

COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting of the Cottenham Parish Council

Minutes of Cottenham Parish Council Ordinary Meeting
held in the
Library of Cottenham Village College, High Street, Cottenham
On Tuesday 12th April 2005 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's Fox, Harding, Buckley, Leeks, Clarke, Gautrey, Norman, Johnson, Allin, Collinson, Nicholas and Warham (arrived at 7.50pm)

SCDC Cllr Edwards

Clerk: Julie Groves

6 Members of the Public

Apologies: Cllr's Wotherspoon, Dixon, Johnys and Mudd

1. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies for Absence.

2. Any Questions from the Public/Press

Concerns were raised by a member of the public with regard to a recent incident involving their son; he had been verbally assaulted by a traveller child. The father further commented that he had experienced great difficulty in raising a crime number. Staff from Kidzone also commented on recent problems that they had experienced with a group of young travellers. Over the Easter period the staff and children had been verbally and physically abused, in one incident a parent had stones thrown at their car. Cllr Johnson stated that a meeting with Inspector Paul Omerod had been arranged for Friday 15th April to discuss anti social behaviour, within both the settled community and the traveller community. Cllr Collinson suggested that a representative from Kidzone also attend his meeting. This was agreed.

Ms Joanna Gordon Clark commented about her recent appeal against the enforcement notice served on her. Cottenham Parish Council to write to the Inspectorate in support of Ms Gordon Clarke.

CLERK

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Clarke - Finance

4. Minutes of Ordinary Parish Meeting 15th March 2005, Planning Meeting 10th March 2005, Planning Meeting 24th March 2005.

Cllr Johnson proposed that these were a true and accurate account, seconded Cllr Norman, all agreed.

5. Matters arising from these minutes not on this Agenda.

Cottenham Village College, the Clerk has contacted Head Teacher, Tony Cooper with regard to student's behaviour. Tony Cooper has been in touch, he has spoken to the students involved and sent a copy of the Clerks letter to their parents.

Tenison Manor, S106, slow but steady progress is being made.

Annual Parish Meeting, Cllr Mrs Spink is to attend.

CUSSC has given Kidzone one months notice, Cllr's Johnson, Allin and Norman to meet to discuss possible solutions.

6. Reports

SCDC – Cllr Edwards

Cllr Edwards stated that there was no further updates in regard to Northstowe.

Council Tax, it looks likely that the ODPM will cap this, SCDC is challenging this as the implications of less funding will have a knock on effect on services provided.

A14 upgrade, this is on hold due to the general election.

At a recent meeting held on 6th April 2005 it was proposed that the original Direct Action Committee, formed to deal with Pine View and Victoria View, be disbanded and a different group be formed. This was argued against and the committee will stay as it is but will not be able to make any decisions without referring back to the Development and Conservation Control Committee.

CCC – Cllr Stroude

Cllr Stroude was absent – No report

7. Finance

Income

- VAT Repayment £8533.60
- Cambridgeshire Magistrates Court £10.00

Expenses

- Madingley Mulch – Play Bark £689.00
- Moore Stephens – External Audit £842.01
- Cambridge Water PLC – War Memorial £52.00
- Cottenham Garden Services – April Invoice £1209.60
- Robert Clarke – litter bins/seats £381.87
- Target Print Ltd – Insert Leaflets/Newsletters £48.40
- Clerk – Salary – April

Gross	£760.20
NI	£ 40.26
Tax	£59.87
Net	£660.07
Parish Council NI	£46.85
- Inland Revenue - April £146.98

Resolution that the above invoices be paid. Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Allin, all agreed.

8. Adopting Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Resolution that two working parties be formed to look at these documents.

Proposed by Cllr Warham, seconded Cllr Nicholas, all agreed. Standing Orders, Cllr's Nicholas, Collinson and Fox, Financial Regulations, Cllr's Allin, Buckley and Warham. To report back to full parish meeting.

9. Letter from BC Group Trust – Information only

10. Traveller Issues

Meeting with SCDC – 6th April 2005 – Cllr's Nicholas & Norman – Cllr Nicholas gave a brief statement outlining the Parish Councils view on the possible disbanding of the Direct Action Committee.

Resolution to send a letter to the Chief Executive SCDC stating that Cottenham Parish Council are deeply dissatisfied with the fact that SCDC do not plan to undertake any action on Pine View until the Appeals on Victoria View are heard in July 2005. Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Fox, all agreed. Copies to be sent to Cllr Mrs Spink, Cllr Mrs Roberts, Chris Taylor, David Hussell, James Paice MP and Andrew Lansley MP.

Meeting with PCT/Education – Still to be arranged

Letter from James Paice MP – Information only

Prepared Statement from Cottenham Parish Council – Cllr Allin

Cllr Nicholas proposed that this statement be used if the Parish Council are contacted for their stance on evictions, seconded Cllr Fox, all agreed.

Appeals – Victoria View 12th July 2005 - Resolution that Cllr's Norman and Johnson review Parish Council evidence and report back. Next Agenda – possibility of engaging council. **Cllr's Johnson & Norman**

11. **External Auditors Report** – Information only

12. **Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill – Fly Posting/Litter**
Cllr Nicholas, Mudd and Collinson – Next Agenda

13. **Parish Plan – Action Plan** – Cllr Nicholas

Resolution that this document is submitted via Cambridge Acre to the Local Strategic Partnership Board. Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Allin, all agreed. **Cllr Nicholas**

14. **Cottenham Bowls Club – new club house – update**

Application has been submitted

15. **Old Village Green**

Resolution – To allow Mr Paul Smith to take a final crop of hay June/July 2005, in lieu of one years notice. Proposed Cllr Nicholas, seconded Cllr Fox, all agreed.

16. **Green Hire Fees**

Resolution that these are increased to a charge of £25 per day as of May 2005. Proposed Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Fox, all agreed.

17. **Bundling of oil tanks – CUSSC & Ladybirds** – Cllr Norman

Cllr Norman will look into this in August.

18. **Letter re cycle path between Rampton and Cottenham**

Letter received from Highways – Information only.

19. **Development of Land at Rampton Rd/Oakington Rd- nene housing**

Meeting still to be arranged.

20. **Highways - Broad Lane/Pelham Close**

Road condition. Request to reinstate parking outside 159-165 High Street – Information only.

21. **Vehicle count Industrial Estates**

Resolution that Cllr's Clarke, Norman and Warham undertake a vehicle count and report back. Proposed Cllr Warham, seconded Cllr Johnson, all agreed, details next meeting.

22. **Tree Works – junction High Street/Broad Lane**

Resolution that Cottenham Parish Council accept the recommendations of an inspection to be held by SCDC Trees and Landscape Officer on the 13th April 2005, and that any works recommended be carried out. Proposed Cllr Allin, seconded Cllr Clarke all agreed.

23. **Summer Reading Challenge 2005**

Request for funding – Resolution that Cottenham Parish Council donates the sum of £60 towards this initiative.

24. **Ely & District Citizens Advice Bureau**

Request for funding – Resolution that Cottenham Parish Council donates £250 towards this initiative. Proposed Cllr Clarke, seconded Cllr Fox, all agreed.

25. **Resolution that Clerks salary be increased from 1st April 2005 to £9.31 per hour in line with recommendation from NALC.**

Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Nicholas, all agreed.

26. **Matters for consideration at the next meeting**

Meeting to be arranged for June with regard to drug and alcohol issues.

Update on issues with students from CVC.

Engaging a Barrister for Appeals.

27. **Date of next meeting** – Annual Parish Meeting 28th April 2005, AGM
Council Meeting – 10th May 2005.

28. **This item to be discussed in Committee – Anti Social**

Behaviour/Skateboard Park. Proposal that the Parish Council look into the possibility of installing CCTV on the playpark at the Recreation Ground. The village has seen a recent increase in anti social behaviour both from the settled and traveller communities. The recreation ground has been a particular target, with equipment damaged and children bullied. Cllr Johnson is to meet with the police and will highlight how unacceptable such behaviour is. Cllr Clarke proposed that the Clerk contact CCTV companies for advice, seconded Cllr Allin, all agreed.

29. The meeting closed a 9.45pm.

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date _____