

**COTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 8 June 2010 AT 7 PM IN THE WI HALL**

Present: Cllrs: Mr G Diplock (Chairman), Dr C Thorne, Mrs D McLoughlin, Mrs B Smart, Mr A Storkey, Dr S Godward, and Mrs R Darling.

In attendance: 1 member of the public and Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary LGS Services)

Comments and observations from members of the public and reports from County & District Cllrs

Cllr Whelan's report was read in her absence. She reported on the following;

- Addenbrookes Access road
- Meeting in Madingley Village Hall 9 June 7.30pm to discuss road safety following recent accidents
- Closure of Toft Day Care Centre

1. To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Mrs Sadler (out of parish) and Mrs Edwards (resigned)

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting 11 May 2010

After an amendment under item 1.3 which should include 'Communications – Dr Godward', the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from that or a previous meeting

3.1 (9) Connections Bus – to agree a location for the Bus during its visits

It was agreed that as the school were not keen for the bus to be on school premises during the holidays, the Recreation Ground would be a suitable alternative. Although it was noted that internet connection in this area was poor.

3.2 (9) Community Clean Up

Dr Thorne's report on the clean up was noted.

4. To consider planning and tree works applications received since the last meeting

4.1 Planning applications

4.1.1 S/0576/10/F – 13 Silverdale Ave – extension

The Parish Council agreed to make no recommendation. (Prop RD, 2nd DM, unanimous)

4.2 Tree Works applications

4.2.1 Men's Institute – High St

It was noted that this work had already been carried out, seemingly before permission had been approved. The Parish Council has noted its dissatisfaction with this situation on the return paperwork to the Tree Officer at SCDC.

4.2.2 Wisteria Barn – High St }

4.2.3 St Peter's Church – High St } The Parish Council recommended approval (Prop AS, 2nd RD)

4.2.4 The Plough – 2 High St }

4.3 SCDC Decision notices to note

None

5. Finance, procedure and risk assessment

5.1. To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

The finance report and the bank statements and invoices were checked by the Chairman before the cheques and bank reconciliations were signed. Payments as listed were

approved plus C.G.M. Cambridge £165.51, and LGS Services £597.67. It was also noted that 2 cheques had been signed between meetings; CPALC (affiliation fee) £243.96 and Came and Co (insurance) £1489.41.

Coton PCC (S137)	£100.00
Playsafety Ltd (ROSPA check)	£158.64
LG Stoehr (Salary)	£135.93
LGS Services (Admin support)	£597.67
CGM (grasscutting)	£165.51

5.2 Risk Assessment

Mrs Darling has provided an up to date risk assessment of the Parish Council's assets. It was agreed that this should be carried out every 6 months. ^(Prop GD, 2nd BS)

6. To consider correspondence/communications received including

6.1 South Cambs District Council – adoption of telephone kiosks

Following consideration of the letter it was agreed to write to Mr Stephenson and ask him if the Parish Council are successful in adopting the kiosks, is he still in agreement to help maintain and upkeep the kiosk. The latest correspondence from SCDC would suggest that nothing can be done without their consent, so in the meantime the Parish Council has agreed to leave matters as they are, whereby BT are still responsible for the kiosks.

6.2 RoSPA annual play inspection report

The report was noted and after considering quotations for the repair of the skate board ramp, the Parish Council agreed to accept the quotation from Jim Lewis at £178.00. ^(Prop RD, 2nd DM)

The Parish Council also agreed to accept the quotation from Jim Lewis to repair 'Edna's bench'. ^(Prop RD, 2nd DM)

The Parish Council wishes to seek another quotation for the repainting at Bennys Way before making a decision. ^(Prop GD, 2nd DM)

6.3 Email from South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Council re new Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

Enquiring whether there are any areas of the village which are prone to flooding. It was agreed to respond noting the following locations; Brook Lane (where the Bin Brook crosses), Silverdale Ave, Brookfield Rd, eastern end of The Footpath and Whitwell Way (near Grays).

6.4 Cricket Club requests re. grass cutting, boiler, guttering and outside taps

The Parish Council will ask the Cricket Club for a fixture list, as the manager at C.G.M. has said that he is willing to alter his schedule to try to accommodate them as much as he can. The Parish Council feels that it is unable to increase the number of cuts already budgeted for. The other items are to be carried forward to the next meeting to allow the Chairman time to look into the requests and quotes to be obtained as and if necessary. The Cricket Club is to be asked to write to the Council earlier if they want something discussed at a meeting.

7. Members' Reports and items

7.1 To receive play equipment inspection reports

Bennys Way

- Motorbike & Cloverleaf still needs replacing
- Age sign needs amending

- Horse & swing still need repainting
- There is no evidence of dog fouling
- A resident suggested the dog litter bin was too close to the children's play equipment and should be moved a little further away

There is a black object in the hedgerow which has become more obvious since the vegetation has been cut back. It appears to be a builders box A letter is to be sent to Circle Anglia to ask them to retrieve it.

Recreation Ground

- Slat on Edna's bench is loose
- Skateboard ramp is broken underneath
- The litter bins are being used and are full
- There is no evidence of dog fouling

New homes in Silverdale Avenue - it was noted that the grassy area (in the region where the builders compound stood) which has been seeded, has not been cut and is beginning to look unkempt. A letter is to be sent to Circle Anglia and ask them to attend to this.

7.2 Footpaths report

Mrs Smart has contacted Dennis Vacher to put in hand the siding out of the tarmac on the cycle path over the M11. Greens have been asked to cutback growth on FP no 9.

7.3 A1303 Accidents and public meeting arrangements

A public meeting will be held at Madingley Village Hall at 7.30pm 9th June. This will be attended by the Police, County Highways and Road Safety Officers and the Highways Portfolio Holder.

Cllr Burkitt arrived at this point and reported on the progress of his intentions to secure a permissive footpath from Coton to Grantchester. 2 fields at the southernmost footbridge over the M11 have been seeded for this purpose. The Parish Council agreed to write to both the owner and the farm manager at Trumpington Farm Co saying that it is very appreciative to hear that the 2 fields along the footpath have been seeded.

Cllr Burkitt has also just written to the Bursar at Kings College requesting a permissive path along their field. The Parish Council agreed to send a letter supporting this.

9. Closure of Meeting

Dr Godward reported that the new village website is up and running Cotonvillage.co.uk. Anyone can write on it. This website will be in addition to the Parish Council's website.

A request is to be made for people to take down out of date notices in the village. A mention of this will be put into the Community News and on the village website.

A problem with the allotment padlocks has arisen again. The Clerk will check when these were last overhauled and Dr Thorne will review the situation again.

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed _____(Chairman) _____ (Date)