

## **Unconfirmed Minutes**

### **A MEETING OF COTON PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> IN THE W.I. HALL, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

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

#### **1. OPEN SESSION**

Mr Bradbury from The Footpath asked about the Recreation Ground and why if it belonged to the Parish Council it could not be discussed at a Parish Council Meeting and was it written that separate meetings had to be held and that Parish Councillors are Trustees. Clerk to investigate.

#### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs P. Brown.

#### **3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> 2002**

The Minutes of the above meeting were confirmed and signed with the following amendments: Minutes re-numbered as follows: 8(a),9,9(a),10 & 10(a).

#### **4. COUNCILLOR REYNOLD'S REPORT**

Councillor Reynolds said he was glad the Clerk now had e-mail. He said there had been a meeting of the Joint Area Transport Committee at which the cycleway from Hardwick to the city boundary had been approved. Lighting is being looked at at Coton crossroads and the cycleway crossing is planned a short way up Cambridge Road. Work may be started in the autumn.. The petition about moving the 30mph speed limit sign in Cambridge Road could not be taken at the Committee as there were

no addresses . Asked about a pedestrian crossing along Brook Lane he advised to ask Phil Sharp to do a quick analysis before the Jointly funded Scheme application forms come.

He was asked about the piece in the CEN that said the red of traffic lights was going to be set to be longer but he had not seen the article.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Reynolds.

## 5. COUNCILLOR HUGHES' REPORT

Councillor Hughes had nothing new to report.

## 6. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Benny's Way Play Area Chairman reported that Mr Botright had had a sign denoting 'no ball games' made but it could not be put up as South Cambs have to do this as it is their land. They had one ordered and would put it up as soon as it is ready.  
Clerk to find out when new play equipment will be installed.
- b) Pedestrian Crossing – Brook Lane This matter was discussed and it was felt that there was not much chance of obtaining a pedestrian crossing. Could a notice be put up.? Clerk to look up earlier letter when a crossing was requested before and Clerk thought a sign was erected. In Community News put that the matter is still being discussed.
- c) Overgrown Hedges etc. Lots of people had cut back their overgrowing hedges etc. but there were still some not done. Clerk & Chairman to walk and check again.  
Clerk to remind Mr Cooper about hedge at no 13 Silverdale Avenue.
- d) New Tree – Silverdale Avenue Clerk to write and remind Mr Clarke at SCDC.
- e) Verge – Brook Lane Nothing further – Remove from agenda.
- f) Jubilee Celebrations Clerk to send letter to Jubilee organisers to thank them for their marvellous effort – it was very organised and so many people attended.

- g) Cambridge Road/High Street Pavement Letter had been received from Mr Cooper stating it had been decided nothing can be done about this. Send copy of letter to Mrs Clarke.
- h) Cambridge Road – Pavement Letter had been received from Mr Cooper stating the pavement will be repaired where it is uneven.
- i) Cars In Front of Bus Shelter – Whitwell Way Clerk to ask Mr Clarke what progress had been made about off street parking for these cars.
- j) Moving 30mph Speed Limit Sign Chris Brushton from Street Lighting Department away on holiday – still waiting to see what kind of lights were installed in Cambridge Road also still waiting contact from Phil Sharp from Highways Department.
- k) Standing Orders, Clerk’s Contract of Employment and Code for Handling Complaints All members had seen copies of these and Mr Diplock proposed and Mr Davis seconded that all three be adopted. This was agreed unanimously.
- l) Grass Verge – Bennys Way Clerk to check with Mr Cooper from County Council and Mr Clarke from SCDC to see if it has been decided who is to cut this verge..
- m) Untaxed Cars in Village Some of the cars had been removed but there are still two in Silverdale Avenue and the one on the Recreation Ground and one behind the flats in Silverdale Avenue. The two in Silverdale Avenue to be reported to the police and the one behind the flats to SCDC. Ms Baumgarten reported she had spoken to the police about the one on the Recreation Ground and they had located the owners address.
- n) Trees Along Cambridge Road Letter had been received from Carter Jonas suggesting we participate with them in the free tree planting offered each year.
- o) Cutting of Village Green – Quotes A quote of £20.00 per cut taking away the grass had been received from Mr G. Mitchell. It was proposed by Mr Diplock and seconded by Ms Baumgarten that this be accepted - this was agreed.

Clerk to write to Mr Newitt of Herald Contract Services to inform him of this.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Tonia Ablett – Fence at Plough Requesting the Parish Council to re-instate the fence between The Plough and the allotments which the contractors pulled down when clearing the vacant piece of allotments. It was agreed to inform Mrs Ablett that the Parish council will replace the fence with posts and 2 strand wire as was there or if she wants a different sort of fence the Parish Council will give her the equivalent money it would cost for the posts and 2 strand wire towards it.
  
- b) Mrs A. Clarke – ‘St Peter’s Road’ Name Plate Informing the Parish Council that the St Peter’s Road nameplate needs repairing. Send copy of her letter to South Cambridgeshire District Council, and reply to her letter that we are doing this.  
It was reported that the Cambridge Road sign near the Madingley Road sign has been knocked askew and needs repairing.
  
- b) David Baldwin – Damage to Footpath in Bennys Way Informing the Parish Council that the Dustcart has once again damaged the pavement while avoiding a parked car in Bennys Way – He had also informed Mr Cooper County Council. Mr Kinsey reported he had spoken to Mr Cooper of Highways Department who had said they had taken a case against SCDC refuse lorry drivers damaging the pavement because they had a witness – this was the first time this had happened. SCDC had said it was very regrettable and they will see it never happens again in Coton and they are in discussion with County Council regarding payment of repairs.

## FROM FILE

- c) DTLR – Consultation Paper – Local Investigation of Misconduct Allegations
  
- d) Cambs Constabulary – Histon Sector Newsletter June 2002 and Crime Statistics
  
- e) Army- Range Bookings for July 2002

- f) Countryside Agency – Publication
- g) CALC Bulletin May 2002 Supplementary Edition plus Literature
- h) S.C. Primary Care Trust – Bulletin No 1 May 2002
- i) SCDC – Mobile Village Warden Scheme
- j) Audit Commission – Audit Commission From April 2002
- k) Local Council Review July 2002
- l) Cambridge & Peterborough Fire & Rescue Service Report 2002

## 8. ALLOTMENTS

- a) Clearing of Vacant Piece of Allotments Letter had been received from Carter Jonas stating they are willing to wait until September 2003 to take back the ground.

No quotes had been received for spraying the ground. Mr Kinsey said that having considered suggesting the Council obtain a knapsack sprayer and weed killer to spray the weeds they were far too high and many to be able to do this now. It was agreed to wait until the weeds die down before deciding what next to do.

It was reported that Mr Dansie had some concrete laying on the allotment track outside his garden. To be asked to remove it.

- b) Right of Way to Allotments See at end of minutes.

## 9. FOOTPATHS

Mrs Smart reported the stile on footpath No 4 had now been repaired.

Green Belt Project workers want to paint the metal kissing gates on 17<sup>th</sup> July – Refreshments not now necessary She had notified all the landowners and tenant farmers.

She had been in touch with Mrs Silk regarding the diversion on footpath No 4. Mrs Silk's daughter is dealing with the matter and will pursue.

Gary Mitchell had done some work on various paths and round kissing gates. He needed paying. It was agreed he be paid £7.00 per hour.

## 10. PLANNING

Hogger Homes, Rear of Whitwell Way, Coton & Amendment –  
Erection of 2x5 bed houses – PERMISSION GRANTED.

St Catharine's Farm House, 57, High Street, Coton – Gates and  
Interior and exterior alterations – PERMISSION GRANTED

Women's Institute Hall and Men's Institute, High Street, Coton –  
Demolition – PERMISSION GRANTED

Mr & Mrs Dansie, 5, The Footpath, Coton – Porch –  
PERMISSION GRANTED

The Jungle, Madingley Road, Coton – extension – Not Coton  
Parish – The Parish Council had no objections.

Mr & Mrs Silk, 97, Whitwell Way, Coton – Extension – The Parish  
Council had no objections.

J.E. Barton, Blue Gates, Madingley Hill, Coton – Erection of  
Detached Single Storey Annexe – The Parish Council had no  
objections.

## 11. ACCOUNTS

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk's Salary	88.00
Herald Contract	Vill. Green Cut x 5	107.00
Greens Grasscutting	Verge Cut	111.62
Greens Grasscutting	F/Path cut	129.25
Community News		500.00
Mr Mitchell	F/Path cut	14.00

## 12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk asked if minutes can go onto the website – this was agreed.  
Clerk reported Neil Sparnon had set up the website at a cost of  
approx £14.00 – to go on next agenda so he can be paid.  
It had been noted that our insurance no longer covers the curchyard  
volunteers who are over 75 – Mr Edgcombe to be told.  
Clerk reported the word processor had gone wrong. It was agreed  
she can have it repaired.

It was reported that now the grass verge had been cut along Whitwell Way a lot of dumped concrete can be seen. To be reported.

Cars are parking opposite No 12 High Street on the corner – obtain advice.

8b) Right of Way to Allotments Mrs Brown and Mr Burbage had been and looked at the hedge and cleared width of the Right of Way and stated that at the gate near road it is very overgrown and needs cutting back to make width clear, and also that the hedge further down needs clearing right back to fence to make a clear width of 10 feet.

Letter had been received from Mr Bramley of Carter Jonas stating that they agree to the right of way being cleared to a width of 10 feet, and marked to show the 15 feet boundary but advising the Parish Council to have a proper document drawn up and signed that states this. It was agreed to ask them to implement the document as the resident is a member of the Parish Council. Copy of letter to go to Mr Butterfield and Ms Baumgarten advising that we are asking Carter Jonas to deal with document.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00pm