

# COTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

Held on July 8<sup>th</sup> 2008, in the W.I. Hall High Street, Coton,

Commencing at 7.00pm.

**Members present:** Messrs G. Diplock (Chairman), A. Storkey, J. Fox, Mesdames W. Sadler, R. Darling, M. Edwards, B. Smart, Dr C. Thorne, and Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk) Councillor Burkitt also attended to give his report and Carolin Gohler attended to give a progress report on the Countryside Reserve in the Open Session. There were also 4 parishioners present.

### OPEN SESSION

Carolin Gohler gave a report on the Countryside Reserve especially their policy in dealing with dog problems. She also answered questions from the parishioners.

#### 1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

#### 2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> 2008.

**RESOLVED** the minutes be approved and signed.

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

- a) Work on Various Items in the Village Quotes received from Mr Lewis (unopened). Clerk obtaining quotes from 2 other firms for the work, as per Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- b) New Chevron Signs Mr Diplock reported he and Mr Barwell had met with Mr Vacher who has agreed to take down the reflector posts and put up chevron signs in Brook Lane.

#### 5. TO RECEIVE PLAY EQUIPMENT REPORT FOR BENNY'S WAY AND RECREATION GROUND AND AGREE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.

Benny's Way- screw needs to be put back in. Climbing frame bit rusty.

Recreation Ground – Play equipment OK.

Skateboard needs treating. Books seen and signed by chairman.

#### 6. TO DISCUSS DOG BAN ON RECREATION GROUND FOLLOWING OPEN MEETING.

After discussion taking in concerns brought up at the Open Meeting it was finally **RESOLVED** to continue with ban while investigating future alternative regulations, including notices, dog bins and co-operation with dog owners for monitoring.

**AGREED** another Open Meeting be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm – leaflets to go to houses as for last Open Meeting, with an agenda of items needing discussion.

7. COUNCILLOR BURKITT'S REPORT

Councillor Burkitt reported he had sorted out the cutting of the grass verge in Benny's Way and had sent the Clerk an e-mail with contact details in case contractors stop cutting the verge. He had nothing more to report.

8. TO CONSIDER LETTER TO BE SENT REGARDING POSSIBLE LARGESCALE DEVELOPMENT AT "BARTON ROAD NORTH"

Clerk to send letter.

9. TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED REGARDING REMOVAL OF TELEPHONE BOXES IN COTON

Clerk to ask what the usage of these telephone boxes are.

10. TO DISCUSS E-MAIL FROM MIKE BULLARD RE: PAVILION MATTERS AND AGREE ACTION.

Heater in social area not working – Clerk to ask Mr Walsh to look at it.

Internal cracks – Clerk to obtain quotes for dealing with cracks.

It was understood that the clubs will be doing the internal decorations – Clerk to check.

11. TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM MR D. BALDWIN RE: BENNY'S WAY PLAY AREA GRASSCUTTING AND TREES.

Clerk had asked Councillor Burkitt to look into the cutting of the grass verge – which he has done – see his report above.

Once this has been sorted rest of letter not relevant.

Clerk to reply to Mr Baldwin.

12. TO RECEIVE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM MR KINSEY AND DISCUSS CASUAL VACANCY.

Clerk had advertised casual vacancy, if no 10 electors ask for an election within 14 working days then the Parish Council can co-opt. Clerk will advertise the co-option for anyone to apply.

13. TO DISCUSS CLEMATIS GROWING ON BACK OF BUS SHELTER IN WHITWELL WAY

Agreed to cut back and leave.

14. POND (Mr Treaceys) Mr Storkey reported that an ultra scan is being considered to see if there are any archaeological remains.

15. RECREATION GROUND CUT

Mrs Darling reported that on the day of the Fete the cut grass was being picked up on everyones shoes etc. it was pointed this was because it was a wet day.

16. TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM OF ANY FOLIAGE OVERHANGING PAVEMENTS.

It was reported that the hedge of the house next to the Plough was overhanging the highway.

17. PROGRESS REPORT ON NUISANCE CARS ON RECREATION GROUND.

Ms Baumgarten has reported that things have been quiet for a while.

18. COTON COUNTRYSIDE RESERVE

Nothing to report. See Open Session.

19. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SCDC DECISION: S/0613/08/CAC – R/O 66 High Street. Coton – total Demolition of Sunday School Building – Permission Granted.

20. TRAFFIC IN VILLAGE – Mr Storkey Nothing further.

21. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM MRS SMART

Mrs Smart said nothing much to report – there may be another way mark put in.

Bridge over M11 reported to be bad. Clerk to inform Mr Vacher.

22. TO DISCUSS DITCH BESIDE RECREATION GROUND.

Mr Vacher said pipe was clear between ditches. Clerk to obtain quotes for cleaning out ditch.

23. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS RoSPA PLAY INSPECTION REPORT.

Recreation Ground - Fencing around play area – for next precept  
Litter Bin – ask SCDC

Roller – Ask Cricket Club to remove  
Bolt threads on seat in middle of rec. check.  
Seal end on skateboard ramp – check.  
Wooden pallet near ramp – check and remove.

Bennys Way Fencing around area – consider next precept.  
Dog Ban and ownership signs. Consider.

24. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ANY COMMENTS FOR  
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS FOR LOCAL  
DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.

**AGREED** no comments.

25. TO RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE – going round in file.

- a) Crime and Disorder Survey 2008
- b) A14 Upgrade – info from Councillor Burkitt
- c) Community Action – Summer 2008
- d) South Cambs Magazine – Summer 08
- e) The Ring (CPS) – Summer 2008
- f) COPE – June, July 2008
- g) Clerks and councils Direct July 2008
- h) LGR – July 2008
- i) SCDC – Electoral arrangements Committee.

26. FINANCE

**RESOLVED** to agree the following payments:

Mrs D. Wilson	clerk's Salary	321.00
Mr Diplock	Photocopying	6.90
Purse Turf Care	Rec and Green cut	395.50
Greens	Verges	138.65

Agreed out of council cheque for: Greens –Footpaths – 133.95 (Mrs Smart to check if done correctly).

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

August 12<sup>th</sup> 2008

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

Next agenda – closure of Post Offices  
Finance Committee.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.50PM