

Minutes of a meeting of Hildersham Parish Council held in the Village Hall, High Street, Hildersham, Cambridge, on Wednesday 13th January 2010.

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

Meeting started at: 7.30pm

Open forum

Gerald Franklin expressed concern that the Council was to consider purchasing a salt bin. Robin Meikle expressed his concerns about the future of the Village Hall Trust, if they were unable to attract new trustees. He also felt that decisions required from the Parish Council would delay the actions of the Trust and that there was a lack of interest from the Community in the project. It was agreed that if required the Council would hold an extraordinary meeting to agree whether it was appropriate for them to pay for the village hall planning application.

Action: Clerk to seek advice from CPALC.

Jean Kelly agreed to send a list of potholes to the Clerk to forward to the Highways department.

Mark Huntsman volunteered to sweep up the mud resulting from the burst water main outside Peartree Cottage.

71. Apologies – District Councillor Trisha Bear

72. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th November 2009 were approved and signed.

73. Feedback on actions from the last meeting

Trisha Bear had contacted the Clerk to explain that the Council was not being consulted about the Chairman's Delegation Committee at this time.

The Clerk had spoken with Richard Preston of the Highways Department and he had agreed to speak with Linton Parish Council to facilitate a meeting. John Batchelor confirmed that Richard Preston had spoken with him.

Karen Champion who coordinates the maintenance of footpaths for the County Council had spoken with the Clerk to explain that the County only maintain 2 paths in the parish. **Action: Clerk** to find out which ones they are.

Action: Clerk to remind Trisha Bear that she had agreed support the Council's request for bins to be put near the bus shelters.

74. Report from County Councillor John Batchelor

Public meeting would be held at several venues, including Granta Park, in the next few weeks about the Planning Appeal by Enertrag UK (Ltd) to build a wind farm on land near Little Linton Farm.

Both the District and County Councils were setting their budgets, which would involve making significant cutbacks in spending.

Councillor Batchelor answered a query about a section 106 agreement, by explaining that if the agreement was signed after 1st February 2010, the funds could be used for village facilities, such as building a new village hall. **Action; Clerk** to contact Mr and Mrs Humphrys with this information.

75. Parish Council's contribute towards the printing costs of the quarterly Hello Hildersham publication

The cost of the publication would be shared with the Village Hall Trust, the Parochial Parish Council and the Parish Council. It was proposed that the Council budget to allocate £250 toward the cost of funding the 'Hello Hildersham' publication. This was proposed by Jean Kelly and seconded by Keith Day.

76. The budget and precept for the Council for 2010-2011

The budget document prepared by the Clerk was amended to include a contingency of £500 and the figure budgeted for Hello Hildersham was reduced to £250.

It was agreed that the precept request for 2010-2011 should be £12,000.

The new budget and the precept were agreed by a proposal from Andrew Westwood-Bate, which was seconded by Dan Gresham.

77. The future of the telephone box on Beech Row-

A notice that had been posted onto the telephone box stated that the telephone was to be disconnected. There were options for the connection to be sponsored by the Council and for the structure of the 'phone box to be kept in the village.

It was agreed to reconsider the matter when there was a threat that the box would be removed.

78. Village Hall Charitable Trust (VHCT)

Update from VHCT – On Friday at the Trust's Annual General Meeting the plans for the village hall would be shown to the village

Unless there are objections from the District Council, the Trust would proceed to remove the willow tree on the recreation ground.

The Parish Council would like Jenny Logan to continue to be their representative on the Village Hall Trust. This was proposed by Andrew Westwood-Bate and seconded by Keith Day.

79. Update on the Council's request to meet with Linton Parish Council to discuss construction traffic using the Back Road to Linton.

Andrew Westwood-Bate agreed to raise the lack of information from the County Council over the Parish Consultation.

80. Tree work update

a) The Council had now received three quotations, and the cheapest contractor, Eastern Tree Surgery, had been instructed to work on the large pine tree by the bridge. This work would be undertaken in February.

b) Further work to trim a sycamore that was crowding two small adjacent pines and to remove a willow tree on the recreation ground would be undertaken in the next financial year.

81. Village maintenance

a) Planting the oak tree in memory of Ivor Levitt -**Keith Day** volunteered to arrange a date, to plant the tree and have the bench unveiled, with Mrs Binney-Killander and the Levitt family.

b) Derek Patten suggested that the bench in memory of Ivor Levitt, could have sheep and tractors on the back of the seats. The Councillors agreed that sheep only would be appropriate. The Bench was likely to be completed in March/April.

c) Installing bins at the two bus shelters. The Councillors agreed to defer any action or decision on this subject.

d) Tree Warden for the village – Carol Sinclair kindly volunteered to be the tree warden. The Councillors wished to record their appreciation of her public spiritedness.

Action Clerk to write a letter of thanks.

82. Risk management of Parish Council's assets

a) Lighting at the bus shelter on the A1307 – the Clerk had arranged to meet with two lighting contractors in the next week to discuss this light.

83. Correspondences

a) Letter from Cambridge Past, resent and future- about review of the regional spatial strategy – was circulating to Councillors

b) Cambridgeshire County Council- had written offering to provide Parish Councils with salt bins at a cost of £100/each. The Council agreed to order one bin, possibly for use in Meadowlands, although permission would be required from the Highway Dept. to install the bin.

This was proposed by Dan Gresham and seconded Andrew Westwood-Bate.

Action: Clerk to order a bin.

c) NHS Cambridgeshire – public consultation on the future of musculoskeletal service– was circulating to Councillors

d) SCDC – Appeal by Enertrag UK (Ltd) about wind farm application at land at Little Linton Farm. **Action: Clerk** to put appeal dates up on the notice board.

84. Working for Quality Status

a) A further meeting of the working party had taken place and another would be arranged before the March Parish Council meeting- **action Clerk**

85. Finance

a) The Council authorised the payments and approved the financial statement dated 13.01.10. This motion was proposed by Andrew Westwood-Bate and seconded by Dan Gresham

b) The Council authorised the payment of Robert Wright’s annual bill. This was proposed by Andrew Westwood-Bate and seconded by Dan Gresham. **Action: Clerk** to ask Mr Wright to try to cut the grass shorter if he can.

86. 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	Parish Council recommended approval
S/1852/09/LB	Mr & Mrs G Lambert	Manor House, High Street	Replace & extend porch with utility room	Parish Council recommended approval
S/1851/09/F	Mr & Mrs G Lambert	Manor House, High Street	Porch/utility	Parish Council recommended approval
S/1832/09/F	Dr Paula Barnes	Nellore, Pampisford Road	Extension	Parish Council recommended approval
S/1623/09/F	Mr & Mrs Humphreys	Seven Beeches	New dwelling, garage & gazebo	SCDC granted permission
S/1557/09/F	The Pear Tree pub	Pear Tree pub	Conversion of cottage in grounds to Bed & Breakfast	SCDC granted permission

Tree work applications:

Andrew Westwood-Bate, Recreation Ground – removal of tree on recreation ground

Mr M. Turnbull, Victoria Cottage, High Street- reduce trees

87. Items for the next meetings agenda

Selection of grass contractors for 2010-2011 season.

Salt bin location.

Report on how the Tree Warden is getting on

Meeting closed at 8.38pm

Open forum

A parishioner asked for an update on the building of the proposed right turn into Hildersham from the A1307.

Open forum finished at 8.41pm

Next meeting Tuesday 9th March 2010