

A MEETING OF COTON PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON JANUARY 22ND IN THE W.I. HALL, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

Members present: Messrs G. Kinsey (Chairman) G. Diplock, A. Davis, J. Lewis, Mesdames B. Smart, P. Brown, R. Darling, Ms N. Baumgarten and Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr P. Burbage, Councillor J. Hughes and Councillor J. Reynolds.

2. CONFIRMING AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 11TH 2002

The Minutes of the last meeting as above were confirmed and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Bennys Way Play Area It was reported that there is a lot of water laying around the new litter bin. Mr Lewis and Mr Kinsey will move it.

Clerk had omitted to ask Wicksteeds to keep the cradle seat when it was taken down. To check with Wicksteeds if they still have it.

It was proposed by Mr Diplock and seconded by Mr Davis that the tyre seat be replaced with a cradle seat (either the old one or a new one). It was agreed that there would be a very limited risk if two different types of seat be used in this bay, especially as there are now only two swings there. Different types of seats have been in place since the swings were first erected and there have been no accidents to date. Cornhill Insurance to be informed. The motion was agreed with 6 for and 1 abstention.

Letter had been received from Mrs Bott asking for a cradle seat for the very young children – Clerk to inform her a cradle seat will replace the tyre seat.

Mrs Bott also complained about the two signs denoting “no ball games” put up by South Cambs. Clerk to send Mr Clark a copy of her letter for his comments.

Ms Baumgarten proposed the Clerk write to SCDC and ask if sign by roadside could be removed. There was no seconder for this motion.

- b) Crossing – Brook Lane Letter had been received from County Council stating something will be done using their discretionary budget

- c) Overgrown Hedges etc. Shrub in High Street opposite thatched cottage overhanging pavement reported – Clerk to contact owner.
- d) New Tree –Silverdale Avenue Clerk to write to Mr Clark again and ask for reply to letter of 24th December 2002.
- e) Car Parking – Whitwell Way Bus Shelter Clerk to arrange a meeting with Mr Clark from SCDC and Mr Cooper from Highways Department.
- f) Moving 30mph Speed Limit Sign – Cambridge Road Now done – Remove from Agenda.
- g) Cars Parking Opposite No 12 High Street Delete from Agenda.
- h) Slip Road Off M11 to Barton Road Roundabout Letter had been sent – no answer yet.
- i) Lorry Parking in Cambridge Road Not seen recently – Delete from Agenda.
- j) Country Park Letter had been received from CPS stating they had taken the Parish Council’s suggestions in hand and deleted the m from the plan.

Concern was expressed about entrance to the park from Public Rights of Way in the Village being publicised. It was proposed by Mr Kinsey that Clerk write to Mr Pearce and state concern has been expressed about Public Footpaths from the centre of Coton being used to access the Country Park and the Parish Council would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with him. This was seconded by Mr Davis and agreed with 7 for and 1 abstention.

- k) Fence Along Footpath No 8 Has been reported.
- l) Bridleway to A1303 from M11 Footbridge has been reported to City Council.
- m) Potholes – Whitwell Way Some have been filled but more need doing. Report to Mr Cooper when meeting.
- n) Puddle Outside Rectory in Parking Area letter had been received from Mike Cooper saying he needed to see it when leaves etc. had been cleared. Inspect when meeting him.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Greens – Quote for Verge Cutting See below
- b) Herald Contract – Quote for Verge Cutting See below

Clerk reported she had received notification from Highways Division that we would receive a grant of £400 if we arrange to have the grass verges cut which the County Council usually do. Clerk to check that this is still valid. It was proposed by Mrs Darling and seconded by Mrs Smart that we accept the

grant of £400 and arrange the cuts ourselves if the offer still stands. This was agreed unanimously.

Two quotes had been received for verge cutting, one from Herald Contract Services of £160 plus VAT for verges marked black and £30 plus VAT for verges marked red, and one from Greens Grasscutting of £65 per cut plus VAT for verges marked black and £38 plus VAT for verges marked red.

It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded that the quote from Greens for verge cutting be accepted. This was agreed unanimously

- c) G. Mitchell – Quote for Village Green Cutting It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mr Diplock that the quote of £20 per cut, from Mr Mitchell, for the Village Green be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.
- d) ACRE – Renewal of Subscription It was proposed by Mrs Smart and seconded by Mrs Darling that the subscription to ACRE be renewed. This was agreed unanimously.
- e) Mrs D. Bott – Play Area Matters See 3(a) above
- f) Harvest January/February 2003 plus Literature
- g) Clerks & councils Direct January 2003
- h) Local Council Review January 2003
- i) County Council – Cambridge Core Traffic Scheme Stage 3 Silver Street
- j) Histon Sector Newsletter and Crimes January 2003

5. ACCOUNTS

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk's Salary	88.00
Mrs D. Wilson	30% telephone rental x 3	55.50
Mrs D. Wilson	Use of room as office – 25 x 4 years	100.00
Coton W.I.	Hire of Hall	98.00
Wicksteeds	Swings – permission for out of council cheque.	

PRECEPT

It was agreed the Clerk's salary be increased to 8 hours work a week. Parish Council and Recreation Ground to pay equal halves.

After discussion it was proposed by Mr Diplock that precept be for £17000. This was seconded by Mr Davis.

Mr Kinsey made an amendment that the Parish Council precepts for £16000, and retains this years allocated donations to School, Church, Youth Club, pre School, and W.I. amounting to £600, and do not allocate any for these organisations for 2003- 4. This was seconded by Mrs Darling.

Mr Davis made an amendment to this amendment that we do give the donations allocated for this year and then tell the organisations that there will be no money next year. There was no seconder for this amendment.

First amendment was voted on and agreed with 6 for , 1 against and 1 abstention.

Mr Diplock proposed that in future the Parish Council do not give a donation to the organisations unless they specifically ask for it This was seconded by Mrs Darling and passed with 4 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

6. MADINGLEY ROAD CROSSROADS

Mr Davis said he thought the new bus lane in Madingley Road was a waste of money and was disappointed that there were no traffic lights at the crossroads. It was agreed the bus lane does not work properly.

It was proposed by Mr Davis and seconded by Mr Diplock that we have a site meeting with the Highways Department about this. This was agreed with 7 for and 1 abstention. Wait until the cycleway is completed.

7. FOOTPATHS

Mrs Smart reported Footpath No 4 – Permissive Path – gate installed at end of Churchyard. Diversion not yet completed – should go through fairly soon.

Footpath No 6 – Waymark at far end replaced during last 12 months has been removed by farm equipment. Tenant farmer concerned ,will install again. Application for Footpath Maintenance Grant now being completed.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

March 5th 2003

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk to request tyre swing seat be kept when cradle seat put up. Ms Baumgarten to keep.

Clerk to investigate who ditch along Grantchester Road beside track to sewage works belongs to – It is blocked and causes flooding on road during heavy rain.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00PM