

COTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES of a Meeting of Coton Parish Council
Held on September 9th 2008, in the W.I.Hall, High Street, Coton
Commencing at 7.00pm.

Members present: Mesrs G. Diplock (Chairman), A. Storkey, Mesdames W. Sadler, R. Darling, B. Smart, M. Edwards, Dr C. Thorne, Mrs D. Wilson (clerk), and 6 parishioners. Councillor Burkitt also attended to give a report.

OPEN SESSION

Thanks were given by dog owners to the council for lifting the dog ban on the Recreation Ground and it was said there had been no dog fouling seen so far.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr Fox.

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 AUGUST 19TH 2008

Minutes were not signed as some members had not received a copy. For next meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES for information only

a) Chevron signs – Brook Lane Mr Vacher had informed Clerk there were ordered and will be put up very shortly.

b) Ditch Clearing end of Recreation Ground Awaiting quotes still.

c) Heater in Pavilion now being repaired.

d) Allotment Rent Letters now going out – rent increased to £16.00.

5. TO RECEIVE PLAY EQUIPMENT REPORT FOR BENNYS WAY AND RECREATION GROUND AND AGREE ANY ACTION NECESSARY.- Mrs Edwards,

Bung still missing in skateboard ramp and piece of wood off at back making a gap.

Brambles overhanging the bins in Bennys Way – report to SCDC.

Screw put back in again.

Books seen and signed.

6. TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF LIFTING DOG BAN ON RECREATION GROUND.

No dog fouling reported since ban lifted.

Dr Thorne had provided a list of items to possibly be done regarding the Recreation Ground dog ban and it was agreed to follow this list.

Clerk to ask Mrs Smethers if she will organise the monitoring and report back to the Parish Council

7. TO DISCUSS INSTALLING DOG BIN ON RECREATION GROUND

South Cambridgeshire District Council will not provide dog bin for Recreation Ground – they do not agree with dogs going onto Recreation Grounds. The Parish Council can provide one and pay SCDC for emptying it. Clerk to find out costs.

SCDC will also not provide another dog bin along Whitwell Way – they say there are already two at that end of the village and that is enough. The Parish Council can of course provide one and pay for the emptying.

8. COUNCILLOR BURKITT'S REPORT

Received with thanks.

9. CUTTING OF VERGES

It was agreed that these be cut.

10. TO CONSIDER PROBLEM OF ANY FOLIAGE OVERHANGING PAVEMENTS

Clerk to write a piece in the community newsletter reminding residents of the need to keep their hedges from impeding pavement use.

11. TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Grays Woodyard – Approved providing there be no hard standing.

12. TRAFFIC IN VILLAGE

No comments.

13. TO RECEIVE FOOTPATH REPORT FROM MRS SMART

Received with thanks. West end of M11 bridge path (leading on from The Footpath) has been repaired. It was agreed that Mrs Smart write a letter of thanks for the work.

14. TO RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE – circulating in councillors' file

- a) Carillion WSP Managing Agent to the Highways Agency Area
- b) S. Cambs – Funding Fair 13th Sept.
- c) LCR – Sept 2008
- d) Local Involvement Network
- e) County Council – Countryside Access Annual Report 2007-8
- f) Clerks and Councils Direct – Sept 2008-10-26

15. FINANCE
Payment of the following was agreed:

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| Mrs D Wilson | Salary | £321.00 |
| C J LLP re Cambridge Preservation Soc | Allot rent | £360.00 |
| Mr J Lewis | Tree work on rec | £20.00 |

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
October 14th 2008 – Agreed.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
None noted.

Time of meeting closure not noted.

Signed..... Dated.....