

COTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Coton Parish Council

Held on October 9th 2007, in the W.I. Hall, High Street, Coton

Commencing at 7.00pm.

Members present: Messrs. G. Diplock, (Chairman), G. Kinsey, A. Storkey, Mesdames, W.Sadler, R. Darling, B. Smart, Dr C. Thorne, Councillor F. Burkitt, and Mrs D. Wilson (Clerk)

There were no members of the public present.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr J. Fox (working away) and Mrs M. Edwards (Other engagement)

2. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17TH AND OCTOBER 3RD 2007

AGREED the minutes as above be approved and signed.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

- a) New Noticeboards on Recreation Ground Clerk, Dr Thorne and Mr Kinsey selected site for boards. Now erected.
- b) Pavement Repairs Now being carried out.
- c) Allotments – Letters sent out to those with overgrown plots. Rents being collected. Could not increase rent this year – allotment rules state Council must give 1 years notice. – This has been done for next year.
- d) Dog Bins Have now arrived, at clerk's house.
- e) Manhole Cover – in Pavilion Car Park – now repaired by Mr Lewis.
- f) Pavilion Toilets – e-mail sent to Mr Sparnon about this – No reply yet.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR - Mr Burkitt.

Councillor Burkitt had nothing to report.
He said he has joined the Board of Cambridge Preservation Society.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR Mr D. Baldwin

Councillor Baldwin was not at meeting.

7. TO RECEIVE PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT FOR BENNY'S WAY AND RECREATION GROUND from Mrs Edwards.

Mrs Edwards was not at meeting – Books had been given to Clerk – No problems – screws had again been screwed back in at Bennys Way and there was some rubbish at the Recreation Ground. Chairman signed books.

8. TO RECEIVE QUOTES FOR PAINTING PLAY EQUIPMENT, BENNY'S WAY

Mr James had advised he did not want to do this.
Clerk to obtain quotes from Mr Lewis and Mr Peck.

9. TO CONSIDER LETTER RECEIVED FROM COTON FOOTBALL CLUB RE: PAYING TOWARDS SKIP FOR REMOVING RUBBISH IN CORNER OF GROUND PLUS ROLLER

RESOLVED permission given for out of council cheque to pay 1/3rd of cost following an inspection to check if all rubbish had been cleared. Mr Kinsey and Dr Thorne to check and advise Clerk.

10. TO CONSIDER MATTER OF DAMP IN MEN'S TOILET IN PAVILION

AGREED to leave on agenda and check again.

11. TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF ANY FOLIAGE OVERHANGING PAVEMENTS

Dr Thorne advised there were some overhanging tree branches at the beginning of the Footpath. He and Mr Kinsey to cut them back.

12. TO AGREE WHICH HEDGING TO ORDER FOR RECREATION GROUND

Clerk had received list of hedging from Pinnetts. Mr Kinsey to look at and report at next meeting.

13. TO AGREE ACTION ON ITEM 1 OF PARISH PLAN "Reduction of Noise from M11"

Dr Fox had sent in a copy of a proposed letter regarding the above. It was agreed the Parish Council acting as the lead body of the Parish Plan send a copy of the letter to all relevant authorities for their comments.

14. TO REVIEW STANDING ORDERS in the light of literature received.

AGREED to add to Standing Orders, 70, the following:

15. TO DISCUSS APPOINTING A VILLAGE HANDYMAN

To keep on agenda for further discussion.

16. TO CONSIDER FURTHER - SMALL GATE TO ALLOTMENTS

Clerk to write to Carter Jonas about repairing/replacing gates.

17. TO DISCUSS YOUTH SHELTERS

Need somewhere to erect shelter. Had been suggested school might consider having it in the school grounds. Clerk to write to Headmistress of School About this, also to Education Department, Shire Hall.

18. TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications.

19. TO RECEIVE FOOTPATH REPORT from Mrs Smart

Mrs Smart said there was very little to report.
She had been in contact with someone about kissing gates.
Cracks in Footpath No 5 and also cracks over M11 footbridge turning left to Madingley Road had been reported.

20. TO CONSIDER LETTER FROM COTON FOOTBALL CLUB ABOUT VISITING THE CLUB ONE WEEKEND.

Two members able to go on October 28th, others not sure when they can go.
Clerk to advise Dr Sparnon.

21. TO CONSIDER ANY REPLY TO CITY COUNCIL RE: CONSULTATION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

AGREED No comments.

22. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

- a) SCDC – Housing Futures passing round in file
- b) City Council – North West Cambridge – Area Action Plan Passing round in file.
- c) DEFRA – “Ways to Tackle climate Change” Passing round in file.
- d) COPE – Newsletter October 2007 Passing round in file.
- e) County Council – Plans for Older People booklet and questionnaire passing round in file.
- f) Society of Local Councils – Newsletter passing round in file.

23. FINANCE

RESOLVED the following accounts be paid:

Mr Lewis	New Manhole Cover	£54.00
Mr Kinsey	Materials for Bollard	£17.68
Purse Turf-Care	Village Green Cut	£535.00

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

November 13th 2007.

December meeting to be on December 11th NOT 18th.

Precept Meeting to be on December 18th – 7.00pm (for Chairman, Vice-chairman, Mr Kinsey and Mrs Sadler)

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

Letter of thanks to go to Mr Lewis for putting in manhole cover.

Suggested clubs have a cleaner for pavilion.
Traffic speed in village.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40PM