

COTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Tuesday 14th October 2003 at 7.00pm
In the W.I. Hall in High Street Coton

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

7.00pm 7.10pm OPEN SESSION

Group of residents from Silverdale Avenue are concerned about proposals to demolish Airey Houses in Silverdale Avenue and rebuild on the area with a larger amount of houses.

They were also concerned about lack of consultation and information about this and asking the Parish Council for more information ie. timescale, plans etc.

Mr Boatfield, speaker for the residents, stated they were setting up a Housing Tenants Association

Chairman said the Council had noted their comments and the matter will be discussed later.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs Darling.

TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS HELD ON AUGUST
12TH AND AUGUST 19TH 2003

It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mrs Brown that the minutes as above are confirmed and signed. This was agreed by all those who were at the meetings.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (for information only)

There were no matters arising.

MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr Diplock registered an interest in item 7 (Airey Houses)

With the agreement of the Council items 10, 9 & 7 from the Agenda were brought forward.

COUNCILLOR HUGHES REPORT

Councillor Hughes reported that the tenants of the Airey Houses were invited to a meeting and were given as much information as was known. It was un-economical to do anything to bring the Airey houses up to date and would cost too much money. It had been decided as a general principle to replace all in the district.

It is anticipated nothing will happen until about 5 years. She is trying to extend Silverdale Close with some more housing. Any money coming from the Council Houses is now taken away (Government decision) and when some needed for a scheme they have to bid for their own money.

Maximum can get is 15 units, some bungalows. Hoping to move some of the more senior members into the bungalows, before the Airey development. Planning application going in fairly quickly. When doing this kind of development need someone willing to sell at a reduced rate J. Sadler willing to sell. Up to 60 people are waiting for accommodation in Coton..

One empty Airey house is causing concern and Environmental Health

have written to the owner.

Baptist Chapel has received lots of replies to questionnaire.

Planning She reported Mr & Mrs Boormans application at appeal has been turned down.

Mrs Ravens application has been turned down.

Bowls Ground , Barton Road has been approved.

Councillor Hughes commented on the dangers of cars exiting the M11 via the sliproad to the Barton Road roundabout. Clerk to find and follow up letter from Highways Authority received after site meeting with them at this place.

Chairman thanked Councillor Hughes.

COUNCILLOR REYNOLDS REPORT

Councillor Reynolds said he was not on the last minutes of August 12th as attending.

He reported that the Public Inquiry about the A428 dualling had concluded. The Inspector, because of the nature of the objections will deal with matter very quickly. Probably December. C. Reynolds thinks the Highways Authority proposals will be accepted by the Inspector.

He also reported on the County Councils overspend. Social Services growth of demand has increased in the last 12 months and looks likely to continue. Council want to maintain the service. They could reduce care but dont want to do this.

Chairman thanked Councillor Reynolds.

7. SCDC PLANS FOR RE-DEVELOPMENT OF AIREY HOUSES , SILVERDALE AVENUE

Parish Council only know what Councillor Hughes has told them.

The Meeting last week had been for South Cambs and the tenants.. It was thought that Parish Council should have some plans before them before they act further.

Write to SCDC Housing for plans. Asking for information on time scale, and to be updated when anything happens. What is density of houses planned?

TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

Bennys Way Play Ara Children Playing Ball Games Mr Chandler reported he had visited the Play Area several times and had seen no problem. He had not seen any ball games being played. Mrs Smart said she had but when she had said something she had been ignored. Ms Baumgarten had also seen them playing ball. The children say they are not allowed to play on the Silverdale Avenue Green.

It was suggested that they do play on the green Clerk to ask South Cambs if there is any objection to this happening.

If it is allowed piece to go in the Community News about it.

Crossing Brook Lane Nothing further Clerk to write again.

Car Parking Silverdale Avenue/Whitwell Way Corner Nothing further Clerk to write again.

Parking Outside Rectory White Lines Nothing further Clerk to write again .

Potholes in Village It was reported there was a pothole outside 77/79 Whitwell Way.

It was also reported that the pavement outside No 11-12 Silverdale Avenue needs repairing.

Madingley Overhanging Hedges Now done Remove from Agenda.

Ditch Clearing Off Grantchester Road Now done but a lot of rubbish left. Clerk to write to University Farm and ask if they could arrange to have it cleared.

Twinning Village With Ostra Ms Baumgarten reported she had written to Ostra but they have never responded.

New Signs on Cambridge Road for 30mph Speed Limit Nothing further Clerk to write again.

Overhanging Hedges No 13 Silverdale Avenue hedge overgrown Clerk to report to Mr M. Cooper, County Council.

Repair of Street Nameplates St Peters Road and Silverdale Close Have been reported not yet done.

Clerk to also ask to have the Silverdale Close sign at the back of Mr Whites,
re-positioned.

Bus Timetables Letter received stating they will be put up. Not yet done.

Mirror on Bus Shelter-High Street Letter had been sent to Mr & Mrs Smethers no reply yet.

Parish Plan Dr Connolley to draft letter about this for Community News.

Small Contractors Insurance Clerk to ask Mr Mitchell about this and also for a quote for cutting village green next season.

Loose Screw on Play Equipment Clerk to report also ask again about fraying rope.

Ivy Growing on Path Outside Rectory Clerk to write to Rev Cozens about cutting back ivy on wall and on path.

INSPECTION OF PLAY AREA BENNY'S WAY From weekly inspection book.

Play Area has been inspected seven times. All well except for the following:

Screw on top rope, middle of five, still loose, on multi play unit
3 main bolts slightly loose multi play unit
Some paint is off the mini roundabout
Some fraying ropes on multi play units.

Clerk to report to RSS.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Mark Reid Helping Elderly/Infirm with Removal of Large Items of Rubbish

It was agreed this would be a worthwhile scheme Could be trouble to get Waste Management to take it. Clerk to contact Claire Woodward to try and arrange it. Clerk to inform Mr Reid of this.

It was reported that leftovers from Jumble Sales are now not accepted at the Waste Recycling depot. Mrs Smart who is going on a Master Recycling Meeting will raise this issue.

Madingley Parish Council Asking Coton P.Cs views on requesting traffic lights to be installed at Coton Crossroads.

It was agreed that something should be done and suggested that a site meeting with Highway Authorities should be requested. Clerk to inform Madingley Parish Council and arrange a site meeting.

Mr Baines Reply to Allotment Letter see 13(d) below

d) Coton Village Hall Request for donation To go on next agenda.

ANY FROM FILE

SCDC South Cambs Local Plan No 2

County Council Police Community Support Officer

g) County Council Changes to Local Bus Services

South Cambs Primary Care Trust Opportunity for People Living With Chronic Conditions

i) A. Lansley Power Cut Compensation

j) Environment Agency Flood event Data

SCDC Planning and Enforcement Appeals

Histon Sector Newsletter September 2003

Local council Review September 2003

Clerks and Councils Direct - September 2003

CALC Bulletin - August 2003 plus Literature

S. Cambs Primary Care Group No 8 August 2003

Standards Board Standards Committee Determination

County Council -Parish Planting

DEFRA Rural Services Standards 2003

County Council Changes to Local Bus Services

TO CONSIDER TREE APPLICATIONS

S. Elmes, St Catharines Hall Farm, 57, High Street, Coton Coppice Ash and reduce height of yew tree by half. There were no objections to this.

Mr & Mrs Dunn, The Dovecote, St Catharines Hall, Coton Remove 1 eucalyptus tree and replace with Prunus. There was no objection to this.

FOOTPATHS

It was proposed by Mr Kinsey, seconded by Mrs Darling and was agreed that in future Agenda to read TO CONSIDER REPORT FROM FOOTPATH REPRESENTATIVE instead of FOOTPATHS

Mrs Smart reported:

She had said she would be asking Greens to cut Footpath No 2. This had been changed. Mr J. Sadler had restored path within legal time and also improved path. He had been extremely co-operative. He had been disappointed with all the grumbles from people. He was willing to help in any way.

It was agreed to write to Mr Sadler and thank him for his help.

Mrs Smart reported in the past she had tried to get Footpath No 6 joined to Footpath No 9 but with no luck. Now she has found out that Sir Frances Pemberton is the tenant farmer and she would like approval to try again to get the two Footpaths joined. She has discussed this with the new P3 Officer and sent him information about this.

She has been given the option of attending a workshop in November producing leaflets about Rights of Way.

The new P3 Officer, Steve Tebbitt will be contacting Mr Millar about the height of the stiles on his land they are too high and he will be asked to either remove and replace with kissing gates or make them not so high.

Green Belt Project workers plan to do the work on 3 kissing gates in the village hoping to start on Thursday and Mrs Smart has notified the tenant farmers and landowners. She will draft a letter to Mr Miller for Clerk to send.

She was asked to inquire about village assets agreed they are not our responsibility she will inform the landowners and tenant farmers it is their responsibility.

2 new way-marks have been put in.

Mr Kinsey proposed and Mrs Darling seconded that Mrs Smart has permission to go ahead with the joining of Footpath No 6 to Footpath No 9. This was agreed.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs Smart.

ALLOTMENTS

Clearing of Vacant Piece of Allotments Mr Kinsey reported he, Mrs Brown and Clerk, had met with Mr Bramley from Carter Jonas, who had agreed the land would be taken back as from 29th September, with a possible reduction of rent. The Parish Council. Will receive a letter about this.

It was agreed Mr Bradford be asked for a bill for the rest of his work in clearing this land.

Thanks to the people who worked so hard to clear it.

Permission For another Skip It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mrs Darling that 2 more skips be ordered for the rest of the rubbish and concrete. This was agreed.

Water on Allotments Wait to see what is done with vacant piece of allotments.

Allotment Inspections Letter had been sent to some of the allotments holders. Reply received from Mr Baines stating that he cannot do anything with top end of his allotment until concrete etc. is removed. Also that the far end is maintained by Mr Mitchell.

ACCOUNTS

Mrs D. Wilson		Clerks Salary	
264.00			
Carter Jonas	Allotment Rent	360.00	
Moore Stephens	Audit	293.75	
Greens	Grass-cutting Verge Cut	121.02	
CALC	Audit Manual	11.99	
CALC	Charles Arnold Baker	38.50	

It was agreed to issue cheque for two skips out of council.

Amount of Audit was questioned Clerk to check with Moore Stephens and pay if correct

It was proposed by Mr Chandler and seconded by Mr Kinsey that the cheques above be paid. This was agreed.

Clerk reported that all monies are under one current account interest will be the same as deposit account.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed next meeting be changed to 10th December 2003 instead of 9th December.

It was agreed Precept Meeting be on January 8th 2004

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (For information and next agenda only)

Concern raised over granting of Wildlife Reserve Application regarding horse-meadow objection by Parish Council For Next Agenda.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40PM