

A MEETING OF COTON PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MARCH 5TH 2003 IN THE W.I. HALL, COMMENCING AT 7.15PM

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

1. OPEN SESSION

Mr Connolley said he thought the wrong decision had been made regarding the swings on the Recreation Ground because of the petition. (Not for this meeting)

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Diplock, Mr Davis and Mrs Brown. Mrs Darling and Ms Baumgarten have to leave early.

3. CONFIRMING AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 22ND 2003

The minutes of the last minutes as above were confirmed and signed with the following amendments:

9. 1st paragraph – delete “keep” and add “store for Parish Council”.

7. 4th line delete “concerned, will install again” add after “farmer” “requested to attend installation”.

4. COUNCILLOR HUGHES REPORT

Councillor Hughes reported that the refuse collection will shortly change. SCDC have ben given a grant. In late summer wheelie bins will be used – 1 green one for garden waste and cardboard and one black one for kitchen waste. Green one will be collected one week and black the next week. The green recycling boxes will be collected as now.. Disabled will be allowed to use a bag.

She also reported a survey of Airey houses was being carried out. It would cost £54,000 to renovate each one.

South cAmbs are not putting up their element of Council Tax.

Area Transport Plan – Coton footpath needs re-widening – Councillor Hughes has asked for low lighting to be put in also for Madingley Road cycleway.

Chairman thanked Councillor Hughes.

5. COUNCILLOR REYNOLDS REPORT

Councillor Reynolds gave a short report and answered questions

6. MATTERS ARISING

a) Bennys Way Play Area

Litter Bin – Mr Kinsey and Mr Lewis had looked again at litter bin which stands where ground get flooded during heavy rain and decided it would be better not to move it as the bin men may not empty it. There is another bin that can be used during wet weather.

Swings – Clerk had received quote from Wicksteeds for fitting cradle seat of £187.50.

It was proposed by Mrs Darling and seconded by Mr Burbage to accept quote. This was agreed.

New Trees – Meeting had been held with Mr G. Clarke which Mr Diplock and Clerk attended and letter had been received. 4 new trees will be planted adjacent to the road on the Play Area very shortly.

“No Ball Games” sign – Mr Clarke will move the sign to the wall behind the springers.

Cornhill Insurance – No objection to having mixed seats in swings as long as we have done a safety risk.

Inspection – It was agreed to ask RoSPA to carry out annual inspection of equipment.

b) Crossing – Brook Lane Nothing further.

c) Overgrown Hedges Nothing at moment – Delete from Agenda

d) New Tree – Silverdale Avenue Letter received from Mr Clarke stating that this is still being pursued.

e) Car Parking Whitwell Way Bus Shelter Mr Kinsey reported he and Clerk had met with Mr Cooper who suggested posts could be put in around the edges of the island and green area opposite the bus shelter. Wooden posts would cost approx £60 per post and Parish Council would have to pay, or small concrete posts could be put in for nothing. It was proposed by Mrs Smart and seconded by Mr Lewis that the concrete posts be used – Clerk to inform Mr Cooper.

f) Slip Road Off M11 to Barton Road Roundabout Clerk had now written to Libby Sands at URS with a copy to Russell de Ville at County Council, after obtaining her address from Mr de Ville.

g) Wildlife Reserve Clerk had written to Mr Pearce about access to park via Public Rights of Way in Village. Mr Pearce had contacted Mr Kinsey and said nothing about access is in the plan, especially from Brookfield Road. Clerk to write to Mr Pearce stating – further to our previous letter the Parish Council would like your reassurance there will not be signage on our existing

footpaths in the centre of the village to the proposed Wildlife Reserve. Mrs Smart to provide Clerk with grid references.

- h) Potholes – Whitwell Way Mr Cooper said bad potholes will be repaired, but there are no funds at moment for edging. Remedial works will be carried out to the road edging at the Plough end of The Footpath.
- i) Puddle Outside Rectory in Parking Area Mr Cooper said drain will be cleared and see what happens._ Drain clearers have just been round but did not do this drain. Clerk to inform Mr Cooper.
- j) Cutting Verges – Grant from County Council Clerk had received letter from Mr Cooper reiterating grant will be of £400 plus inflation.
- k) Madingley Road Crossroads Nothing further.
- l) Flooding Along Grantchester Road Had met with Mr Cooper who will arrange for the drain pipe beneath the road to be rodded out. Clerk had contacted Pat Nichols who said the ditch from road to sewage works would be cleared out. Clerk to ask for the one the opposite side of the road to be cleared. Could belong to Ann Raven or Cambridge Preservation Society.
- m) Reviewing Clerks Contract Clerk to give everyone a copy before next meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Moore and Stephens – Audit Clerk reported audit is completed and copies put up on noticeboard .
- b) Mrs Miller -Flooding – Grantchester Road Letter to be sent to Mrs Miller informing her that drain pipe will be rodded out. See 4(l)
- c) Copy Letter from SCDC to Mrs Miller re Flooding see (b) above
- d) Jan Hradecky, Mayor of Ostra – Twinning of Villages Clerk to find out more about this via neighbouring villages who are twinned. Clerk to write to Jan Hradecky informing him of this.
- e) Friends of War Memorials Requesting an answer to letter received in November about joining. Agreed not to join. Clerk to advise this
- f) Cambridge Preservation Society – Trees Cambridge Road to inform Council that planting is still going ahead.
- g) SCDC – Airey Houses Advising Council that tenants in Airey houses have received letters about demolishing their houses and redeveloping the area.
- h) CALC Training It was agreed to pay for clerks registration for training and for attending a workshop on Accounting.

ANY FROM FILES

- i) Local Council Review – March 2003
- j) SCDC – Appraisal of Airey Properties
- k) Police – Histon Newsletter
- l) Police – Crime Report
- m) SCDC – Housing Register Village Leaflet
- n) SCDC – South Cambs View Wins Through
- o) NHS Primary Care Trust
- p) DEFRA – Licensing Bill
- q) A. Lansley – Energywatch

8. FOOTPATHS

Mrs Smart reported that Mr Davis had helped with waymarking Footpath No 6.

Green Belt Project work still has to be done. – letters have been sent to all concerned.

Some waymarks still to be put in .

9. ACCOUNTS

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk's Salary	88.00
Moore & Stephens	Audit	141.00
CALC	Training	85.00

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

April 16th 2003, 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Agreed Clerk to send letter of condolence to Mrs Needham on the passing of her husband Professor Needham, past District councillor and Parish Councillor.

Lots of small concrete posts denoting services are down in the village – Clerk to check

Clerk to advertise Annual Parish Meeting in Community News.

No numbers on street lamps along Cambridge Road –report

Looks like there is a water leak outside the cottages opposite The Plough –
report

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30PM