

COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Ordinary Meeting of Cottenham Parish Council

Held at the Parish Office, Ebenezer House, Rooks Street, Cottenham

On **Tuesday 1st April 2008 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr's Nicholas, Collinson, Johnson, Bradney, Leeks, Wotherspoon, Norman, Warham, Clarke and Bristow.

Clerk Mrs J Groves, Mr John Clarke and Mr Jeff Chatfield

Apologies: Cllr's Fox, Simms, Mudd, SCDC Cllr Bolitho and CCC Cllr Jenkins

328. John Clarke – Public Liaison Officer re A14 Ellington – Fen Ditton – The Chair welcomed John Clarke and Jeff Chatfield (CCC Highways) to the meeting. John Clarke stated that the preferred route had been announced in October 2007 and a contractor had been appointed. The first section to be undertaken is Fen Drayton to Histon. Potential start date 2010. Concerns were raised re construction traffic needed for Northstowe, the development of which clashes with the A14 upgrade, the Council were assured that no construction traffic for the A14 upgrade will be allowed access between the hours of 7am – 7pm as to Northstowe that is still under discussion. Aggregate for the A14 are to be sourced from a site near to the works using a 'haul' road installed along side the A14. Atkins are currently undertaking a new traffic modelling which will need to be evaluated to ensure that this upgrade is fit for purpose up to 2029. There will be a 3 month public consultation commencing December 2008. Cllr Bristow thanked them for attending the meeting.

329. Any Questions from the Public or Press – Standing orders to be suspended – A petition has been received re replacing the demolished bus shelter, the matter will be placed on the May AGM agenda

330. Standing orders to be re-instated - Chairman's Introduction and Apologies

331. Declaration of Interest – Cllr Bradney item 339 – Personal Interest

332. Minutes of Ordinary Parish Meeting 4th March 2008 – Cllr Johnson proposed a true and accurate account, seconded Cllr Leeks, all agreed. **Planning Meeting 28th February 2008** – Cllr Nicholas proposed a true and accurate account, seconded Cllr Clarke, all agreed. **Planning Meeting 13th March 2008** Cllr Johnson proposed a true and accurate account, seconded Cllr Collinson, all agreed.

333. Reports

- SCDC – Cllr's Bolitho, Edwards and Wotherspoon
- CCC – Cllr's Bradney and Jenkins

334. Finance

Income

- Cottenham Bowls Club – Water £305.36
- Ladybird Pre-School – Water £283.11
- CUFC Colts – Pitch fees £851.00

Expenses

• Wickstead Leisure – Swings/spring snail	£1052.33
• Roy Humphrey – Storage of stolen lawnmower	£462.95
• CALC – Training	£20.00
• CALC – Affiliation Fee	£584.41
• Mark Weatherhead – New locks re break in	£150.49
• Team Flitwick – Fuel	£622.31
• Cromwell Fire – Fire Alarm Preschool & CUSSC	£3642.50
• Eon – Electric Bill Watsons Yard	£66.83
• MLM – Works for new Pavilion	£776.68
• BC Group – works on the Ancient Monument	£285.53
• Ntl – phone/broadband new office	£152.18
• SCDC – rates	£3049.20
• BCTV – membership and insurance Fen Reeves	£226.54
• Grant Miller – removal of demolished bus shelter	£352.50
• Berrycroft Stores Ltd – seed/loam	£158.44
• Cottenham Garden Service – April Invoice	£1090.15
• Cottenham Garden Service – Bins/Bus Shelters	£980.00
• Clerk – Salary – April 2008	
	Gross £1012.88
	Tax £0.00
	NI £61.59
	Net £951.29

Parish Council NI £71.66

- Inland Revenue - April 2008 £133.25

Resolution that the above invoices be paid – Proposed Cllr Clarke, seconded Cllr Nicholas, all agreed

- 335. Resignation of Cllr Hugh Gautrey** – Clerk to contact SCDC and post relevant notice
- 336. Northstowe** – Update – comments submitted re application
- Resolution to attend Northstowe Rights of Way event 15th April 2008 – Cllr Bristow to attend, proposed Cllr Bradney, seconded Cllr Nicholas, all agreed.
- 337. Drains/Ditches** – Meeting with the Old West Internal Drainage Board and SCDC to determine the extent of their joint responsibilities for ditches/drains within the Parish – Matter to be deferred.
- 338. Broad Lane ditch/Balancing Pond/Ransom strip** – Update – Cllr Bristow to contact Persimmon
- Resolution to contact Anglian Water re maintenance of the Little Cut – Reply received – Clerk to send copies to Environment Agency

- 339. Tenison Manor** – Update re roads/sewer system – letter sent to Cambridge Horizons, a reply has been received stating that this matter is not within their remit. Matter to be placed on May AGM agenda.
- 340. New Pavilion** – Update – Cllr Johnson – a meeting has been held with the architect re revised costings. Cllr Johnson has met with Jim Hill (FA) possible funding available £350,000.00, also SCDC funding of just under £50,000.00. Sport England is not supportive of this venture.
- 341. Joint Parishes Working Group** – Update – Cllr Norman stated that the group did not make a joint statement re Northstowe as individual parishes were too busy compiling their own responses. Good news is that funding of £5,000.00 has been made available to enable the group to obtain technical advice i.e. a new traffic count. SCDC and CCC propose to meet with the group to look at the responses re the application to decide what technical advice may be required. Cllr Norman further commented that SCDC will still accept further comments despite the official deadline having passed
- 342. Footways and Paths** – Cllr's Nicholas and Mudd – Cllr Nicholas stated that most repairs had been done; next to be looked at is Lambs Lane, Corbett Street and Telegraph Street.
- 343. Bus Shelter on the Green** – update – This may need planning permission, Clerk has contacted SCDC and awaits a reply.
- 344. Cottenham Housing Needs Survey 2007** – Update from Cllr's Nicholas and Simms – Cllr Nicholas to contact re acquisition of land for development.
- 345. Terminal Central North** – Proposes changes to Airspace – Resolution to respond to consultation document – Cllr Norman to look at this to see if it affects Cottenham, proposed Cllr Nicholas, seconded Cllr Clarke, all agreed
- 346. Cambridgeshire County Council Liaison Committee Meeting April 17th 2008** – Resolution to attend – Clerk to contact Ian Dewar to confirm that we can attend.
- 347. Travellers**
- Response received – Information to the Clerk
 - Appeals 11th March 2008 – update – Cllr Bristow stated that as the Travellers had no representative that the appeal would be decided by way of a written inquiry, all parties present agreed.
- 348. Recreation Ground**
- Resolution to accept the quote of £254.15 for posts to support the 'mock goal' – Advice received from SCDC planning
 - Wayleave re water supply – Advice given by King & Co and the Charity Commission – update Cllr's Bristow and Clarke – Deeds to be given to King & Co
 - To agree to re-do white line on rec roadway – Agreed
 - Resolution to donate the sum of £350 to under 14's (6) Colts Team to purchase team kit – Proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Nicholas, 7 for, 2 against, carried.
 - Resolution to spend up to £500 on additional security for the storage units – Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Norman, all agreed.
 - Resolution to set charges for Tennis club for summer 2008 – Cllr Clarke proposed a charge of £520, seconded Cllr Nicholas, all agreed.
 - RoSPA Inspection due April 2008 – Information only
- 349. Traffic Issues**

- Tackling Congestion – workshop 18th March 2008 – feedback – Cllr Warham stated that this had been an interesting meeting where discussions were held on how to improve public transport prior to any congestion charges being put in place, also of interest was how the attitude towards charging changed from initially being against to, by the end of the meeting, that charging may well be the best way forward. Cllr Warham stated that he was most concerned that the B1049 is being ignored within the general picture and that no major improvements are planned. Further meetings are due to take place.
350. **Electricity supply** – Village Green – Cllr Leeks stated that the cost of a box is still to be finalised.
351. **Youth Work in Cottenham** – Resolution to decide level of financial support – Matter to be placed on May AGM agenda.
352. **Methodist Church** – Update – Cllr’s Clarke and Leeks have resigned from the feasibility study group. Clerk to contact the church re the clock (it is not working and concerns re its future if the site is redeveloped)
353. **Cambridgeshire’s Registered Traders Scheme** – Information only
354. **Parish Tree Warden Scheme** – Information only – Matter to be placed on May AGM agenda
355. **Members of the Public/Press excluded for the following item**
- CUSSC Lease – Matter to be discussed at the next meeting of the Rec Working Party 23rd April 2008.
356. Matters for consideration at the next meeting
- Assistant Clerk
 - Finance Group agenda of meetings
 - 2007/08 accounts
357. Date of next meetings – Planning 10th April 2008, Annual Parish Meeting 17th April 2008, Planning 24th April 2008 and AGM Parish Council Meeting 6th May 2008
358. Close of meeting – 9.40pm

Signed _____ Chair Date _____