

COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Cottenham Parish Council Ordinary Parish Meeting
Held in the Village Hall, Lambs Lane, Cottenham
On **Tuesday 15th January 2013 at 7.15pm**

Present: Cllrs Mudd (Chair), Berenger, Bolitho, Bristow, Burton, Collier, Collinson, Heydon, Leeks, Nicholas, Richards, Rowley, Ward, Wotherspoon. Clerk Jo Brook, RFO Fiona Gooch; CC Cllr Gymer

In attendance: 32 members of the public

- 833. Any Questions from the Public or Press – Standing Orders to be suspended** – all the public present were attending in relation to the proposed budget so Cllr Mudd gave a summary of the new budget and the rationale behind some of the larger items. All of the projects have been as a direct request from residents i.e. playground and traffic improvements. It was also noted that our current precept is considerably lower than similar villages. 3 people spoke in direct favour of the budget with nobody opposing.
- Question asked regarding what traffic improvements will be made. It was also suggested that the proposed £30k traffic budget be increased. Cllr Gymer agreed that this would be a way forward. One resident spoke in favour of the budget and to say that it would be negligent not to take advantage of the low interest rates to get a Public Works Loan.
- Question asked to see if it was possible to put a bus shelter on the High Street outside the Curry Palace. It is currently not an option due to pavement width. However it may be possible to increase the width in this area; to be investigated.
- One resident spoke to propose the need for further pedestrian crossings for safety reasons – one potential site is where the crossing island is near the High Street/Lambs Lane junction. This would aid people getting to school and the new playground. The pavements are also very narrow along the Co-op stretch of road in particular and improvements are needed.
- Some discussion on reducing speed limits and the need for an open meeting in the village to discuss traffic issues as a whole. There are various ways we can go forward but the village will need to speak unanimously. Cllr Gymer mentioned that the speed limit in Histon was due to be reduced and we may be able to stretch this along the Histon Road to reduce the current 50 limit to 40. There has to be a 'cluster' of accidents before County will do anything more significant in terms of speed reduction. Cllr Gymer and Robin Heydon to join the traffic working party.
- 834. Standing Orders to be re-instated – Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** – apologies received from SCDC Cllrs Edwards and Harford and CCC Jenkins.
- 835. Declarations of Interest** – none.
- 836. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 4th December** - Cllr Nicholas proposed a true and accurate account, seconded by Cllr Collier, all agreed. **Planning Meeting 6th December** - Cllr Nicholas proposed a true and accurate account, seconded by Cllr Richards, all agreed. **Planning Meeting 20th December** - Cllr Ward proposed a true and accurate account, seconded by Cllr Rowley, all agreed. **Planning Meeting 10th January 2012** - Cllr Bristow proposed a true and accurate account, seconded by Cllr Bolitho, all agreed.
- 837. Reports**
- **SCDC** – report circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Bristow has contacted SCDC regarding the new Traveller appeal and also identifying new sites. 4 official pitches have been approved. Cllr Sue Ellington has stated that SCDC may purchase vacant sites.
 - **CCC** – report circulated prior to the meeting – Cllr Gymer reported that there had been an accident on Beach Road today but that the road had been gritted. Cllr Nicholas asked why the living wage motion had been refused. The reasons were that 1) it was living and not a working wage and 2) the cost to the Council. Regarding road maintenance, Cottenham has already had a lot of work done over the past 12 months but Cllr Gymer is pushing for further work.

- **Police** – update from PCSO James Fuller via the Clerk. There was some criminal damage to 2 properties along the High Street. Although there was speculation as to who the culprit was nobody has been willing to come forward to make a statement. One suspect was arrested the same evening and has been remanded for an assault. It has been decided as a priority for police to focus on the constant parking issue on the High street from the chip shop to the bakers and all officers will be issuing tickets to offending vehicles. They have also produced signs for both the chip shop and the co-op which are on display. PSCO Fuller has spoken with the post office and the regular postman regarding parking on the crossing and he has not done so since, he will receive a £60 and 3 points if he is caught doing it again. Letters have been sent from the school to parents regarding parking and enforcement will be taking place.
- **Clerk** – report circulated prior to the meeting – Clerk to follow up with Fiona McMillan re. Counsel for forthcoming Traveller appeal.
- **Chair** – report circulated prior to the meeting – Cllr Mudd further reported that we have been thanked by a resident for getting the graffiti removed from the bus shelter on Victory Way/Lambs Lane.
- **Traffic Working Party** – report circulated prior to the meeting – Cllr Rowley
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – report circulated prior to the meeting – Cllr Bristow

838. Finance

Income	Description	Net	Gross
Debbie Prince	Buggy Bootcamp Nov 12	32.00	32.00
Ladybirds	Rent Oct-Dec12	1554.95	1554.95
Michelle Plowman	VH Rental Jul – Oct 12	3225.00	3225.00
Day Centre	VH Rental Nov & Dec 12	420.00	420.00
Ladybirds	Oil & Water bill	292.02	292.02
Total		5523.97	5523.97
Expenses			
A Mappedoram	Repairs to Christmas lights	612.98	735.57
PHS Group Plc	Sanitary bins at VH	752.04	752.04
Tri Star	Toilet rolls for VH	108.64	130.37
Wilby Burnett	Planning Application Changing rooms	770.00	770.00
Cambridge Audio	PA system for the Carol concert	145.00	174.00
Eon	Elec bill at the Green	50.09	52.60
Eon	Elec bill at the Rec Ground	509.98	611.98
Elveden Estates	Christmas tree for the green	450.00	540.00
Birmingham Fuel Oils	Heating oil for the Rec	595.00	624.75
CGM Landscapes	Tree works at Fen Reeves	1500.00	1800.00
Abco Construction	Guttering and pipe work at VH	296.76	356.15
Wilby Burnett	Architects Fees changing rooms	3365.63	4038.76
Cambs County Council	Street Lighting Energy charge 12/13	651.90	651.90
Open Spaces Society	Renewal of subscription	45.00	45.00
BC Group Trust	Crowlands Manor maintenance Dec 12	262.80	315.36
Anglia Tree Contractors	Tree works at the Pond	750.00	750.00
Playdale Playgrounds	50% deposit for the play equipment	31476.54	37771.85
Curve Design	Website maintenance Nov & Dec 12	100.00	120.00
Acacia Tree Surgery	Tree works at Brenda Gautrey Way	600.00	720.00
Screens & Graphics	Signs for the Rec Ground	143.64	172.37
Nick West	Cleaning VH & expenses Dec 12	415.00	415.00
Andrew King	Expenses Dec 12	86.44	86.44
Salaries	Jan 2013	3648.44	3648.44
HMRC	Taxes Jan 2013	1138.45	1138.45

Total

48474.33 56421.03

Cllr Richards queried why there was no income showing from the Sports & Social Club, the reason being that we hadn't received their cheque yet.

Resolution to pay these invoices - Cllr Bristow proposed, seconded by Cllr Rowley, all agreed. Resolution carried.

- 839. Budget setting and Precept 2013/14** – Resolution to set precept of £188,600.00. Cllr Bristow spoke to say he would like to see an increase of £20k towards traffic. Regarding the PWL Cllr Bristow suggested that this be taken out over 15 years and not 25. By reducing the term to 15 years it would save the village approximately £170k in the longer term; it would add a further £7k to the current proposed precept. Cllr Wotherspoon was apprehensive about changing the budget from the details widely published. Cllr Richards voiced concerns as to whether we may have been 'pushed' in reducing our precept following the circulation of a malicious flyer. Cllr Collinson asked whether there were any areas of the budget that we could take money from but the RFO didn't think there was any room for movement. Two new resolutions were then recommended: Resolution that CPC to budget to take out a PWL for 15 years and increase the traffic budget to £50k; proposed by Cllr Bristow and seconded by Cllr Burton. 4 votes for, 7 against, 3 abstentions. Resolution falls. Resolution that CPC takes out a PWL for 15 years in the sum of £400,000 for cash flow purposes in relation to the proposed new changing rooms, and maybe for helping towards refurbishing the village hall; proposed by Cllr Leeks and seconded by Cllr Berenger. 8 votes for, 4 against, 2 abstentions. Resolution carried. Resolution to accept the new precept of £196,200. Proposed by Cllr Rowley and seconded by Cllr Berenger. 10 votes for and 4 against. Resolution carried.
- 840. Streetlighting** – Cllr Collier summarised the project intention. The team had spent 3 hours looking at streetlights around the village. The only objections received were regarding the Stevens Close removals. Spoke to residents who raised concerns considering the sheltered housing in this area and the effect on elderly residents' safety. Additionally the shape of the street caused an issue and it wasn't easy to ensure the whole area was lit. Therefore the proposals are to swap those removals with another area. Cllr Collinson asked if we were satisfied that the new lights would be sufficient; answer yes. 26 lights are to be moved and a response will be sent to Balfour Beatty accordingly. NB: it was noted that not all residents had been notified about the changes yet. Those who have received a leaflet are the first tranche which is replacing the bulbs only.
- 841. Local & Neighbourhood Plan** – Meeting held with Keith Miles and Caroline Hunt. They will help us to plan the consultation together.
- 842. Legionella** – Update on risk assessment – defer.
- 843. Development of land SE of 34 Stevens Close, Cottenham** – Resolution that the S106 Indemnity document is signed by the Chair & Vice Chair – proposed by Cllr Bristow, seconded by Cllr Richards. All agreed. Resolution carried.
- 844. Resolution that CPC create a Facebook page** – The Clerk outlined what would be involved and the benefits of having immediate communication with the public. Proposed Cllr Burton and seconded by Cllr Rowley. All agreed. Resolution carried. NB: Clerk to investigate why a page already exists.
- 845. Matters for consideration at the next meeting** – Legionella, resolution to appoint Counsel, website, skatepark. Apologies received from Cllr Leeks.
- 846. Dates of next meetings** – Planning Meeting 24th January 2012 (P2) – to be held in the Village Hall, Ordinary Meeting 5th February, Planning Meeting 7th February (P2)
- 848. Close of Meeting** – 8.47pm

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____