

COTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Coton Parish Council

Held in the W.I. Hall, High Street, on March 14th 2006,

Commencing at 7.00pm.

Members present: Messrs G. Diplock, (Chairman), G. Kinsey, R. Chandler, J. Lewis, Mesdames R. Darling, P. Brown, Dr W. Connolley and Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk). Also present for the Open session were Mr I McGonigal, who showed the Parish Council the plans for the new village hall, and Carolyn Gohler and Katriona Campbell who gave an update on the Countryside Reserve.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr Baumgarten and Mrs B. Smart.

2. APPROVING AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS:

The minutes of the meetings held on January 24th, 2006, were confirmed and signed with the following amendments: 6(f) insert “£3639.23”, and 13. Add “Site to be agreed”

February 7th, February 13th and February 28th 2006, were confirmed and signed.

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

Mr Chandler: Personal interest for item 12.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Nameplates – Brookfield Road New plates now erected.
- b) Granta Housing Development New application has been received and approved by the Council.
- c) SCDC – Footway Lighting Parish Council have agreed to take over responsibility for the 1 light in Silverdale Avenue. Clerk has received a telephone call from SCDC- they will advise County Council about this.

5. TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

- a) Bennys Way Play Area – Inspection Report from Book Dr Connolley reported there were no problems. New trees have now been planted. Chairman signed the book.
- b) Bennys Way Play Area – Ball Games Mr Chandler reported this was now in hand. Remove from Agenda.
- c) Car Parking – Whitwell Way/Silverdale Avenue Chairman and Vice-Chairman had met with Mr Vacher from County Council and Mr Clark from

SCDC, but were told there is no money available to do anything. When houses are altered in Whitwell Way he will suggest residents make parking places in front gardens. Small posts have been put up around the green opposite the bus stop.

- d) Speed Checks in Village. PC Misik had informed Clerk that some speed checks had been carried out. Not yet received copies of them.
- e) Poplar Trees – Bennys Way Play Area Mr Clark told Chairman and Vice Chairman that he had not had a report from Tree Officer yet. If new development of Airey houses did go ahead trees would probably be taken down anyway.
- f) New Noticeboard May not be enough space enough for noticeboard. Decided to wait another month and discuss at next meeting.
- g) Overhanging Shrubs Shrub in High Street still overhanging path – Clerk to write again.
- h) Coton Countryside Reserve Ms Gohler and Ms Campbell gave an update on work completed and being done in the Open Session. See also under item 8.
- i) Cement Works at Barrington The plan has now been withdrawn.
- j) Pavements – Bennys Way and Others Chairman and Vice Chairman had met with Mr Vacher who said all pavements would be looked at. Some have now been marked but not the ones in Bennys Way where the roots are causing damage. Clerk to contact Mr Vacher about this.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) County Council – Additional Parish Paths Grant £675 received.
- b) Land Registry – Registering of Village Green and Recreation Ground Clerk had checked – Recreation Ground registered with Land Registry and Village Green registered with Commons Land Registry.
- c) SCDC – Consultation – Proposals to Change the Local Election Times Pass round in file.
- d) Carter Jonas – Deed for Allotment Land in Triangle Clerk to ask to have added piece about maintaining ground so as not to cause a nuisance to nearby allotment holders.
- e) Royal Mail – Postcodes It was agreed there were no comments.
- f) ACRE – Membership Renewal it was agreed to renew membership.

g) Cambridge and Peterborough Mineral and Waste Development Plan – Comments Mr Chandler will be attending a meeting about this and will report back to the Parish Council.

h) SCDC – Charging Parish Councils for Legal Advice Pass round in file.

7. PARISH PLAN – Update

Dr Connolley reported that the plan was in the tidying up phase - when done a draft will be submitted to the Parish Council and then for a Village Consultation. It had been decided not to do a Village Design Statement.

8. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/0428/06/f Mrs J.M. Wallis, Coton Court, Madingley Road, Coton – First floor extension to existing garage. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve this applications.

Coton Wildlife Reserve – Amendment to gate siting – Grantchester Road

9. FOOTPATH REPORT

Dr Connolley reported for Mrs Smart – Nothing to report except information re kissing gate work still to be done.

a) Agreement of Parish Paths Maintenance Grant Form.s These were proposed, seconded and agreed.

10. ALLOTMENTS

a) Vacant Allotments Clerk had seen Mr Bradford and asked for those allotments which have just been let to be ploughed first.

11. ACCOUNTS

It was agreed the following payments be paid:

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| Mrs D. Wilson | Clerk's Salary | 305.00 |
| K-Dec | Interim payment – groundwork | 5875.00 |
| Coton W.I. | Hall hire – 26 hours | 117.00 |
| CALC | Local Council Review | 1.00 |
| D/ Wilson | Photocopying | 27.93 |
| K-Dec | Interim payment renovation | 2500.00 |
| ACRE | Subscription | 25.00 |
| Zurich Municipal | Pavilion Insurance | 26.33 |

It was proposed and seconded and agreed that remaining balance of £3375 be paid to K-Dec with out of council cheque when funds available.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Clerk to provide a set of figures at every meeting just for pavilion when there is expenditure.

12. RECREATION GROUND

- a) Pavilion Update Mr Chandler gave a report of the progress of the pavilion.
- b) Car Park Mr Chandler gave a report of the progress of the car park.
- c) Goal Posts and Shed. Metal goal posts have now gone, shed will go soon.
- d) Pavilion Insurance Agreed to pay£26.33 for pavilion insurance, contents insurance to be pursued.
Container in corner – Public Liability only no value.
- e) Opening Party Mr Chandler gave a report of the progress of the opening party.
- f) Clearing of Ditch for next agenda, Check where spoil to go.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

April 11th 2006, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – May 23rd 2006

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS for next agenda and information only

The Village Hall Trustees request the Parish Council apply for Planning Permission for the new hall

Seat on Highway outside The Plough

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00PM