

Minutes of the Cottenham Annual Parish Meeting

Held in the Village Hall, Lambs Lane, Cottenham on Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Morris (Chair), Bolitho, Collinson, Dewey, Gledhill, Wilson, Wotherspoon, Young, the Clerk, Assistant Clerk, RFO and SCDC Cllrs Gough and Wilson

In attendance: 18 members of the public

Chairman's Introduction and Apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Cllrs McCarthy, Mudd, Nicholas, Ward and SCDC Simon Edwards.

Minutes

The Minutes of the APM held on 9th May 2018 were confirmed as a true record of events and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Parish Council Report

Cllr Morris presented report for 2017/18 covering key points. This is our 123rd APM. Thanked the Parish Cllrs for their work. Over the past year Sarah Berenger, Alex Collier, Chris Richards and Karen Hodson have left and we have welcomed 4 new members. The departing District Cllrs, Simon Edwards, Lynda Harford and Tim Wotherspoon, were thanked. Neil Gough and Eileen Wilson were welcomed as our new District Cllrs. CALF – video shown which gave a 3D view of the proposed news village hall and nursery. We have given a grant to All Saints towards the new altar rails (paid for by s106 money from Racecourse View). Highways – the 'safe route to school' work is happening now and the zebra crossing should be live in the next week. Speedwatch is back and there is a new Traffic and Transport Group looking into wider highways issues in the village. Planning – this has been the busiest committee over the past 12 months and there has been a lot of input into how the new developments are laid out. We have also been looking at flood and drainage issues. Neighbourhood Plan – this details how Cottenham may evolve over the next 15 years. The Neighbourhood Plan must work alongside the SCDC Local Plan but only needs a 3 year land housing supply compared to the 5 years required by the Local Plan. Thanked staff and contractors. Audrey Brownlow was thanked for her work in trying to get postbox reinstated in the centre of the village.

County Council Report

County Cllr Wotherspoon now 12 months into the role. The year has been dominated by potholes and Highways are massively underfunded. County is now trying to move to a prevention approach. Highlighted issues with speeding and the volume of traffic. Outlined the work of the Traffic and Transport group and Community Speedwatch. The Mayor is currently looking at a project to extend the M11 to the A47 which will reduce our traffic. New development at Waterbeach can't be completed until the A10 has been upgraded. Thanked fellow Cllrs and the Clerks for their assistance.

Public questions raised regarding bus and cycle routes – need routes to Oakington and Waterbeach. Cllr Wotherspoon said that on balance cycleways are a positive advantage. Q: concerned about the £10m deficit on the roads; will there be more pfi contracts? A: Not on my watch!

South Cambridgeshire District Council Report

Cllr Wotherspoon ran through Cllr Edward's report. Congratulated Cllrs Gough and Wilson on their election. District have had a rocky ride over the Local Plan and it is the longest inspection ever.

Public questions raised regarding why the Local Plan had been delayed. Have to submit the next plan in 2022 and it will be up to the new administration as to whether to adopt. Question regarding building standards and whether there are any passive houses in Northstowe. A: none. Government scrapped the standards but green credentials have been included where possible.

Public Forum

Numerous questions/concerns raised regarding the Amey waste incinerator planning application, particularly noise, increased traffic, toxin levels and increase in waste being taken. Noted that to date only 127 people had commented on the application.

Comments about how residents should reduce waste in the first place. SCDC have made good efforts on recycling but rates are better in other areas of the country.

Concerns raised about the traveller site and general intimidation in the vicinity as well as the mess. Enforcement should be informed of any flying tipping and planning issues. Criminal issues should be reported to the police as and when they happen.

Close of Meeting

Cllr Morris thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____