

# **A MEETING OF COTON PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> 2003 IN THE W.I. HALL, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

Members present: Messrs G. Diplock, R. Chandler, Mrs Darling, Dr W. Connolley, Ms N. Baumgarten, Councillor J. Hughes and Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk).

1. OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mesdames P. Brown, B. Smart, Messrs. G. Kinsey and J. Lewis, and Councillor J. Reynolds.

3. CONFIRMING AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 2003

The Minutes of the last meeting as above were confirmed and signed with the following amendments: Members present: change “W. Connolley” to “Dr Connolley”

18. 1<sup>st</sup> para, last line - delete “There is nothing the P.C. can do”

4. REGISTERING OF INTERESTS

There were no interests registered.

7 COUNCILLOR HUGHES’ REPORT B/FWD

Councillor Hughes thanked the Parish Council for the card she had been given.

She reported that she had been approached by Tony Barker from the Zion Church in Cambridge about the Baptist Chapel. Two people had registered an interest in it. It is now becoming very delapidated and really needs work doing now to stop it getting worse. There is a problem of access to it. The future is in the hands of three churches in Cambridge and two had no views about its future so it was up to Mr Barker to decide.

It was felt by some members of the Council that something should be put on the noticeboard about this.

Dr Connolley to contact Mr Barker.

5. MATTERS ARISING

a) Bennys Way Play Area – “No Ball Games” Sign

Phone call had been received by Chairman from lady living next to Play Area about sign being moved and possibly being put on her wall. She was told it will not go on wall but on posts near wall.

Letter had also been received from Mr & Mrs Baldwin asking for something to be done to stop the children playing ball games as they were knocking down the plants in their garden.

It was proposed by Dr Connolley and seconded by Mr Chandler that a letter go to Mr Clarke stating that at the PC Meeting it was agreed the Council would like the sign by the road to be removed and replaced with one saying “Benny’s Way Play Area” and that the request to move the “No Ball Games” sign be ignored. This was agreed by all.

Mr Chandler will visit the Play Area and speak to the children.

- b) Crossing – Brook Lane It was agreed Clerk to write to Mr Sharp and say that in addition to dropping the kerbs the Parish Council would also like to see the safety concerns addressed.
- c) Car Parking – Silverdale Avenue/Whitwell Way Corner Waiting reply to letter sent to Mr Clarke. Clerk to contact Mr Cooper to ask him to try and hurry it along.
- d) Wildlife Reserve Letter had been received from Dr Pearce agreeing that some form of earth barrier or planting would take place adjacent to the M11 as a noise screen when the Wildlife Park is started. Clerk to write and thank him for his letter. Clerk to send copy of letter to Mr & Mrs Clegg who requested this in the first instance.
- e) Potholes in Village Chairman and Clerk had met with Mr Cooper who said that he could only fill the worst of the edge of road potholes along Grantchester with loosefill.  
The edge of road along The Footpath could only be done when the ditch had been cleared out. (this is in hand)
- f) Parking Area Outside Rectory Chairman and Clerk had met with Mr Sharp who agreed that white lines could be painted on the area outside the area to denote parking places and a footpath. This would be done soon.
- g) Madingley Road Crossroads Chairman and Clerk had met with Mr Sharp who said completion work should be carried out in the next couple of weeks.
- h) Ditch Clearing - Off Grantchester Road Letter had been sent to Mrs Raven about this, no answer yet. Remind again in a couple of weeks.
- i) Twinning of Village with Ostra Information had been received from Comberton. Kate Moss, Ann Roberts and Nicky Anderson had contacted Clerk to say they were interested. It was proposed by Ms Baumgarten and seconded by Mrs Darling that information been passed to Kate Moss so a committee can be formed to investigate further. This was agreed. Parish Council to support. Ms Baumgarten wished to be a member of the Committee.
- j) 30mph Speed Limit – Cambridge Road Mrs Darling said she had been asked to request the Council to ask for more signs denoting 30mph.

Chairman and Clerk had met with Mr Sharp who said, a coloured sign could be put on the road by the “30mph” sign and a SLOW sign marked on the road by the “sharp bend “sign.

k) Overhanging Hedges Letters had been sent to Grays and Mrs Raven. Grays hedge had now been cut back – Ask Mrs Smart if Mrs Ravens had been done. It was reported that some hedges/shrubs in High Street need cutting back. Clerk to write to them.

l) Grass Verge Cut Now done - delete from agenda.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) County Council – Parish Paths Partnership – Grant Information Informing Council that grant will be coming.

b) RoSPA – Play Inspection Report Nothing of great risk. Mat surfacing mentioned under multi play equipment and rocking horse. Clerk to inform RSS representative when he comes. It was also reported that there is a screw loose and rope fraying on multi play equipment. Clerk to also inform RSS rep of this.

c) South Cambridgeshire Design Guide

d) Police Authority – Open Style Consultation Event – June 21<sup>st</sup> 11.30am-1.30pm Ansells Garden Centre.

e) W. Wilson – Footpath Beside School Complaints about footpath beside school regarding overhanging branches, builders material on path and cars parking over footpath. Dr Connolley reported he had cut back some of the overhanging branches, and had spoken and written to Mrs McGuire about the other points. He had also spoken to Ian Mcgonigal about building material. He and Clerk had also spoken to Mr Wilson about these matters.

f) Cambridge Preservation Society, Dr Pearce – Provision of Sound Barriers  
See 4(d) above.

## FROM FILES

g) CALC – County Training Partnership

h) Parish Plan Advertise this – Clerk to liaise with Dr Connolley.

i) CCC – Camclerks

j) Cambs Police – Newsletter May 2003 & Crime Reports

k) ACRE – Training Programme May 2003

l) County Council – Highways Review

- m) Open Spaces – Literature
- n) CALC – Quality Parish and Town Status
- o) CALC – Bulletin May 2003 + Literature
- p) SCPrimary Care – Bulletin No 6 April/May 03
- q) Clerks & councils Direct May 2003
- r) Harvest May/June 2003
- s) RECAP Cambs & Peterborough Joint Waste Strategy

8. COUNCILLOR REYNOLD'S REPORT

Apologies sent.

9. CLEARING VILLAGE OF LITTER

It was agreed it was not the right time to spring clean as there is too much growth, best time would be spring. There are also safety issues to be thought about.

10. REPORT OF GO EAST MEETING ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

A report was given, read by Mr Diplock, about the meeting Mrs Smart attended regarding the above subject.  
Some concern was expressed about the possibility of a wind turbine in the Wildlife Reserve Park but this could be discussed more fully if a planning application came through for one.

11. VILLAGE GREEN CUTTING

Mr Mitchell had asked Clerk how many cuts he could do. Clerk to look up on original tender

12. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Everyone had seen a copy of the Financial Regulations.  
It was proposed by Mr Diplock and seconded by Dr Connolley that the Financial Regulations be adopted. This was agreed by all.

12a INSURANCE

Insurance had now been paid and waiting to be informed of amount of extra premium to include Recreation Ground play equipment and skateboard ramp.

13. FOOTPATHS

- a) Signpost Near School The signpost is not thought to be too rusty.
- b) Footpath Walk July 6<sup>th</sup>. It was reported that Mrs Smart was hoping some Councillors could help at the event. Mr Chandler, and Mrs Darling away. Ms Baumgarten said she would help in some way.
- c) Overhanging Hedges – Footpath No 5. Mrs Darling reported that mainly on the City side some foliage and branches were overhanging the path. Clerk to report.  
Letter had already been sent to Mr Cooper about overhanging hedge on the Coton side of the path.

14. ALLOTMENTS

- a) Clearing of Vacant Piece of Allotments Clerk to ask Mr Bradford and Mr Kinsey when this is planned to be worked on.
- b) Water on Allotments Dr Connolley to see Mr Spencer about this.

15. ACCOUNTS

Mrs D. Wilson	Clerk's Salary	156.00
Mrs D. Wilson	Petty Cash	57.60
RoSPA	Play Equip Inspection	72.26
Mr Brown	Seat Repair	167.68
Mr Green	Verges	121.02

Agreed for Out of Council cheque for Insurance and Greens for Footpath Cut

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

August 12<sup>th</sup> 2003 Apologies received from Mr Chandler and Ms Baumgarten

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05PM