

Minutes of a meeting of Hildersham Parish Council held in Hildersham Parish Church, High Street, Hildersham, Cambridge, on Tuesday 9th March 2010.

Present: Keith Day (Chairman), Jean Kelly, Andrew Westwood-Bate, District Councillor Trisha Bear, Paula Harper (Clerk), and 4 members of the public

Keith Day thanked the Parochial Church Council for allowing the Parish Council meeting to be held in the church.

Open forum started at 7.31pm

Gerald Franklin suggested that the Council reconsider its decision about the telephone box as he felt it would be removed without further consultation with the Council. Councillors explained that the Council had to be consulted before the telephone was finally removed. Gerald Franklin stated that Hildersham Parish had the highest rateable value in the District.

Open forum closed at 7.36pm

Meeting started at: 7.36pm

88. Apologies – none, although Dan Gresham sent apologies after the meeting.

Keith Day congratulated Lizzie and Dan Gresham on the arrival of their son Benjamin.

89. The minutes of the last meetings on 13th January and 3rd February 2010 were approved and signed. The minutes for 13th January were amended to include Councillor Batchelor as having attended the meeting and to exclude Councillor Bear.

90. Feedback on actions from the last meeting

An extra Parish Council meeting was held in February to decide whether the Council could pay for the planning application for the new village hall.

The Clerk contacted Mr and Mrs Humphrys about their section 106-agreement funding. It remained unclear which footpaths are maintained by the District Council, so **Andrew Westwood-Bate** agreed to pursue this question. The query about the consultation has been dealt with.

91. Report from District Councillor Trisha Bear

Councillor Bear had spoken with Mr Harwood-Clarke, of South Cambridgeshire District Council about installing bins at the bus shelters, but had received no reply. Cambridge Community Clear up fund can provide funding up to £200 to communities to clear up litter. The District Council as well as Parish Council elections, would take place on 6th May, unless a General Election was called, in which case they would both take place 3 weeks later.

92. Report from County Councillor John Batchelor

The Council Tax had been fixed at 3% increase, so the County Councils budget would be reduced by 20% over the next 2-3 years.

The Transport Innovation Fund- the bid for funding by the County failed, as it would not signed up to the congestion charge. The Urban Renewal Fund would replace this scheme, which would be unlikely to apply to this County

The guided bus was not likely to be in use in the near future due to on-going disputes between the contractor and County about the over spend on the project.

93. Feedback from the Linton Wind Farm Inquiry

Andrew Westwood-Bate made a presentation on behalf of this Council at the inquiry.

The inquiry had been extended to September to enable results from noise research to be considered. The inspector's decision would be announced in December at the earliest.

94. Village Hall Charitable Trust (VHCT)

- a) Update from VHCT – The planning application had been submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council. The Trust had also been notified of two new funding opportunities to investigate.

95. Selecting contractors to cut the verges around the village and the play area.

Four contractors had submitted prices for cutting the grass in the play area and the verges around the village. Robert Wright was selected to continue as the contractor for the play area, and having heard the recommendations received concerning Majestic Garden Services, they were selected to cut the verges this year.

Action Clerk: to inform all the contractors of the decisions.

These decisions were proposed by Andrew Westwood-Bate and seconded by Keith Day.

96. Tree work update

- a) The Councillors were delighted with the work carried out on the pine tree and sycamore by the bridge.

97. Village maintenance

- a) Update on planting the oak tree in memory of Ivor Levitt. **Keith Day** agreed to keep Mrs Binney-Killander and the Levitt family informed of the likely timing for planting the tree and installing the bench. It was hoped this could take place in early April.

- b) Update on the production of the circular seat in memory of Ivor Levitt. The suggested changes to the bench were agreed. This included an additional cost of £20 for each decorative sheep and zinc coating the fence, rather galvanising it.

These changes were proposed by Andrew Westwood-Bate and seconded by Keith Day

- c) News from Carol Sinclair, the Tree Warden for the village - Carol attend a training last weekend and requested a map of the parish with a plan of the protected trees – **action Andrew Westwood-Bate**. Carol had started measuring and photographing the older trees in the parish. There were grants available for pollarding some trees and planting hedges, which Carol would investigate.

Action Clerk: to contact Roz Richardson (SCDC Trees Officer) asking about the semi-mature trees she offered to replace the cherry trees along the path.

- d) Division of a large allotment plot into smaller plots. **Action Andrew Westwood-Bate** agreed to divide up Jim Tarry's old plot into 2 plots, when the soil is dryer.

98. Risk management of Parish Council's assets

- a) Lighting at the bus shelter on the A1307 – the advice received from Tony Hull (of Cambridgeshire County Council) was that installing a light in this location would cost tens of thousands of pounds. The Council agreed to await the creation of the right turn lane on the A1307 into Hildersham, which it was hoped would include lighting.

99. Correspondences

- a) SCDC- Parish Elections – postponement information
- b) Parish Council Elections nomination papers are with the Clerk. **Action Clerk** to put notice up about nomination papers.
- c) Cambridgeshire County Council- provision of salt bins. There was no news on the two bins ordered.
- d) Parish Paths Partnership membership paperwork had been completed and returned.
- e) Training for P3 co-ordinators. It was agreed that the Council would fund Andrew Westwood-Bate should he be able to attend. This was proposed by Keith Day and seconded by Jean Kelly.
- f) SCDC – invoice for the pedestrian lights had been paid

- g) Local road gritting. The roads had been reclassified for the purposes of gritting, resulting in only A and B roads being treated, so Andrew Westwood-Bate had highlighted that the Fulbourn to Balsham Road should be included on their route.
- h) Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework- plans for a recycling centre south of the new Addenbrookes access road at Trumpington. There seemed to be nothing to object to in this plan.
- i) Cambridgeshire ACRE –boiler scrapage scheme was available

100. Working for Quality Status

- a) Update – work was progressing well with the Council able to fulfil a large number of sections required.

101. Finance

- a) The Council approved and authorised the payments dated 09.03.10.
This was proposed by Jean Kelly and seconded by Keith Day
- b) The Clerk was authorised to purchase an extra driver for the computer to ensure the files are secure.
This was proposed by Jean Kelly and seconded by Keith Day.
Action Clerk to talk with Great Abington Parish Council about this suggestion.

102. Planning

Reference:	For:	At:	Proposal:	Decision:
S/1174/09/F	West Lodge Kennels & Cattery	West Lodge Kennels & Cattery, Linton Road	Change of use for garage to dog bathing area	SCDC granted permission
/1852/09/LB	Mr & Mrs G Lambert	Manor House, High Street	Replace & extend porch with utility room	SCDC granted permission
S/1851/09/F	Mr & Mrs G Lambert	Manor House, High Street	Porch/utility	SCDC granted permission
S/1832/09/F	Dr Paul Barnes	Nellore, Pampisford Road	Extension	Application withdrawn
S/10074/10/F	Mr & Mrs G. Franklin	Land to the north-east of Rectory Farm Bungalow	Dwelling	Application approved by Parish Council

103.Items for the next meetings agenda

Insurance

Meeting closed at 8.23pm

Open forum – started at 8.23pm

It was suggested that the ford should have a measuring stick in it. **Councillor Batchelor** agreed to follow this up.

Carol Sinclair volunteered to hold one of the flood signs, which **Andrew Westwood-Bate** agreed to give her.

Open forum finished at 8.27pm

Next meeting in May date to be agreed.