

COTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Coton Parish Council

Held on September 11th 2007 in the W.I. Hall, High Street, Coton

Commencing at 7.00pm.

Members present: Messrs G. Diplock,(Chairman), G. Kinsey, J. Fox, A. Storkey, Mesdames W. Sadler, M. Edwards, R. Darling, B. Smart, Dr C. Thorne and Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk) Also attending Melanie Baker from ACRE for Open Session, south Cambridgeshire District Councillor, Francis Burkitt, and 1 parishioner.

OPEN SESSION

Melanie Baker from ACRE suggested ways of implementing the Parish Plan.

Chairman thanked her for coming.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 14TH 2007

AGREED The Minutes of Meeting as above be approved and signed.

3. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES for information only.

a) Roof of Pavilion Repairs still to be done.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Burkitt reported on:

Option Sites - He thanked all those who delivered the leaflets. The next stage will be 2 inspectors appointed by the Government to evaluate comments – Reports out possibly second quarter of next year.

He gave a short report about the Proposed Development – Northwest Cambridge. More in community News.

He also reported about Garden at 13 Silverdale Avenue

Chairman thanked Councillor Burkitt.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Baldwin was not in attendance.

7. TO RECEIVE PLAY EQUIPMENT REPORT FOR BENNY'S WAY AND RECREATION GROUND from Mrs Edwards.

Recreation Ground Swings still stiff.(see 8 below) Grassing still needs doing.(see 8 below)

Skateboard ramp - one bung has been pushed right in hole. Mrs Edwards will try and retrieve it

All else OK.

Benny's Way Bike and Clover ride rough around edges.

Screw came out again – Mrs Edwards has screwed it back in.

Bird droppings on swing seats.

All else OK.

8. TO CONSIDER REMAINING PROBLEMS ARISING FROM RoSPA REPORT.

Swing Lubrication information for cradle swing on Recreation Ground received from Wicksteeds, These are self lubricating, advised if very stiff may need changing.

AGREED To oil joints – Mrs Edwards will do this.

Infilling Matta with soil and seed – Receation Ground – Mr Kinsey will do this.

Roller – Recreation ground - Mr Bullard has said Cricket Club will have a skip to do this, and also to remove rubbish near container and shed.

Cracks in Path – Bennys Way. Mr Kinsey reported that Mr Vacher will not do anything about this.

Horse and swings – Benny's Way – Painting Mr James needs more specific information before quoting. Inform him of more details.

Quote received from Wicksteeds – next meeting.

9. TO CONSIDER MATTER OF DAMP IN MEN'S TOILET IN PAVILION

AGREED Clerk to contact Damp Decay and Control and ask for Inspection report and quote for work necessary.

10. TO CONSIDER PROBLEM OF ANY FOLIAGE OVERHANGING PAVEMENTS

No problems at present.

11. TO CONSIDER HEDGING AND FENCING COSTS FOR RECREATION GROUND

Mr Kinsey had investigated wire and post costs.

RESOLVED to obtain plastic green chain link fencing and posts from Ridgeons. – 25 metres wire -cost £50.68. plus VAT, posts 3 ft high - £43.18.

Clerk obtaining leaflet from company for hedging available.

12. TO AGREE HAVING NEW DOG BINS – ONE AT BENNY’S WAY AND ONE ON GRASS VERGE IN HIGH STRET NEAR CHURCH

RESOLVED to buy 2 new dog bins colour green with post fittings from Glasdon for a price of £75.25 each plus VAT and to buy 2 posts when size of fittings known.

13. TO AGREE SITING OF NEW NOTICES FOR RECREATION GROUND

Notices have been delivered.

AGREED Clerk, Mr Kinsey and Dr Thorne meet on Recreation Ground to chose site for notices.

14. TO RECEIVE REPORT OF MEETING WITH MR VACHER REGARDING PAVEMENTS ETC.

Mr Kinsey had met with Mr Vacher and reported he would:

Clear around signs in Brook Lane

Join kerbs at bus shelter

Repair path outside Mrs Hughes in High Street

Repair path outside school

Repair path in St Peters Road/Whitwell Way

Repair path outside 13 St John’s Road

Path in Silverdale Avenue, on corner – he had already asked to be re-instated.

Path across Benny’s Way – He was not prepared to do anything about.

15. TO CONSIDER FUTURE OF PARISH PLAN

RESOLVED To take and discuss one action point at each meeting.

16. TO REVIEW STANDING ORDERS

AGREED nothing needed changing.

17. TO CONSIDER APPOINTING A VILLAGE HANDYMAN

Clerk had found that Public Liability for someone wishing to do this work would cost them approx £133.00 per annum.

Mr Fox to look at and produce a contract for a handyman.

Mr James is still interested. Mr Stan Mitchell had also informed Clerk he was interested.

18. TO CONSIDER REPLY FROM CAROLIN GOHLER ABOUT OLD NOTICEBOARD (email)

RESOLVED Ms Gohler can take over noticeboard for Countryside Reserve – no longer required by Council.

19. TO ADOPT MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLVED Council adopt New Model Code of Conduct and also include para 12.2. CALC advertising this.

20. TO CONSIDER ANY ALLOTMENT MATTERS

SMALL GATE Letter now received from Carter Jonas.
AGREED Measurements now be taken to see if included in Right of Way

TO AGREE CHARGE FOR ALLOTMENT RENT

RESOLVED

Allotment rent be increased by £1.00 for next year bringing total to £16.00 per annum.

AGREED Allotment letters be sent to those with overgrown allotments – clerk and Mr Fox to inspect and decide.

COUNCILLOR BURKITT ARRIVED AND GAVE HIS REPORT SEE 5 ABOVE.

21 TO DISCUSS PROVISION OF YOUTH SHELTERS AND PLACES THEY COULD BE PUT UP

Clerk reported leaflets being passed round in files. For next agenda.

21. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/1612/07/F J. Maguire, Coton Primary School, Whitwell Way, Coton- Retention of 3 Bay Mobile Building.

RESOLVED this application be approved. Necessary for school.

S/1289/07/RM The Bursar Downing College, - Land at Laundry Farm, Barton Road, Coton – Submission of Reserved Matters for siting, Design, Access and landscaping of Outline Application Ref S/1006/04/O

RESOLVED This application be approved.

22. TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM GROUP PLAYING FOOTBALL ON RECREATION GROUND ON MONDAY NIGHTS.

AGREED As season is almost over ask them to contact Parish Council next year.

23. TO RECEIVE FOOTPATH REPORT FROM MRS SMART

Mrs Smart said she had reported the ruts on the M11 footbridge on path no 8. Small ruts on cycle track no 5.

24. TO CONSIDER PAINTING OF SHED AND CONTAINER IN CORNER OF RECREATION GROUND AND REMOVAL OF RUBBISH

Letter received from Mr Bullard - he will be getting skip to remove rubbish – wanting copy of any information about painting the container. Clerk to reply.

25. TO RECEIVE INVITATION FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE RURAL FORUM CONFERENCE ON “BUILDING SUSTAINABLE RURAL COMMUNITIES” SEPTEMBER 27TH

Information passed to Mrs Smart.

26. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

- a) COPE – Newsletter Passed round in file.
- b) Minutes of Comberton Neighbourhood Panel Meeting 22.08.07 Passed round in file.
- c) County Council – Bus changes Passed round in file.
- d) Independent Examination Local development Framework – S. Cambs – Passed round in file.
- e) SCDC – Polling District Review 2007 Passed round in file.
- f) County Council Bus Registration – Passed round in file.
- g) Local Council Review – September 2007 - Passed round in file.

27. FINANCE

RESOLVED The following payments be made.:

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk’s Salary	290.00
Mrs D. Wilson	Photocopying	27.64
Buchans	Rec Cut	276.12
Algar Signcraft	Signs	192.70
Carter Jonas	Allotment Rent	360.00
Greens	Verges	133.95

Reimbursement of Water and Elec Bills £130.78 received from Football Club

Reimbursement of Elec bill £66.93 received from Cricket Club.

28. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17th September at &.7.30pm. October 9th 2007 at 7.00pm

29. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Concern raised about mess on Whitwell Way where building is taking place.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05P,M