

## COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Cottenham Parish Council  
Held at the Parish Office, Ebenezer House, Rooks Street, Cottenham  
On **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 at 7.30pm**

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

SCDC Cllr Bolitho

Clerk: Mrs J Groves

1 Member of the Public

**Apologies:** Cllr's Mudd and Ient, CCC Cllr Jenkins

**802. Any Questions from the Public or Press – Standing orders to be suspended** – A member of the public asked if anything further can be done re the Allowed Appeal for the dropped kerb at 64 Rampton Road. The Chair stated that the Parish Council is seeking legal advice and further information from CCC Highways and that the Parish Council will pursue this matter further.

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

**804. Declaration of Interest** - None

**805. Minutes of Ordinary Parish Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009** – Cllr Johnson proposed a true and accurate account, seconded Cllr Bradney, all agreed  
**Planning Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009** – Cllr Nicholas proposed a true and accurate account, seconded Cllr Simms, all agreed, **Planning Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009** – Cllr Johnson proposed a true and accurate account, seconded Cllr Nicholas, all agreed,

**806. Reports**

- **SCDC** – Cllr's Bolitho, Edwards and Wotherspoon – Cllr Bolitho commented on a marked increase in dog mess on the pavements, Clerk to contact CPALC to see if other parishes would support a request for the reinstatement of a Dog Warden  
**Clerk**

- **CCC** – Cllr's Bradney and Jenkins

- **Parish Council Monthly Update**

**807. Finance**

*Income*

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*Expenses*

- Cottenham Tyre & Autocentre – fuel £28.00
- Mr T C Eade – website upkeep £60.00
- Berrycroft Stores Ltd – Whiting £79.93
- E.on – electric green supply £334.11
- Martin Graves – works at rec/refurbish bench £613.21
- Viking Direct – Paper/ink cartridges £68.54
- Cottenham Garden Service – February 2009 Invoice £1090.00
- Clerk – Salary – February 2009

Gross	£1039.28
Tax	£115.20
NI	£64.49
Net	£859.59

Parish Council NI £75.04

- Inland Revenue - February 2009 £254.73

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

808. **Finance – Assistant Clerk** – Update – Cllr Norman stated that if neither applicant is suitable than an accountant be appointed as soon as possible, all Cllr’s agreed.
809. **Cottenham Charities** – Resolution to appoint new representative in light of Cllr Bristow’s resignation – Cllr Bristow proposed Cllr Heydon, seconded Cllr Nicholas, all agreed.
810. **Traveller Issues** – Resolution to ask SCDC to reintroduce regular Traveller up-dates including an up-date on the G&TDPD and identification of the new 60 or so pitches required by the Govt/ EERA – Proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Kelso, all agreed. **Clerk**
811. **64 Rampton Road** – Appeal Decision – Resolution to pursue this matter – Proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Clarke, all agreed. Clerk to send details to Cllr’s Wotherspoon and Bradney. **Clerk**
812. **Broad Lane ditch/Balancing Pond/Ransom strip** – Update – Cllr Wotherspoon stated that as there is not S106 Agreement for the pond there is little that SCDC can do but the Parish Council does need to keep pursuing the matter.
813. **Speed Watch Meeting** – Update – Advice from Zurich – Cllr Mudd is awaiting advice and will report back at the meeting to be held in March.
814. **Minerals and Waste** – New sites proposed – Resolution to respond – Proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Simms, all agreed – Recommendations will be made for consideration of full Council.
815. **Amendments to Planning Application C/07/0003/OUT** – Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road (The NIAB site) Resolution to respond - Proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Nicholas, all agreed – Cllr Bristow to look at flooding, Cllr Warham to look at traffic. Clerk to ask for an extension on the date for comments. **Cllr’s Bristow/Warham & Clerk**
816. **Police Panel Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009** – Feedback – Cllr Nicholas stated that according to statistics the other villages in the panel area are experiencing far higher crime figures than Cottenham but that the Parish Council must try to ensure that all crimes are reported to the police.
817. **Joint Parishes Working Group** – Update – Cllr Norman stated that the last meeting had been held to discuss HGV movements and possible ways of restricting their movements within the villages. Cllr Norman commented that whilst it was possible to have routing agreements they didn’t appear to carry much weight and it seemed impossible to enforce any such agreements or restrictions. What is needed is a county wide approach with all relevant Councils

and Parish Councils involved. Cllr Norman has been invited to a meeting with Bluntisham Parish Council where a representative from Mick George will be present.

818. **Parish Forum SCDC 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009** – Feedback – Cllr’s Kelso and Heydon stated that this had been an interesting meeting where all of the parishes had stated their dissatisfaction with the issue of Chairman’s delegation in regard to Planning Issues. Also present was Rob Mungoven who gave a talk on biodiversity and the Trees and Landscape Office, Ros Richardson. Another meeting is planned in six months time.
819. **Unit J** – Appeal update – Resolution to request that SCDC keep the Parish Council advised of Chemix actions to conform to conditions set by the Inspector and that the Parish Council monitors this in order to ensure compliance with said conditions – Proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Nicholas, all agreed. **Clerk**
820. **New Pavilion** – Update – Cllr Johnson – no update
821. **Cottenham Youth Clubs** – Resolution to support initiative to tackle anti-social behaviour and to work with the Youth Groups (see attached email) – Proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Bradney, all agreed. **Clerk**
822. **Transfer of Public Open Space** – Update - no update
823. **New Electric Supply on the Green** – Update – Cllr Leeks stated that it is hoped to have this installed in early March.
824. **Recreation Ground**
- Wayleave re water supply – Update – Extra work has been needed to allow the new supply to be connected to the main supply.
  - Missing Swings/Replacement Tyre Swing – Cllr Nicholas – New swings to be purchased – The Tyre Swing is problematical as no one remembers who manufactured it, further information is needed to ensure that works done to the swing complies to Rospa/Insurance requirements. Cllr Mudd to check with Zurich, it may be possible to do the works in house Cllr Clarke to contact Mike Overall to discuss this. **Cllr’s Mudd & Clarke**
  - Tennis update re request for hard courts – Resolution to decide if the Parish Council wishes to allow sole use of any area of the rec for the Tennis Club – Resolution falls, Cllr Johnson to contact Tennis Club to discuss the issue that the proposed location of possible hard courts is unsuitable due to tree roots. **Cllr Johnson**
825. **Traffic Issues** – Update from Working Party – Cllr Nicholas stated that the group had discussed the request for double yellow lines on a small stretch of Rooks Street, it was decided to ask the resident to keep a log of how many vehicles parked outside their property and to review this request.
826. **Youth Parish Council** – Cllr Leeks – Ongoing, matter to be placed on March Agenda
827. **Fen Reeves Woodland** – Update – It appears that there is still some work to be completed along the Twentypence Road – Cllr Bristow to check this. **Cllr Bristow**
828. **Dissenters Cemetery** – Update – Clerk to contact and ask if representatives from the Parish Council and the Secretary of the Church Causeway Charity could become Trustees.
829. **Members of the Public/Press excluded for the following items**
- CUSSC Lease – Update – offer letter sent – response received – Clerk to contact the Chair to state that the lease has expired and to request a meeting to discuss new terms.

- Ladybird Pre School Lease – Update – Cllr’s Mudd and Clarke re progress – Ongoing
830. Matters for consideration at the next meeting – 260 High Street, Green Issues (Sustainability Energy Saving Scheme), Affordable Housing, monitoring Planning Conditions,
831. Date of next meetings – Planning Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009, Planning Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and Ordinary Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009
832. Close of meeting – 10.00pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Date \_\_\_\_\_