

COTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes Of a Meeting of Coton Parish Council

Held in the W.I. Hall, High Street, Coton on Wednesday 13th December 2006

Commencing at 7.00pm.

Members present: Messrs G. Kinsey, G. Diplock, J. Lewis, Mesdames B. Smart, P. Brown, R. Darling, Dr N. Baumgarten (left early) and Dr W. Connolley (left early), Denzil Baldwin (Local County Councillor) and Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk) Also in attendance was Mr T. Spencer.

There were no members of the public present.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs Darling (as previous Vice-Chairman) asked for nominations for Chairman. It was proposed by Mr Diplock and seconded by Mr Kinsey that Mrs Darling be elected. There were no other proposals. All agreed Mrs Darling to be Chairman.

2. SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORM BY CHAIRMAN.

Mrs Darling signed the declaration of acceptance form, witnessed by Clerk

3. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

4. CO-OPTION TO PARISH COUNCIL

The necessary form having been displayed advising a casual vacancy, SCDC had advised there were no electors wanting an election and the Parish Council should co-opt as soon as was practicable.

Mr Terry Spencer had contacted Clerk to say he was interested in being co-opted. It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mr Diplock that Mr Spencer be co-opted. There were no other proposals. This was agreed.

Dr Baumgarten stated the Councillors should have been informed that co-option would be taking place before the Agendas went out.

5. SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE FORM BY CO-OPTED MEMBER

Mr Spencer signed the Declaration of Acceptance Form, witnessed by the Clerk

6. SIGNING OF MODE OF CONDUCT AND REGISTERING OF INTEREST FORMS BY MR SPENCER

Mode of Conduct and Registering of Interest forms were signed by Mr Spencer and witnessed by Clerk.

7. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mrs Darling that Mr Diplock be elected as Vice-Chairman. There were no other proposals. This was agreed with 7 for, 1 abstention and 1 against.

8. APPROVING AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 8TH 2006

The Minutes of the Meeting held on November 8th were confirmed and signed with the following amendments: 6(m) 3rd line, after “Mr Smith” add “petition organizer”, 7(j) Delete “no one to go” Add “Mrs Smart to go”, and 14(c), 4th line change “she” to “he”. This was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mr Diplock.

9. MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were declared by: Mrs R. Darling and Mrs B. Smart for item 12(b), Mr Diplock for items 13 & 19, Mr Lewis for items 13 & 19, Dr Baumgarten for item 17(a).

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Nameplate – Bennys Way Now replaced.
- b) “No Ball Games” Sign – Whitwell Way Bus Shelter. Now on wall. Bill presented for payment below – see 19.
- c) Poplar Tree – Prof. McCauley’s Garden Clerk had seen Ms Moss and asked for poplar tree to have work done at the same time as the black poplar tree.
- d) Wild Plum Tree, Sadler’s Close Mr Vacher to arrange for this to be taken down.

11. TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

- a) Bennys Way Play Area – Weekly Inspections Dr Connolley said nothing to report – book seen and signed by Chairman
- b) New Noticeboard nothing further.
- c) Overhanging Shrubs It was reported that Mr Baldwin’s hedge in Brook Lane needs cutting back – over the white line., also at 81 Whitwell Way the elder overhanging the path. Clerk to contact owners.
- d) Village Green Cut Mr Green had cut green again – this time had collected grass.
- e) Parish Plan Mr Spencer reported final version being prepared for issue.

- f) RoSPA Report - Springers – Letter received from RoSPA accepting RSS's comments and stating Council should monitor item.

Bins – clerk had again contacted SCDC about this.

- g) Bus Shelter Cleaning Clerk had rung a number of cleaners from yellow pages most not interested. Sawston Cleaners quoted £50.00 to clean once a month. Mr Baldwin suggested cleaners at Hardwick – he will let Clerk know details.
- h) Cars Parking – High Street Not too bad – keep watch.
- i) Mirror on Bus Shelter – Clerk reported she had written to Mr & Mrs Smethers apologising for Chairman not contacting them before and had invited them to come to this meeting to talk to the Council in the Open Session if they still wanted to pursue the matter.
- j) Slip Road Off M11 – Barton Road Letter received from Highway Authority stating this had been improved about a year ago. He would be willing to attend a meeting but it would be better if a representative from County Council also attended. Mr Denzil suggested Mr Vacher could be asked to meeting.
Clerk to arrange after Christmas.
- k) Road Calming Petition - Mr Kinsey attended meeting and reported on it, Mr Smethers spoke for the petitioners. Letter has also been received stating that nothing will be done at the moment
- l) Pavements Mr Diplock, Mr Kinsey and Clerk had met with Mr Vacher, who had agreed to side out Footpath no 5. He had not mentioned in his e-mail to Clerk about the pavements in Silverdale Avenue. Clerk to ask why he is not going ahead with amended scheme for footpaths.
- m) SCDC – Street Naming Development Off Silverdale Avenue Letter received stating they were objecting to the name the Council suggested but factions had to be consulted first. They will contact Council again.
- n) Walnut Tree – Preservation Order Nothing further.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) RoSPA – Play Equipment Inspections It was proposed by Mr Diplock and seconded by Mrs Brown that play equipment inspection be done by RoSPA. This was agreed.
- b) Parochial Church Council Request for Donation It was agreed Clerk to advise PCC that due to unforeseen circumstances cannot donate any funds at present but this will be considered for next years funding.
- c) School PTA – Request for Donation it was agreed Clerk to advise PTA that

due to unforeseen circumstances PC cannot donate any funds at present but this will be considered for next years funding.

- d) Highways Authority – Junction off M11, Barton Road – See 11(j) above.
- e) RoSPA – Springers See 11(f) above.
- f) SCDC – Street Naming See 11(m) above
- g) Mrs Sell – Donation of Map Clerk to thank Mrs Sell.
- h) SCDC – Parish Council Casual Vacancy See 4 Above.
- i) County Council – Traffic Calming Petition See 11(k) above.
- j) City Council – Draft Structure of Community Involvement – A consultation Strategy for Planning in Cambridge. Mr Spencer to look at.

13. VILLAGE HALL – NEW PLANNING APPLICATION

A new planning application is being produced as more land has been acquired. Clerk to advise Mr McGonigal that if Application is being put in in the Council's name as last time, the Parish Council need to see and agree it before this happens.

14. TO AGREE SPECIFICATIONS FOR VERGES, VILLAGE GREEN AND RECREATION GROUND CUT

It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mr Diplock that these be accepted with following amendments:

Grass Verges – Delete “Please do not cut back the vegetation under the hedgerow belonging to the property at 1 Brook Lane”.

Recreation Ground Cutting – Delete “25mm” Add “20mm”. Change “Recreation Ground Trustees” to “Parish Council “

15. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

S/2218/06/F Mrs Hollings, 62 high Street, Coton - Garden Outbuilding. It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mr Diplock that Parish Council have no recommendations. This was agreed with 4 for and 3 abstentions. Clerk to point out to SCDC that it is in a conservation area 9 marked on P/A as no.

TREE WORK APPLICATION

Mr Miller, Manor Farm, Brook Lane, Coton – various Tree works - it was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mr Diplock; that there be no objection – this was agreed with 6 for and 1 abstention.

16. FOOTPATH REPORT FROM Mrs Smart

Mrs Smart reported that she and representatives from County Council had met with the owner of the new house and land at Silk's Farm where the footpath runs through. He is going to fence off the footpath and will cut the grass. The kissing gate has still not been done - the Green Belt Project are not now doing it but the work is in hand.

17. ALLOTMENTS

- a) Small Gate It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mr Spencer that the Council purchase a lock like the ones on the two large gates so the keys which allotment holders have will fit, and ask Mr Butterfield if he will lock it and keep it locked.
- b) Skip Clerk reported it had been too wet for the skip to be delivered to the end of the track – waiting until drier weather comes. Clerk to inform Mr Butterfield.
- c) Various Nothing to report

18. RECREATION GROUND

- a) Pavilion Management It was agreed the Work Party's recommendations be accepted and sent. This was proposed by Mrs Darling and seconded by Mr Kinsey.
- b) Fallen Tree – No 1 - Work now done and bill for payment received.
- c) Fallen Tree No 2 Clerk to ask Town & Country to remove as for 1st tree – check for same amount.
- d) Picnic Table Reported this had gone – Clerk to check.
- e) Planting of New Tree – Mr Woodcock Mr Woodcock had told Clerk the tree was prunus subhirtella autumnalis rosea. Mr Lewis to contact Mr Woodcock and agree position.

19 ACCOUNTS

The following payments were agreed – these were proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mrs Darling.

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk's Salary	441.00
Signwork	Bus shelter Sign	109.28
Cambs Wter Co	Pavilion(refunded by clubs)	33.85
Coton Recreation Ground	Licence money from Bowls Club And Cricket Club paid into PC Account in error	150.00
R. Chandler	Repayment of Loan	8,200.00
Buchans	Rec grass cutting	918.55
Mr Green	Church Green and verge cuts	267.90

It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mrs Brown that that the Village Hall Donation of £3,000.00 be deferred until March. This was agreed. Mr Diplock and Mr Lewis did not vote as they had an interest.

It was proposed by Mr Kinsey and seconded by Mr Diplock that the payment of £697.68 (includes VAT) to Powergen be paid by the Council. Clerk to advise the clubs that the Council will be prepared to split the bill 3 ways each paying £200.00 (VAT can be reclaimed) this was agreed. (Clubs usually reimburse the Parish Council for water and electricity used in pavilion but as this bill is so high the Council are prepared to pay a third) Clerk to write to Clubs explaining this. In future meter will be monitored when bill comes in and actual readings taken and given to Powergen by Clerk.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Precept Work Party – January 16th 2007. 7.00pm
Parish Council Meeting January 23rd 2007 7.00pm

Mr Baldwin (County Council) gave an apology for not having been to a meeting before. He gave a short update on A428, Guided Bus and A14.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS for next agenda and information only

Anglian Water – Flooding Brook Lane
Goal Posts Top of Whitwell Way
SCDC – Street Clean

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00PM