

COTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Coton Parish Council

Held on June 12th, 2007, in the W.I. Hall, High Street, Coton

Commencing at 7.00pm.

Members present: Messrs G. Diplock, G. Kinsey, J. Fox, A. Storkey, Mesdames B. Smart, R. Darling, W. Sadler, M. Edwards, Francis Burkitt (South Cambridgeshire District Councillor, and Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk)

There was also 1 parishioner present.

OPEN SESSION

Mr Marks concerned about lack of reason by P.C. for objection on his recent planning application, requesting that in future reasons for approval or refusal should be put on any Planning Applications.

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr Thorne (Holiday)

2. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS held on April 18th, May 8th, May 29th, and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on April 18th 2007.

RESOLVED that all minutes be approved and signed.

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

- a) New Noticeboard now erected by Mr Lewis and Mr Kinsey.
- b) Insurance quote from Cornhill Insurance accepted as per minutes of May 8th 2007. Noticeboard and other items to be added to insurance.
- c) Airey Housing A site meeting of the SCDC Planning committee was held on June 6th. Has been refused – form to go round in file.

4. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

Mrs W. Sadler declared a personal interest for item 13 (next door neighbour)
Mrs M. Edwards declared a personal interest for item 14 (Youth Club Leader)
Mrs Darling declared an interest for item 17 (friend of complainant)

5. TO RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Burkitt thanked the Council for inviting him to the meeting.

He wished to report on 5 items:

1. Airey Housing Planning Application – has been refused.
2. 13, Silverdale Avenue – After receiving a letter about this he had spoken to SCDC who had been to see the house and garden and agreed it was a mess.

Under Section 215 of Town and Country Planning Act 1990, power to require proper maintenance of land, the owner can be asked to do something about it and if not it will be done and the owner charged.. Now in the hands of the legal man at South Cambridgeshire District Council. Councillor Burkitt will keep the Council informed.

3. Grass Verge – Bennys Way not being cut – was looking into this. Clerk informed him she had a letter from Steve Annetts stating this would be cut in future, but it was not cut again on this recent cut. He will take the name and pursue.
4. Planning Application for Trumpington Meadows. He will keep the Council up to date with this., although it does not affect Coton.
5. Suggestion that all 4 Parish Councils meet together possibly once a year. Clerk to put on agenda for next meeting.

Chairman thanked Councillor Burkitt.

6. TO RECEIVE PLAY EQUIPMENT RISK REPORT FOR BENNYS WAY AND RECREATION GROUND

Mrs Edwards reported: All OK except:

Bennys Way

Rubbish bin not being emptied.

Clerk to inform Rubbish Collection Department

Rough patch on part of “Clover Leaf” – to be looked at.

Tree branches overhanging “no Ball Games” sign. Clerk to inform SCDC.

Recreation Ground Play Equipment all OK.

Goal Posts now anchored.

Skateboard – some bungs missing. Lots of graffiti and lots of rubbish.

All books seen and signed by Chairman.

Clerk read out some of the RoSPA faults found.

RESOLVED Mrs Edwards, Mr Kinsey and Mr Fox to look at problems and report back to next meeting.

RESOLVED Clerk to obtain quotes for painting of horse and swings at Bennys Way.

7. TO CONSIDER PUTTING UP A NOTICE IN PLAY AREA ON RECREATION GROUND REGARDING AGE OF CHILDREN ALLOWED TO USE THE PLAY EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED Clerk to give sign to Mr Kinsey to investigate – he will report at next meeting.

8. TO AGREE ANY AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

RESOLVED No amendments necessary at this time.

9. TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF ANY OVERHANGING SHRUBS ETC.

Clerk to ask 81 Whitwell Way to cut back their overhanging shrubs.

10. TO CONSIDER RECENT PAVEMENT REPAIRS

Clerk had e-mailed Mr Vacher about pavements again but had not had any reply. Where they have recently been repaired the machines churned up the pavement either side of the repairs, and these now need repairing.

11. TO CONSIDER A LETTER FROM THE PLOUGH REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PARK CARS ON THE RECREATION GROUND AT EVENTS THEY ARE HOLDING ON 23RD JUNE AND 14TH JULY.

This is a matter for the Recreation Ground Trustees. A Meeting to be arranged to Monday 18th June at 8.00pm.

12. TO CONSIDER REQUEST REGARDING CLOSING UP OF CROSSING OVER THE FOOTPATH DITCH

RESOLVED Council to plant new hedging in the gap to form a continuous hedge.

Clerk to investigate any free hedging.

Clerk to inform Mrs Baines.

13. TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM OF SHOOTING NEAR PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 2

Clerk reported she had received a telephone call from Mr Wallis who said he had already contacted Mr Sadler to request him to ask the man who shot for him, to keep away from the boundaries of his land. This now seemed to be happening and he had had no more problems – so hope it is now OK.

14. TO CONSIDER THE YOUTH CLUB REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Agreed to request community policeman to come more often to Youth Club and around the village especially at the top of Whitwell Way/Silverdale Avenue.

Information about grants available going round in file.

Consider if Youth Shelter obtained where it could go. For next meeting.

15 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH PLAN PROGRESS

Parish Plan completed and copy going round to every house in parish. Includes request for people to join implementation committee.

16. TO AGREE REMUNERATION FOR BUS SHELTER CLEANING

RESOLVED To pay £100 p.a. to Mr Burbidge for cleaning the bus shelters once a month. Cost of materials to be re-imbursed. Advise Mr Burbidge.

17. TO CONSIDER A COMPLAINT RECEIVED ABOUT THE CONDITION OF 13 SILVERDALE AVENUE HOUSE AND GARDEN.

Councillor Burkitt had already reported on this in his report.

18. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Cambridge Water Company – Village Life Fund 2007 Being passed round in file for information.
- b) SCDC – Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Letter Passing round in file for information.
- c) COPE Newsletter No 34 Passing round in file for information.
- d) SCDC – Notification of a consultation with the Travelling and Settled Communities on 19th July at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne. Pass round in file for information.
- e) SCDC Grounds Maintenance Contract – COTON – In answer to letter from the Clerk about cutting grass verge adjacent to the Bennys Way Play Area – stating this will be done in future. Councillor Burkitt to see this.
- f) Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service Passing round in file for information.

19 TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no new planning applications.

SCDC results:

23a Whitwell Way, Coton – Extension – Granted,

Blue Gates, Madingley Road – Amended plan for information only – passing round in file.

20. TO RECEIVE FOOTPATH REPORT FROM Mrs Smart.

Mrs Smart reported footpath around school grounds being fenced off – looking into having it diverted.

Mr Green will be cutting Footpaths 5,9 and 2.
_Kissing gate has still not been done.
Footpath 6 – in touch with tenant farmer – growth over footpath
Wants permission to ask local person to do small jobs on footpaths. Clerk to check with CALC about insurance.

21. ALLOTMENTS

- a) To Consider Problem of Small Gate. No reply from Carter Jonas. Agreed Clerk to try again, and also to ask Carolin Gohler.
- b) To Consider Request for Putting up Shed on Allotment

RESOLVED to allow shed to be put up on allotment as requested.

Agreed allotment Work Party to inspect allotments and report at next meeting.

22. TO CONSIDER PROBLEM OF PAVILION REPAIRS

Letter had been received from Mr Bullard asking if water heater over sink can be repaired – it has never worked properly.

RESOLVED Clerk to write to K-Dec asking for this to be done and also the other repairs which had been promised.

23. TO RECEIVE ACCOUNT OF PAVILION HANDOVER INSPECTION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY BILLS

Clerk reported her inspection had found no problems.

Awaiting reimbursement of utility bills from Football Club. Agreed Clerk to write to Mr Sparnon about this.

24. TO CONSIDER LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR AND MRS CLARKE ABOUT VEHICLES PARKING IN CAMBRIDGE ROAD AND CREATING A DANGEROUS SITUATION.

It was agreed Clerk to report to police and also to write to house owners about this.

Clerk to inform Mr and Mrs Clarke .

25. FINANCE

RESOLVED the following payments were approved:

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk's Salary	290.00
Madingley Mulch	New Noticeboard work	52.10

Photocopying bill to be left for next meeting.

RESOLVED Clerk to write off cheque for £12.55 showing as uncashed on accounts.

RESOLVED To agree statement of Assurance for audit and statement of accounts. These were signed.

Received from County Council £352.08 verge cut grant for 07 season.
Received from Coton Cricket Club £100 for use of pavilion for 10 or more sessions plus list of fixtures.

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Extraordinary Meeting June 18th at 8.00pm
Parish Council Meeting July 10th 2007 at 7.00pm

27. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk to get leaflet about bollards to go on Recreation Ground at crossing in Brook Lane.

Wooden Fence on Village Green – for next agenda.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25PM