

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 14th March 2006 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr's Norman, Fox, Buckley, Collinson, Nicholas, Allin, Harding,
Wotherspoon, Gautrey, Mudd, Clarke, Bristow and Johnson.
CCC Cllr Bradney, Pc Rogerson and PCSO Jackie King Clerk: Mrs J Groves
4 Members of the Public
Apologies: Cllr's Leeks, Warham, SCDC Cllr's Edwards and Dixon,
CCC Cllr Jenkins

- 1. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Any Questions from the Public/Press** – Item 11 will cover a question raised re non-enforcement of notices this matter will also be included in Item 7 Reports from SCDC. Mineral and Waste Development has been added as an additional item and will be discussed as Item 9. Several comments were made that there was no support for the proposed sites at Smithy Fen, objections were raised re access, possible damage to flora and fauna and damage to possible archaeological finds. I
- 3. PC Paul Rogerson – update on Parish policing** – Pc Rogerson stated that there had been 43 incidents reported for Cottenham in the last month, mostly road related incidents with a marked decrease in the number of reports for an-social behaviour. 2 stolen vehicles, 1 burglary and 1 theft from a person. There is to be a site meeting with Highways to discuss parking outside the garage and the Chequers. PC Rogerson is also looking into the parking outside the Primary School and the Doctors surgery on the High Street. From April the police will have extra powers re fly tipping. Cllr Johnson thanked PC Rogerson and PCSO King for attending the meeting.
- 4. Declarations of Interest**
- 5. Minutes of Ordinary Parish Meeting 14th February 2006** – Cllr Mudd proposed a true and accurate account, seconded Cllr Clarke, all agreed.
Planning Meeting 9th February 2006 – Cllr Nicholas proposed a true and accurate account, seconded Cllr Bristow, all agreed. **Planning Meeting 23rd February 2006** – Cllr Mudd proposed a true and accurate account, seconded Cllr Harding all agreed.
- 6. Matters arising from these minutes not on this Agenda** – Letter to ODPM and draft reply to be placed on the Agenda for Planning 23rd March 2006.
- 7. Reports**
 - SCDC – Cllr's Dixon, Edwards and Wotherspoon – Cllr Wotherspoon stated that re enforcement SCDC were waiting for the deadline to pass, the 14th March 2006, then they will discuss their next move. A workshop on Traveller Issues is to be held on the 17th March at Cambourne. Northstowe, SCDC Cllr's need to be more proactive, Topic Groups are led by Officers and appear not to be sharing information either with each other or with Cllr's. The Fairfield Partnership is due to put in a planning

application for 8,000 to 9,000 dwellings. Anglian Water and the Environment Agency are working towards a design expectation of 10,000 dwellings. Also please see attached email from Cllr Dixon.

- CCC – Cllr’s Bradney and Jenkins – Please see attached reports. Cllr Bradney stated that he is trying to arrange a date for a meeting with Allan Davidson. Cllr Mudd commented that it would be helpful to have a newsletter item from CCC Cllr’s and SCDC Cllr’s.

8. Finance

Income

Expenses

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| • Cottenham Garden Services – March Invoice | | £1184.00 |
| • BC Group Trust – Habitat sites – Ancient Monument | | £639.20 |
| • BC Group Trust – Flail moat banks/clean culverts | | £158.63 |
| • BC Group Trust- Flail outer drainage banks | | £193.88 |
| • Direct Funding Associates – National Funding Report | | £32.34 |
| • John Allen Associates – Design - access road at rec | | £584.21 |
| • Clerk – Salary – March 2006 | Gross | £939.32 |
| | NI | £58.44 |
| | Tax | £98.79 |
| | Net | £782.09 |
| | Parish Council NI | £68.01 |
| • Inland Revenue - March | | £225.24 |

Resolution that the above invoices be paid – Cllr Clarke proposed payment, seconded Cllr Johnson, all agreed.

9. Resolution to reply to Proposed New and Allocated Minerals and Waste Management Sites – Clerk to draft a reply matter to be placed on Planning Agenda 23rd March 2006.

10. Recreation Ground

- Quotes received from Neville Rice – Resolution that the Parish Council accept the following quotes: New Trees - £150, Grass seed/soil for village green - £180, Spares for Tractor/mower and big rotary - £150, Painting/repairs to container - £135, Loam for cricket squares - £250, Grass seed for re-sowing training area - £120 and 20 wood stakes for trees/cricket square - £30. Cllr Clarke proposed acceptance of these quotes, seconded Cllr Bristow, all agreed. Also to consider the following costs at a future meeting – 30 inch cylinder mower for tennis and cricket (Clerk to clarify type of mower purchased last year) - £2200, 20 inch scarifier - £1000, metal chain drag net for cricket - £160 and ride on roller (second hand) £2-5000.
- Cricket club – Pitch issues - feed back after a recent meeting – Cricket Club to be contacted and informed that only the junior teams may use the old square once the new square is in use. Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Norman, all agreed. This use to be monitored closely to ensure the safety of other rec users.
- Soil heap – resolution to look into the cost of moving this – Dickerson’s to be asked to quote, possibly do at same time as levelling works on rec extension.

- Resolution to form a Recreation Ground Management Committee – Proposed Cllr Clarke, seconded Cllr Norman, all agreed. Matter to be placed on AGM Agenda.
 - Recreation Ground Development Group – update – Cllr Johnson – A bid has been made to SCDC for half of the budgeted cost for drainage. All utilities have been contacted for estimates.
 - Resolution that the Parish Council apply for outline planning permission for the new sports pavilion – Proposed Cllr Allin, seconded Cllr Mudd, all agreed.
 - Resolution that the Parish Council agree, in principal, that if planning permission granted for the sports pavilion then additional car parking be provided – Proposed Cllr Fox, seconded Cllr Nicholas, all agreed.
 - Quote received from Herald Contract Services to replace/repair fence at the recreation ground at a cost of £1940 plus VAT. Resolution that we accept this quote – Cllr Clarke proposed that the Council accept this quote with the proviso that two small wicket gates be included, seconded Cllr Johnson, all agreed.
11. **Working party** - traffic issues – Update – see attached report, Cllr Norman to approach the Police re findings over speeding. There is a need to compare these findings with those from Gallaghers. Vehicle movements possibly indicate the need for a bypass, traffic calming measures for Lambs Lane, possible Pelican Crossings. Cllr Collinson stated the importance of these findings in any representation made re Northstowe especially in regard to construction traffic. Cllr Wotherspoon to raise this issue at SCDC.
12. **Traveller Issues**
- Update on pre-emptive injunctive action – Cllr Wotherspoon stated that the process has started.
 - Resolution to contact SCDC in regard to non-enforcement of notices – Cllr Wotherspoon stated that judgement has been suspended until the outcome of the case in South Buckingham.
13. **Emergency Access – Persimmon – SCDC** – Resolution to act upon latest development whereby Persimmon has instructed contractors to cease work on the emergency access – Cllr Johnson proposed that the Clerk write to Cllr Orme, with copies sent to Cllr's Kindersley and Spink and Colin Tucker, Jem Belcham and Gareth Jones, seconded Cllr Bristow, all agreed.
14. **Public consultation on proposals to change the local elections system** – Resolution to reply – Proposed Cllr Collinson, seconded Cllr Fox, all agreed. Comments to the Clerk please before the deadline
15. **Standards Committee** – Appointment of Parish Council Members – for information only – any Cllr's interested please contact the Clerk
16. **Ancient monument** – Resolution to form a management committee – after discussion resolution fails. Emails re seeding - information only.
17. **Histon Neighbourhood Panel – Meeting on Thursday 23rd February 2006 at 7.30pm at Histon and Impington Junior School** – Feedback from Cllr Warham – Cllr Warham absent – next Agenda
18. **Working Party – Village maintenance – Next Agenda**
19. **Letter received from Ladybird Pre-School – information only**
20. **Letter from SCDC – Charging of Parish Councils for Legal Advice** – Resolution to reply – Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Fox, all agreed
21. **Fly Tipping – rubbish left at the Parish Pound** – Resolution to contact all householders in the area reminding them that fly tipping is an offence –

- Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Allin, all agreed. Resolution to have a notice to this affect placed on the pound wall – item deferred.
22. **Dog Fouling** – Resolution to explore possible solutions – Clerk to contact SCDC re lack of Dog Warden, proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Mudd, all agreed.
 23. **Victory Way Junction car parking issues** – Resolution that the Clerk contacts Highways to discuss the possibility of double yellow lines, also to contact PC Rogerson to discuss this problem – Proposed Cllr Nicholas, seconded Cllr Allin, all agreed.
 24. **Request from Coolidge Gardens Residents Group for a dog bin** – Proposed Cllr Fox, seconded Cllr Nicholas, all agreed.
 25. **Workshop on election procedure 22nd March 2006** – Resolution that Cllr Johnson and Mrs Groves attend – Proposed Cllr Nicholas, seconded Cllr Collinson, all agreed.
 26. **Parish Council Elections** – candidate forms included with this agenda
 27. **Press Release**
 28. **Matters for consideration – New Parish Office working party, Brenda Gautrey Way**
 29. **Date of next meeting** – Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 11th April 2006
 30. **Close of meeting – 10.10pm**

Signed _____ Chairman Date _____