

A MEETING OF COTON PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 13TH 2002 IN THE W.I. HALL, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs A. Davis, G. Diplock and Councillor J. Reynolds.

2. SIGNING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 2ND 2002

The minutes of the last meeting held as above were confirmed and signed with the following addition: 4.a) i. After “he would be” insert “It was suggested we with-hold 10% of balance owing to defects”.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Bennys Way Play Area

- i. Defects – Clerk had spoken to Mr Guest who said work to remedy defects pointed out in Mr Connolley’s letter should have been done. Clerk had looked and had reported to him that the hole at the top of the slide was still there and also water collects at the bottom of the slide. Mr Guest would be inspecting these faults again.
- ii. “No Ball Games” Sign Clerk had sent letter to Mr Clarke about this and had also spoken to him. Councillor Hughes had also spoken to him about it following a complaint from a resident. Mr Botright still has a sign that he had made but this cannot go up until the one from SCDC is erected.
- iii. Litter Bin It was reported that there is already one in the Play Area. Clerk reported that two were needed as in summer there is an overflow of litter.
- iv. Sign denoting Age Limit. Agreed to delete this from agenda.
- v. Inspection Report. Letter had been received from Cornhill Insurance stating that we should take note of inspection reports. It was proposed by Mr Kinsey that we follow requirements as laid out in Wickstead’s Inspection Report and remove 1 swing in the bay and reposition the other two. This was seconded by Mrs Darling and agreed with 6 for and 1 against.
Mr Kinsey proposed and Mr Burbage seconded that the quote from Wicksteeds for this work of £243.00 be accepted. This was agreed with 6 for and 1 abstention.

It was agreed to hold onto the middle seat when it is removed so it can be used for possible repairs in future.

4. COUNCILLOR HUGHES REPORT

Councillor Hughes reported that Mr Barton, Madingley Road had had his Planning Application approved.

She reported that the ditch at the side of Mrs Pluck's house in Silverdale Avenue had been overflowing and her garden had been under water – This was now being sorted. The hedge beside the ditch will be cut at the same time as a conifer tree in her garden.

Councillor Hughes then filled in a questionnaire with the help of the council.

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- b) Pedestrian Crossing – Brook Lane Clerk & Chairman had met with Phil Sharp's second in command on site. On his advice Clerk applied for dropped kerbs and slopes onto Recreation Ground in Brook Lane and slope from Recreation Ground onto The Footpath at corner opposite Plough on Jointly Funded Minor Authority Grant. Councillors wondered if it would be too sharp a slope for safety but it was felt if accepted the safety aspect would be taken into consideration when carried out. If accepted we will have to pay 60p per elector. Remember for precept.
- c) Overgrown Hedges and Ivy Growing on Path Ivy on path had been cleared. Overgrown shrub in Whitwell Way near College Farm. Ivy hanging over wall of St Catharine's Farmhouse and over Parish Council noticeboard. Clerk to request this and shrub above are cut back..
- d) New Tree – Silverdale Avenue Nothing further.
- e) Car Parking – Whitwell Way Bus Shelter Clerk had sent letter to Mr Clarke at SCDC and spoken to him on telephone. Matter still being pursued. Mr Cole and Mr Bush had spoken to Councillor Hughes about off street parking.
- f) Moving 30mph Speed Limit Sign Letter had been received stating that the signs will be moved shortly.
- g) Untaxed Cars PC Bradley had e-mailed Clerk to say he would come to meeting but would be late but he had not arrived Clerk was going to report cars to him then..
- h) New Trees Along Cambridge Road Chairman reported he had spoken to Mrs at the Country Park Meeting and she said there had been a meeting with Mr Allen of University Farms. He was quite happy with new trees at the far end of field but against anything being planted end near to the houses. Clerk had written to Mrs - await reply.
- i) Fence at Back of Plough Now completed – delete from Agenda. Send bill for 50% of cost.
- j) Word Processor nothing further.

- k) Cars Parking Opposite No 12 High Street Leave on Agenda for moment.
- l) Slip Road Off M11 to Barton Road Roundabout Meeting arranged with Libby Sands from Carillon (Highway Authority) and Russell De Ville from County Council for November 20th at 8.30am at Barton Road Roundabout.
- m) Parking Outside Rectory Leave on Agenda
- n) Lorry Parking in Cambridge Road Still there – push for 30mph signs to be moved.
- o) Weed Killer on Cambridge Road Pavement Clerk had written – no reply to date
- p) 13 Silverdale Avenue – Health Hazard Mrs Darling had seen neighbours of no 13 and advised them to write a letter.
- q) Cambridge Road Sign Now done.
- r) Reinstating of Pavements – Cambridge Road and Whitwell Way Clerk had written – no answer yet.
- s) Country Park Chairman reported the Meeting was well attended Main objections seemed to be cars being encouraged to come into village by making access paths from village to proposed park, and car park suggested will not be big enough. Councillors object to trees across the recreation Ground and information board at the corner of Recreation Ground near Plough. They also object to a disabled car park and toilets suggested along the footpath towards the M11. Letter from Mrs E. Thompson received with objections which were noted.
It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mrs Darling that a letter is written to Mr Pearce stating our objections ie, no noticeboard on corner of Recreation Ground, no trees across the Recreation Ground, and no car park and toilets along the footpath and asking him to consider instead extending the original car park along Wheatcases Road.. This was agreed with 6 for and 1 abstention.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) SCDC – Housing Strategy
- b) Police Authority – Histon Newsletter and Crime Report September 2002
- c) CALC Bulletin No 6 – September 2002 and Literature
- d) Clerks & Council's Direct September 2002
- e) Harvest October 2002& Literature

f) Local Council Review September 2002

5 ALLOTMENTS

a) Clearing of Vacant Piece of Allotments Still being worked on.

6 FOOTPATHS

Mrs Smart reported there is still some work to be done by Green Belt Project. A tree at the edge of the churchyard was blown down, blocking no 4 path. - has now been cleared – The Silks arranged it.

No 4 path is not yet legal.

Application forms for next years grant had been received.

7. PLANNING

Mr & Mrs Boorman, R/O 11 Cambridge Road,, Coton – Outline permission for dwelling

Laundry Farm – Bowling Greens

8. ACCOUNTS

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk's Salary	88.00
Mrs D. Wilson	Petty Cash	65.00
Greens Grasscutting	Footpath Work	82.25
Glasdon	Litter Bin	49.93

Amount precepted for Recreation Ground now to be passed to them

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

December 11th 2002

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fence along Footpath No 5 is broken at top of footbridge over M11 – Mrs Smart to report

Bridleway to Schlumberger from M11 footbridge is badly overgrown – report to City Council.