

COTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Coton Parish Council

At Coton W.I. Hall, on Wednesday December 7th 2005

Commencing at 7.00p.

Members present: Messrs. G. Diplock (Chairman), G. Kinsey (vice-chairman), J. Lewis, R. Chandler, Mesdames B. Smart, P. Brown, R. Darling,, and Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk).

Catrina Campbell from Cambridge Preservation Society was also present and gave an update of the Countryside Park progress in the Open Session.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs P. Brown, Dr N. Baumgarten and Dr W. Connolley.

2. APPROVING AND SIGNING THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 2ND, NOVEMBER 14TH, NOVEMBER 15TH, NOVEMBER 22ND, AND NOVEMBER 30TH 2005

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the minutes as above be signed.

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

Mr R. Chandler declared an interest and signed the book for items 13(a) & (b)

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

- a) Trees Overhanging Lights in Sadler's Close All hedges and trees have been cut back.
- b) Bonfire A great success with no problems.
- c) Surface of The Footpath nothing further.

5. TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

- a) Nameplates – Brookfield Road and St Peter's Road Nothing further, Clerk to follow up.
- b) Benny's Way Play Area – Inspection Report Dr Connolley not at meeting – book not seen.
- c) Car Parking – Whitwell Way/Silverdale Avenue Letter received from Mr Clark SCDC – Putting down extra parking are will cost too much. Clerk to arrange site meeting with Mr Clark. Letters sent to residents about parking. Not any better.

- d) Speed Checks in Village Nothing further.
- e) Poplar Trees – Bennys Way Play Area nothing further.
- f) New Noticeboard Mr Kinsey reported he had now got three quotes – for next meeting – exact sizes needed.
- g) Overhanging Hedges Letters had been sent to those with overhanging foliage and piece had been put in the Community News.
- h) Coton Countryside Reserve Progress update given in Open Session.
- i) Granta Housing Development Clerk and Vice-Chairman invited to attend a meeting at SCDC about this – prior to the planning application decision meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Herald Contract – Tree Work on Recreation Ground Clerk to obtain a quote from them.
- b) Coton Village Hall – Use of Recreation Ground It was agreed to allow the Village Hall to use the Recreation Ground on June 23rd and 24th 2006 for the Village Hall Fete.
- c) County Council – Verge Grant Informing Council that the grant will be reduced next year.
- d) Allianz Cornhill Insurance Invoice for new Fidelity Insurance.
- e) Mr Butterfield – Allotment Informing Council he will willing to take on the allotment adjacent to his and will be offering the previous tenant a small piece of the allotment if the Council agree. It was agreed that as long as Mr Butterfield retains responsibility for the whole allotment permission is given.

7. PARISH PLAN

It was reported the Plan is still being written up.

8. SHRUBS OVERHANGING THE BOWLS CLUB PAVILION

It was agreed Clerk to write to owners of the overhanging foliage and ask them to cut it back.

9. TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications.

10. FOOTPATH REPORT FROM MRS SMART

Mrs Smart said there was very little to report. Still chasing the Green Belt Project about kissing gates

11. ALLOTMENTS

- a) Overgrown Allotments letters sent to allotment holders.
- b) Allotment Rent Only one tenant still owing rent. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Clerk inform allotment holder as rent not paid could he please return gate key.
- c) Updating Allotment Rules and Contracts Changes agreed.

12. ACCOUNTS

it was proposed, seconded and agreed the following payments be made:

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk's Salary	305.00
Mrs D. Wilson	Photocopying	87.92(last paid 01/05)
K-Dec	Pavilion Work	17,625.00
Herald Contract	Village Green	258.51
Allianz Cornhill	Fidelity Ins	40.39
Coton Community News		500.00

Received Verge cut grant of £433.18

Bank reconciliation and budgetry control report seen – had been verified by Chairman.

13. RECREATION GROUND

- a) Pavilion Update Sample of a different tile was seen and it was agreed that these be used.
- b) Car Park Nothing further.
- c) Goal Posts and Shed It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Council will not accept responsibility for the second lot of goal posts and ask for them to be removed – goals do not comply with Health and Safety Standards.

Clerk to inform Zurich Insurance that the pavilion is under refurbishment and the wooden structure has been replaced with brick and roof being replaced with tiles.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

January 10th 2006 – Finance Work Party – Precept Meeting
January 24th 2006

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS for information and next agenda only.

There was no other business.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00PM