

# A MEETING OF COTON PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> 2003 IN THE W.I. HALL, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

Members present: Messrs. G. Kinsey(Chairman) A. Davis, P. Burbage, J. Lewis,  
Mesdames B. Smart, P. Brown, Ms N. Baumgarten, & Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk).

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs R. Darling and Mr G. Diplock.

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made here – but see 5(b) below.

## 3. CONFIRMING AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> 2003 AND MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> 2003

The Minutes of the last meetings were confirmed and signed with the  
following amendments:

March 5<sup>th</sup> – 6(a) 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph Add after “risk” “Assessment”

6(e) After “Mr Cooper” add “Voting 5 for 1 abstention”

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

a) Bennys Way Play Area Swings – work now completed.

New Trees Nothing further – Clerk to check with Mr Hellingsworth.

No Ball Games Nothing further – Clerk to check with Geoff Clark.

b) Crossing – Brook Lane Nothing further.

c) New Tree – Silverdale Avenue Nothing further – Clerk to contact Geoff  
Clark.

d) Whitwell Way /Silverdale Avenue Corner - Concrete Posts – Letter had been  
sent to Mr Cooper.

e) Slip Road Off M11 to Barton Road roundabout Letter had been received from  
Libby Sands stating safety aspects are being investigated.

f) Wildlife Reserve See under 6 below (Planning)

g) Potholes in Village Potholes reported along Wheatcases Road – Clerk to  
arrange site meeting with Mr Cooper.

- h) Puddle Outside Rectory New drain now put in and other cleaned. Await rain to see if effective.  
It was suggested if the parking area was marked into parking bays with white lines, cars would park more sensibly and possibly provide room for more cars. Put to Mr Cooper when meeting him.
- i) Madingley Road Crossroads Mr Davis said he had written privately to County Council voicing his concern about bus lane.  
Councillor Reynolds suggested that Parish Council ask for the issue to be considered at the joint traffic committee (City and County Council).  
Discuss at next Parish Council Meeting with new Council.  
Councillor Reynolds said the bus companies had been approached to make their drivers aware about buses not having priority at end of bus lane.
- j) Grantchester Road – Ditch Clearing Clerk to approach Pat Nichols again about clearing her ditch.
- k) Reviewing Clerk’s Contract It was agreed Clerk should have a separate contract for Recreation Ground. Clerk to produce sample for next Recreation Ground Meeting.  
Contract for Parish Council to have inserts denoting hours of work, wages, telephone rental, room payment and holidays. Clerk to produce for agreement at next meeting.
- l) Twinning of Village with Ostra Clerk had tried to contact Clerk to Comberton but had no luck so far. Mr Kinsey to help.
- m) Service Posts in Village Clerk to report those that are down in village.  
Councillors to inform her of any that are down. Two outside 2 Brookfield Road.
- n) Street Lamps – Cambridge Road – Numbers Letter received from County Council stating they will number the posts.
- n) Water Leak Opposite The Plough Now repaired.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Nicky Anderson – 30mph Speed limit – Cambridge Road Asking for more posts denoting 40mph along Cambridge Road to remind drivers of the limit.  
Ask Mr Cooper when meeting him what he would suggest.  
Clerk to advise Ms Anderson that we are investigating this and will contact her again.
- b) Coton W.I. – Donation Request 3 Members of the Council declared an interest and took no part in discussion or vote.  
It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mr Burbage that the W.I. be advised there are no funds allocated to W.I. and at the end of the financial year the Council will consider their request if there are any funds available. This was agreed.

- c) John Sadler – Field Near School Stating he will be cultivating this field and asking for more markings at top end of footpath to stop people going onto Mr Wallis' land.  
Mr Kinsey reported he and Mrs Smart had walked the footpath to Madingley Road and another waymark to go on Mr Wallis land – Mr Wallis is putting up a fence where hedge was.  
Clerk to inform Mr Sadler of this and to advise him to put a sign up near the waterworks entrance telling walkers not to go across his land.  
Sign post to Footpath at side of School needs to be clearer.
- d) SCDC – Option Appraisal of Airey Products
- e) Police –Histon Newsletter March 2003 and Crime Report
- f) SCDC – Housing Register Leaflet
- g) SCDC – The South Cambs View Wins Through
- h) South Cambs Primary Care Trust Bulletin No 5
- i) DEFRA – Licensing Bill
- j) Andrew lansley – 24seven Performance
- k) County Council 2003-04 Budget
- l) Local Council Review – March 2003

## 6. FOOTPATHS

Mrs Smart reported as follows:

Footpath No 4 – diversion will not be legal until another 3 weeks. Following that Mrs Smart will be writing a report about all that has happened with F/Path No4. For records.

She reported there is still work for the Green Belt Project workers to do.

Mrs Smart suggested there be another Village Walk - Mr Pearce and Mrs Bradford are keen for this to happen. It was agreed this happen and on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs Smart will need help and posters to advertise this. Clerk will do posters.

## 7. PLANNING

S/0603/2003/F Cambridge Preservation Society – St Catharine's Hall Farm - Change of Use of Land to a Wildlife and Farm Reserve (Countryside Reserve) and Amendment. Parish Council have no objection, but concern voiced with regard to the amendment showing Home Close Field. The Council wish this to be retained as a paddock and/or open field as it now exists.

Letter had been received from Mr & Mrs Clegg voicing concern about cars parking along The Footpath to gain access to Reserve along The Footpath.

Also asking if the earth barriers can be carried on to the M11 bridge at The Footpath to reduce traffic noise from M11 to residents along The Footpath - copy of their letter to be sent to Dr Pearce CPS with support from PC..

8. ALLOTMENTS

Mr Kinsey reported work would be carried out on the vacant piece of allotments over Easter and a skip needs to be ordered.

9. ACCOUNTS

Mrs D. Wilson	Salary	156.00
Mrs D. Wilson	Petty Cash	65.08
CALC	Training	60.00
CALC	Health & Safety Book	10.00
Wicksteeds	Work on Swings	220.32

It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mrs Brown not to subscribe to Open Spaces this season. This was agreed 5 for and 2 abstentions.

Received from Madingley Parish Council £45.00 – 50% training costs  
Received from SCDC £8000.00 - 50% precept

Quote had been received for repairing seat next to bus shelter in High Street which had been vandalised. Clerk to claim on insurance for repairs. Revised quote to be requested to include treating seat/wood with Sadolin. This was proposed by Mr Davis and seconded by Mr Lewis all agreed. Also agreed to accept quote out of Council.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Brown reported that the pavement in Whitwell Way at point of new roadway to new development has now been re-instated.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.00PM