

Unconfirmed
A MEETING OF COTON PARISH COUNCIL WAS
HELD ON AUGUST 21ST 2002 IN THE W.I. HALL,
COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

Members present: Messrs: G. Kinsey, P. Burbage, G. Diplock, Councillor J. Hughes, Councillor J. Reynolds and Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk), also 1 parishioner.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs J. Lewis, A. Davis, Mesdames R. Darling, B. Smart, P. Brown(here for last part of meeting) and Ms N.Baumgarten.

2. COUNCILLOR REYNOLD'S REPORT

Councillor Reynolds said that Social Services and Education were putting in all resources to help in the best possible way with the case of Holly and Jessica. The constabulary was doing likewise. Usual things may then take longer.

It is the holiday period for a lot of things.

He reported that the Mobile Library times have slight amendments.

Two studies on at the moment – SERAS – South East Regional Airport Study looking at other places for airports etc. and the Regional Planning Guidance. Structure Plan – final decision put back to December.

Chairman thanked Councillor Reynolds for coming.

3. COUNCILLOR HUGHES' REPORT

Councillor Hughes reported she had been disappointed at the Jubilee tea party for Coton not to get an award

She also reported another rave had been held in Madingley, off Cambridge Road behind the American Cemetery from Friday to Sunday.. There have been others and the Police and land owners are now aware and also the American Cemetery personnel are now involved. Advised to keep our eyes open.

South Cambs are now getting to the end of the South Cambs Local Plan.

Chairman thanked Councillor Hughes for coming.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON JULY 10TH 2002

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed with the following amendment: 3. Add after 10(a) “And addition at 8(c)”.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Benny's Way Play Area New play equipment now installed. Letter had been received from Mr Connolley about minor defects. Copy of his letter to be sent to RSS.
There will be a shortfall of £234.76 in payment for play equipment. Mr Connolley had said he would fundraise – to be asked to do this for the balance. Clerk had spoken to Mr Clark from SCDC about sign denoting “No ball games” - he said he had given instructions for it to go up. He will chase it. Clerk to write to him to pursue the matter.
A litter bin needed - Clerk to obtain prices.
Another sign needed stating age limit for equipment – to go on next agenda.
- b) Pedestrian Crossing – Brook Lane Clerk had found previous letter stating a road sign would be erected on the lamp post outside The Plough and on one in Brook Lane denoting children. These are still in position but not very obvious. Clerk had spoken to Mr P. Sharp from County Council about carrying out an analysis of traffic before Minor Authority Grant application received as advised by Councillor Reynolds.
It was agreed different road signs placed on posts before the Plough, if possible, could be more effective, and also red coloured markings on the road could be useful. Mr Sharp had said these probably could be possible without minor authority grant, but to go ahead and ask for them anyway.
- c) Overgrown Hedges Copy of letter sent from Mr Cooper South Highways to owner of 13 Silverdale Avenue had been received. Still not done. Clerk to inform Mr Cooper. Clerk also to answer letter received from Mr & Mrs Carey about this see 6(b).
- d) New Tree – Silverdale Avenue Clerk had spoken to Mr Clark about this. Not a good time to plant until November – possibly will done in conjunction with trees planned for Bennys Way.
- e) Jubilee Celebrations Coton had not been lucky enough to win an award but had been presented with a certificate.
- f) Cars Parking in Front of Bus shelter – Whitwell Way. Clerk had spoken to Mr Clark at SCDC who had said the matter was still ongoing and his architect was drawing up plans for off street parking.
- g) Moving 30 mph Speed Limit Sign Clerk had spoken to Mr Sharp at South Highways Division who had said he had been informed by Street Lighting at county Council that the new lighting in Cambridge Road was street lighting and therefore the 30mph speed limit should automatically be moved back to the Orchard. He has put this in motion.
- h) Grass Verge – Bennys Way Clerk had spoken to Mr Clark from SCDC about this and he said his contractor was not responsible for the cutting of the verge. Clerk to inform Mr Cooper from County Council and ask him to cut the verge.

- i) Untaxed Cars in Village Clerk had E-Mailed PC Bradley about these.
- j) Trees Along Cambridge Road Clerk had spoken to Ms Cornish from Cambridge Preservation Society who suggested a site meeting to discuss type and number of trees preferred. It was suggested by Parish Council that 5 trees would be adequate. Clerk had made it clear to Ms Cornish that Parish Council would not be responsible for maintenance of trees. Date for meeting to be September 18th. Clerk to ask Mr Hamilton if he would like to attend.
- k) Fence at Back of Plough Mr Lewis and Mr Kinsey had met with Mr Ablett who had not received letter from Clerk but who said he was happy to meet cost of fence going up. It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mr Burbage that the Parish Council erect the fence and pay half the cost with Mr Ablett paying the other half.. Full cost would be £59.11, half cost £30. Mr Kinsey and Mr Lewis to do the work. This was agreed.
- l) “St Peter’s Road “Nameplate Not yet done.
- m) “Cambridge Road” Nameplate Now done
- n) Churchyard Volunteers Clerk reported that she had found letter which was sent to Mr Edgcombe when money was given for them to buy a new mower in which the Parish Council informed them the volunteers were no longer covered by our insurance. Clerk to inform Mr Edgcombe.
- o) Word Processor Clerk had not had time to take the machine into Good Technology. Mr Kinsey will take it in – Clerk to phone them first.
- p) Dumped Concrete – Whitwell Way Now removed.
- q) Cars Parking Opposite No 12 High Street Clerk to report to Traffic Warden.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) N. Baumgarten – Right of Way to Allotments See under 11(b) Allotments.
- b) Mr & Mrs Carey – Hedge – 13 Silverdale Avenue See under 5©
- c) Mr Cooper, County Council – Hedge 13 Silverdale Avenue See under 5©
- d) Mr Bradbury – Skateboard Ramp Clerk to write to Mr Bradbury, stating the Parish Council are satisfied the Trustees have acted properly regarding the skateboard ramp and reiterating we are seeking guidance with the Charity Commission on the matter of the Parish Council being the Trustees of the Recreation Ground.
- e) Mr Connolley – New Play Equipment See 5(a).

FROM FILES

- f) Commission for Racial Equality – A Guide for Public Attention.
- g) County Council – Local Bus Service Changes – Sunday P&R Service 77
- h) County Council – Changes to Bus Service 15
- i) Army – Range Bookings August 2002
- i) ACRE - Harvest July & August 2002
- j) County Council - Local Transport Plan
- k) Clerks & Councils Direct July 2002

7. REFLECTOR POSTS – WHEATCASES ROAD

Mr Burbage reported a number of the reflector posts on the sharp corner at Wheatcases are down. Clerk to report them to Mr Cooper.

8. SLIP ROAD OFF M11, TO BARTON ROAD ROUNDABOUT

Mr Burbage reported cars coming off the slip road do not always stop or slow down and this is causing dangerous situations. It was agreed to arrange a site meeting during the rush hour – 8.30am -9.00am after September 16th. Clerk to ask Mr Cooper the name of the person to contact.

9. CLEANING OF BUS SHELTERS

Mr Burbage reported he thought the bus shelter at Cambridge Road/High Street was not being cleaned. Clerk to write to Mrs Eggo stating that concern was expressed that the bus shelter was not being cleaned out.

Mr Burbage asked permission to put up a small noticeboard on this bus shelter for the public to use to advertise events in the village – this was agreed.

10. PARKING OUTSIDE THE RECTORY

Mr Burbage stated the Through Faith Mission workers were parking in the parking area outside The Rectory and it was thought that when the planning permission was granted it was agreed they park inside the Rectory Grounds. Clerk to check.

11. ALLOTMENTS

- a) Clearing of Vacant Piece of Allotments It was reported that the weeds are growing up again and need something more doing, possibly weeding. Mr Kinsey said he had spoken to Mr Bradford who said when concrete had been removed he would cultivate the piece of land and keep it clean. It was agreed to meet with Mr Bradford on site to discuss. 7.00pm on Wednesday August

28th set for meeting if Mr Bradford available. Clerk to work out accounts to see how much money is available.

- b) Right of Way to Allotments Clerk had spoken to Carter Jonas who have agreed to mark out the 10 and 15 feet widths and to draw up a letter for both parties to sign regarding this.
Letter from Ms Baumgarten to be answered stating that Mr Burbage is on the allotment work party and was acting on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk to also inform Ms Baumgarten that the original document states “a right of way for the Vendor and its tenants licensees and assigns and all persons authorised by it at all times on foot and with or without vehicles used for agricultural purposes (but not with other vehicles or with cattle or other livestock)” and does not mention non-motorised vehicles.
- c) Allotment Rents It was agreed to keep allotment rents the same for next year.

12. FOOTPATHS

Mrs Smart reported by writing that she had been in contact with Karen Silk who is pursuing the matter concerning the diversion of footpath No 4. The permissive path in the churchyard is now recognised.

The Cambridge Green Belt Project have painted the two metal kissing gates on path no 6. Mrs Smart had sent a letter giving thanks and appreciation from the Parish Council. They still have further work to do.

13. PLANNING

Mr & Mrs Shaw, 22, High street, Coton – Erection of Dwelling following Demolition of Existing Bungalow and Garage.

Mr & Mrs Harrod, 12, Brookfield Road, Coton – Extension

The Jungle, Madingley Road, Coton – Extension

Mr & Mrs Silk, 97, Whitwell Way, Coton – Extension – PERMISSION GRANTED.

J.E. Barton, Blue Gates, Madingley Hill, Coton – Erection of Detached single storey annexe.

14. ACCOUNTS

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk's Salary	66.00
Mrs D. Wilson	Petty Cash	94.32
Mrs D. Wilson	Photocopying/cartridges	106.35
Mr Mitchell	Footpath Work	14.00
Coton Orchard	Allotment Work	105.00
Coton Community News		500.00
J. Bradford	Clearing Allotments	90.00

Herald Contract	Village Green	70.50
Shaws	Clerks Manual	10.75

The Statement of Assurance for Audit Annual Return Report was agreed and signed

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

October 2nd 2002 (Councillor Reynolds apologies)

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hedge outside 3 Cambridge Road needs cutting back – Clerk to write to them again.

Lorry parking in Cambridge Road – Clerk had been told by Sgt that legally nothing can be done unless lorry is causing an obstruction. This is not what Mr Smith has been told. Clerk to write to the firm which owns the lorry.

Village Green - Mr Mitchell is not taking the grass away which he said he would do. Clerk to contact him about this.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45PM