee

Both items of correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors for information.

08. PLAY AREA /RECREATION GROUND/CENTRE

8.1 Play Area Weekly Inspection

Cllr Williams confirmed that the equipment had not got any worse but urged attention to the broken play structures.

8.1.1 Agreement of Quotations for Repairs

Cllr Gray had arranged a meeting with a Fenland Leisure play equipment representative on Friday 14th February. He welcomed any Councillors available to attend. He added that he was aware that the see-saw would be uneconomical to repair so would have to be removed.

-Cllr Gray

8.2 Recreation Centre Operational Issues

The Chairman and Clerk were meeting with the Booking Secretary at the end of the month to tackle the hire payments received and invoices due for payment.

The Clerk advised that the Booking Secretary had advised months ago that she was too busy to continue but nobody had come forward to take her place.

It was agreed that an appeal be made in the Parish Post for a volunteer. Clerk to arrange.

-Clerk

The next meeting of the Management Committee would take place before the April Parish Council meeting where the financial positions for 2019/20 should be known.

8.3 Recreation Ground

The Chairman reported that further tiles had fallen off the wall in the changing room adding that the two changing rooms would have to be boarded up for safety. The footballers had advised that they would be happy with portacabins adapted for changing facilities. It was noted that a concrete base and services would add to the cost of these. It was suggested that if portacabins were installed then the main hall and kitchen would still be usable. It was acknowledged that there would be no chance of grant funding of these facilities. Cllr Gray agreed to investigate the costs and report back at the next meeting.

-Cllr Gray

8.3.1 Hedge Cut Update

The hedge had been cut. The invoice was awaited.

09. UPDATE ON TRAFFIC/STREET FURNITURE

9.1 South Street/Meeting Lane/Bassingbourn Road junction-Feasibility Assessment Update

The fee to get the assessment underway had been sent to the County Council.

9.1.1 Traffic Flow Survey –update

Councillors were still to meet and arrange a strategy for the monitoring of vehicles over a one hour period in early morning. Cllr Parker offered his help.

-Cllrs

9.1.2 Bollard /Reflector Request

There had been no response from the Local Highway Officer. The Clerk to urge.

-Clerk

9.2 MVAS Update

9.2.1 Positioning Of Equipment

The MVAS was currently situated on Church Street. The Chairman had noticed that the flashing red light had reduced and the green light increased which suggested that the sign was

having an effect in that position. The Clerk was still to follow up permission for the sign to be mounted on the County Council lighting columns. -Clerk

9.3 Direction Sign for Village Hall and Recreation Centre

The signs should have been installed end of 2019 beginning of 2020. The Clerk to find out the position. -Clerk

9.4 Visibility Mirror and installation update

The contractor would be urged for an update. -Clerk

9.5 LHI 2020/21 Panel Meeting date

The Clerk reported that unfortunately the County Council had rescheduled the panel meeting dates and Cllrs Pledger and Gray were unable to attend. The results from the meetings were usually released at the end of March so the outcome of the applications should be known by then. Applications for the 2021/22 LHI funding usually opened late Spring so if the current application was unsuccessful, a further attempt with hopefully support from Bassingbourn Parish Council, could be made then.

10. VILLAGE OPEN SPACES

10.1 Village Tree Survey

Cllr Barlow had circulated the tree survey. A discussion took place on the condition of the trees and the need to take maintenance seriously to comply with Health and Safety. Quotations for urgent work were being sought and these would be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

10.2 Agreement of Grasscutting Contracts 2020/22

Quotations had been received from three contractors and details circulated to Councillors. The Clerk advised that one of the contractors had to pull out.

The Clerk also advised that there had been a recent directive from NALC prohibiting any financial support to open burial grounds. She referred to St Catherine's Church which had a closed burial ground. As this was closed the responsibility to maintain the grounds fell to the Parish Council. The Cemetery however was also a burial ground associated to the Church. The Clerk believed that funding should not be made towards the grasscutting of this area. She was waiting for confirmation of the position from CAPALC.

A discussion took place on the tenders where it was decided to exclude the Cemetery grasscutting.

On a proposal by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Parker, it was agreed to accept the quotation from Stewart Bullard for all other areas for a three year period. All Councillors in agreement. -Clerk

The Clerk to advise the contractors. She would also write to the Church and explain the situation regarding the Cemetery grasscutting.

11. PLANNING

11.1 Planning Applications

11.1.1 Planning Ref S/0209/20/DC S/0137/20/DC S/0139/20/DC S/0138/20/DC S/02199/20/DC S/0208/20/DC (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Sheen Farm, Royston Road –Discharge of condition 9 (Storage of Refuse) condition 22 (ecological enhancement plan) condition 10 (surface water drainage) condition 12 (foul water drainage) condition 4 (landscapes) (site waste management plan) (cycle storage) of planning permission S/2927/17/FL

11.2 Parish Council response to Local Development Plan Issues and Options consultation

Councillors agreed that they did not wish to make a representation on behalf of the village at this stage.

11.3 Building works on properties in conservation area

The Clerk had spoken to residents and been advised that all works were with the consent of the SCDC planning and conservation officers.

12. FINANCES

12.1 Payment of Accounts

K BAKER

Recreation Centre cleaning January 2020 £94.50

MR G BARLOW

Reimburse for hazard tape (inc £0.96VAT) £ 5.75

ARGENTA TREE SURVEYS LTD

Village tree survey (inc £106.56VAT) £639.56

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER	
Renewal of data protection registration	£ 40.00
LITLINGTON & THE MORDENS MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME	
Donation 2019/20	£600.00
TOTAL	£1379.81

AGREED Proposed Cllr Williams, Seconded Cllr Parker

12.2 Internet Banking

The Clerk was awaiting the personal details for Cllr Bathmaker.

*-Cllr
Bathmaker*

13. COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS

13.1 Update on Emergency Plan information

The working group would meet before the next Parish Council meeting on the 10th March 2020.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION OR URGENT ATTENTION BY THE CLERK

14.1 Operation London Bridge

Further guidance had been received from Cambridgeshire County Council. This had been discussed previously where it was advised that the Church had plans in place. The latest guidance suggested that the Church should not be the main location for remembrance.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase a Book of Remembrance, and a black tablecloth, in preparation. Clerk to arrange.

-Clerk

14.2 Support for Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

It was agreed at a previous meeting that a letter of support for the participation of the youngsters on the recreation ground mound would be prepared. Cllr Gray would liaise with the Clerk.

*-Cllr Gray
& Clerk*

15. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING- 10th March 2020

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

Chairman

Date