

COTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Tuesday June 22nd 2004
At W.I. Hall, High Street, commencing at 7.00pm

Members present: Messrs G. Kinsey (Vice-Chairman), J. Lewis, R. Chandler, Mesdames P. Brown, B. Smart, Dr W. Connolley, Dr N. Baumgarten, Councillor Reynolds and Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk).

OPEN SESSION

Mr Baldwin representing residents of Bennys Way Play Area Committee, and a parent from 4 Bennys Way, beside the Play Area, spoke about the problems of boys playing football on the Bennys Way Play Area. It was felt they needed somewhere in the village especially to play football, ie the school field, but the goals and nets there would need re-positioning.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs Darling, and Mr Diplock.

2. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 11TH 2004

The Minutes of May 11th were confirmed and signed with the following amendments:

5a, 2nd line, after "Mr Lewis" add "Dr Connolley proposed Ross Chandler but this was not accepted because we had no indication he was prepared to accept nomination".

19. 2nd paragraph change "Bar Hill" to "Cambourne".

This was proposed by Dr Connolley and seconded by Mrs Brown and agreed. The Minutes of November 11th 2003 and May 25th 2004 to be circulated and agreed at the next meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There were no matters arising.

4. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Chandler declared an interest for item 11(a) on the agenda, as secretary of the Cricket Club.

Item 9 on the agenda was brought forward with the agreement of the Council.

9. COUNCILLOR REYNOLD'S REPORT

Councillor Reynolds apologised for missing some of the meetings.

Councillor Reynolds gave a short report on the Highways Agency Review of the A14 and associated roads, and answered questions.

He will take up with the LEA the school problem of having to limit pupil intake.

Item 11(a) was brought forward with the agreement of the Council.

- 11(a) Pavilion Project –Update Mr Chandler reported that the present pavilion is in a terrible state and deteriorating rapidly making it difficult to recruit new members and also to hold training sessions for youngsters. Also finding it difficult to obtain grants.

Work Party has to change direction, and do something fast. Now proposing 2 phases of work:

1st phase to improve what is there, sufficiently for clubs to get new players.

They will tidy up the exterior of building, turn the storage space into shower rooms and store items now in storage space in an old container type building to be situated in the corner of the Recreation Ground.

Phase 1 estimated to cost around £65,000 - clubs have £7,000, Parish Council have £14,000, existing donations £4,000, and hopefully SCDC's grant of £40,000 already promised for a new pavilion, can be used for refurbishment.

It was agreed Mr Chandler approach SCDC to verify this.

Tidy up to commence immediately.

It was proposed by Dr Baumgarten and seconded by Dr Connolley that plans for the refurbishment be submitted at the next Parish Council Meeting for approval. This was agreed.

Phase 2 – to cement position and obtain more money for further work.

5. TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

- a) Benny's Way Play Area – “No Ball Games” Sign Now moved to another position.
- b) Benny's Way Play Area – Inspection Report From Logbook Book with internal auditor. Dr Connolley said nothing to report.
- c) Benny's Way Play Area – RoSPA Inspection Report With internal auditor. For next meeting.
- d) Car Parking – Whitwell Way/Silverdale Avenue Corner Nothing further – Mr Kinsey to go and see occupants of No 61 Whitwell Way.
- e) Potholes in Village Mrs Smart reported there were potholes outside No 85 Whitwell Way. To be reported. Also reported that pavements in St Peter's Road need attention. Report
- f) “Slow” Sign – Cambridge Road Clark had written to Mr Sharp – no reply yet.
- g) Overhanging Trees and Shrubs Letter from Mr Cooper asking for name of owner of hedge on corner of Brook Lane/Grantchester Road. Mr Lewis to

look at hedge before Clerk replies.
Hedge on corner of High Street with Cambridge Road needs cutting back.

- h) Parish Plan Update Dr Connolley reported there will be a little information stall at the Hog Roast.
Grant application form sent off – grant amount applied for is £3500.
- i) Speed Tapes in Village Letter sent to Mr Sharp – no reply yet.
- j) The Footpath – Potholes and Grips It was agreed work not done very satisfactorily. Clerk to send letter stating the Council very disappointed in the way the work was done. More potholes and grips still need doing.
- k) Village Green Cutting now resolved.
- l) Richard Sell – Name Added to War Memorial Clerk still obtaining quotes.
- m) Edge of Road – Wheatcases Letter received from Mr Cooper stating some repair work had been carried out, and he will arrange for further patching and is proposing to submit the road for more extensive repairs in the early part of the next financial year.
- n) Painting Village Sign Mr McNally verbally quoted £12.00 per hour – 1½ days work – approximately £144 plus materials. Clerk to obtain other quotes.
- o) Asset Risk Check Now done.
- p) Grass behind Mrs Brown's House Now done.
- q) Madingley/Coton Crossroads copy of a letter Mr Davis had sent to Mr Kemp had been received from Mr Davis (under AOB in last minutes). He asked that the council support this. He suggested speed cameras. Clerk to ask Councillor Reynolds about this possibility
At the meeting with Mr Lines about this problem, Council were told flashing lights were an option. To be applied for when the Minor Authority Grant Forms are received. The Parish Council would have to pay 60p per elector towards this.
Clerk to write to Mr Kemp in support of Mr Davis' letter.
Piece also to go in Community News.
- r) M11 Slip-way to Barton Road There were complaints about the safety at this slip road. Some work has been done on the slip road. Clerk to contact Mr Potter about this and see if another site meeting can be held. Rumble strips suggested.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Benny's Way Play Area Committee Copy of their letter sent to South Cambs reporting ball games are still being played on the Play Area and the boys are quite abusive when asked to move.

Mr Baldwin had given details at the open session. Dr Connolley reported he had spoken to school headmistress and her deputy , who are thinking about the suggestion of moving goal mouths.

Dr Connolley and Mr Chandler will organise a meeting with the boys to try and sort this. Clerk to put piece in Community News about this and listing other places they can play ball.

FROM FILE

7. ZIG-ZAG LINES OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Clerk to ask for them to be re-painted.

8. FOOTPATHS

- a) Footpath Beside School Post marking path has been put in.
Dogs are running loose on footpath. Dog sign to be put up on school property.

Mrs Smart reported letter had been sent requesting brambles etc. on M11 bridge, both sides, be cut back, surface of bridge and wooden fence be repaired, and tarmac be sided out.

Work on the kissing gates still not done. letter being sent.

Had permission from CPS to cut back brambles on bridle path – Dr Connolley to do.

Waymark at top of school – Dr. Connolley will put in post and disc.

Greens had done work on path no 9.

There was a walk on Saturday around CPS Wildlife Reserve.

Mr Pearce had identified one of the main access points to be from the Recreation Ground.

8a. ALLOTMENTS

- a) Vacant Piece of Allotments Letter had been received from CPS stating that wild flower meadow not to be open to the public at first. Later it may be considered and access will be discussed then.

It was reported that the allotment gate is left open/unlocked a lot of the time.
Letter to go to allotment holders about this.

11 PLANNING

S/1033/04/F Mrs Wallis, Coton Court, Coton – Closure of Existing Vehicle Access and Formation of New Vehicular Access.

It was proposed by Mr Lewis and seconded by Mrs Brown that no recommendation be made. This was agreed.

S/1069/04/F 02(UK) Ltd. Layby Off A603, Coton – 17.5 metre high telecommunications column and associated development.

It was proposed by Mr Lewis and seconded by Mrs Smart that no recommendation be made. This was agreed with 6 for and 1 abstention.

S/1183/04/F – Mrs Wallis, Coton Court, Coton, Amendment for extension. It was proposed by Mrs Brown and seconded by Mr Lewis that no recommendation be made. This was agreed.

S/1210/04/F W. Connolley and M. Brod, 28, Silverdale Avenue, Coton – Extension.

Dr Connolley left the room having declared a prejudicial interest.

It was proposed by Mr Lewis and seconded by Mrs Brown that application be refused with the following comment. “The Parish Council object to the front line development only”. This was agreed with 5 for and 1 abstention.

TREE PLANS

D. Jones for Coton Church PCC – Western boundary of Churchyard – fell clump of trees and 1 tree.

Diocesan Office, for Rectory High Street, Coton. Fell ash tree at front entrance.

Mr Kinsey proposed and Mr Lewis seconded that both the plans be agreed. This was agreed with 6 for and 1 abstention.

11. RECREATION GROUND

- b) Play Equipment – RoSPA Report Still with Internal Auditor.
- c) Play Equipment – New Swings Swings now erected and being used.
- d) Play Equipment Inspection – From Log Book. Still with auditor
- e) Tree Work Now finished. It was thought that a branch over road should have been removed. Clerk to inform tree surgeon.

12. SKATEBOARD – MAINTENANCE

Mrs Darling sorting out painting of ramp.

13. ACCOUNTS

The following payments were agreed:

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk’s Salary	305.00
S. Mitchell	Grass cutting	90.00
Eastern Tree Surgery	Rec tree Work	869.50
S. Mitchell – paid to M. Weatherhead for mower belt		32.90
CALC	In house training	121.28
Herald Contract	Rec Cut	188.00

Statement of Assurance for auditor, 2003-04, agreed and signed by the Council.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

August 10th 2004

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION AND NEXT AGENDA ONLY.

There is no electricity in the pavilion. Clerk to report.

Coton Farm Reserve to go on next agenda

Meeting closed at 10.30pm