

CAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Thursday 10 November 2011 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Councillors: Mr W Agg (Chairman), Mrs M Harrison, Dr E Blair, Mr R Millard and Mr R Steel.

In attendance: Cllr A Elcox (District Councillor), Cllr L Wilson (County Councillor) and Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies had been received from Cllr Human, District Councillor Mervyn Loynes. Mr Bartrum's resignation was noted.

Comments & observations from members of the public and reports from District & County Councillors

Cllr Elcox reported on:

- The SCDC Quality and Diversity Awards. The highest satisfaction level had been achieved by the Housing Team.
- Homeswap Direct is now national.
- Youth Council for 13 to 18 year olds – an opportunity to stand for election if nominated by their teacher. A budget of £1000 is available to plan elections for next September.
- Community Transport Schemes being set up by SCDC. Leaflets are being distributed.

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 8 September 2011 and the extraordinary meeting on 20 October 2011

The minutes of 8 September 2011 were approved ^(Prop RM, 2nd RS) as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting on 20 October 2011 were approved ^(Prop RS, 2nd MH) following the correction of the date.

3. To consider any applications for co-option to fill casual vacancy

Dr Eddie Blair was co-opted as a member of the Parish Council. The resignation of Mr Richard Bartrum was noted and a vacancy will be advertised.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting

The Clerk's report containing background information to items on this agenda was noted.

4.1 (3.4) Play equipment proposal

To be carried forward.

4.2 (4) Gate at Gransden Road play area – to consider quotation

The quotation of £120 plus VAT was considered and thought to be expensive. It was agreed that Cllr Blair's handyman should take a look.

4.3 (4) Speed limit stickers – to consider quotation

It was agreed to order 120 x A4 stickers at a cost of £336 if they are similar to those obtained in Bourn with a circular speed limit sign if Cllr Elcox could not obtain any more from SCDC at a lower price.

Cllr Lister Wilson arrived and was invited to report. The report covered:

- The proposed increase in County Councillors' expenses, which had been rejected.
- The adoption of the Military Covenant for soldiers returning from service.

- The Guided Busway – services have had to be increased to accommodate the number of users but problems regarding construction have yet to be resolved.

4.4 (7.2) Parish Planning

The Chairman will consult with the Clerk regarding putting an article in the village magazine to establish whether there is any interest or reason for pursuing this. Cllr Blair offered to look at the questionnaire.

5. Local matters and members items

5.1 Cambridge Gliding Club consultative meeting and reply from Paul Sexton (SCDC) regarding planning permission

The correspondence was considered as was Cllr Harrison's report on the meeting that she had attended. The Club had accepted the Parish Council's concerns regarding the noise nuisance. If a number of complaints are received a licence will not be issued. However, there are a number of guest pilots. Next year there will be a British Gliding Competition in July as well as the annual competition in August. The next meeting will take place in April 2012. A likely increase in air noise due to the Olympics and consequent re-organisation of airspace was noted.

5.2 Crowdene footpath

The complaint regarding the presence of glass and silver foil where the bridle path goes under the A1198 bridge, was discussed. This is to be reported at the next Police Panel Meeting. The Chairman will place an article in the village magazine. It was noted that a letter had been sent to Anglian Water.

5.3 Caxton Tree Project

The planting scheme was discussed and it was agreed to go ahead. Simon Elbourn could either get a quote from a tree supplier sent to the Clerk and a cheque would be raised or he could seek reimbursement if preferred. An invoice would also be required.

It was noted that the Tree Warden was discussing the horse chestnut with the Trees Officer at SCDC and they were trying to save as much of the tree as possible.

5.4 Bourn Brook

(3.2) It was noted that the Environment Agency had supplied the information for the letter to send to Anglian Water and that a letter had been sent to Anglian Water regarding their riparian responsibilities inviting them to attend a site meeting. An article is to be placed in the Parish Magazine asking for volunteers.

The possibility of requesting funds for road improvements is to be investigated.

6. Planning and Tree Works

6.1 Applications received since the last meeting

6.1.1 S/2000/11 – Yim Wah House – Certificate for existing use as restaurant and associated takeaway, living accommodation and car park

The Parish Council confirmed that as far as it is aware, the statement was true.

6.2 SCDC notifications to note

None

7. Finance and procedure

7.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

The financial report was received and considered and invoices were checked, at the end of the meeting, before the cheques were signed. The payments as listed in the report were approved for payment ^(Prop RM, 2nd BS)

Buchans (grass cutting)

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LGS Services (Admin support)	£806.68
Algar Signcraft (Bridleway sign)	£70.80
XXX (Salary)	£183.60
XXX (Salary)	£21.08

8. To consider matters arising out of correspondence received including

8.1 SCDC – Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – Publication of List of Sites

Noted.

8.2 Queen’s Jubilee – lighting of beacons

Noted.

8.3 SCDC proposed changes to footway lighting maintenance arrangements

Noted.

8.4 Michael Williamson – CPALC District Committee

It was agreed to respond that the Parish Council is interested in knowing more and wishes to be kept informed of any meeting to be held.

8.5 Consultation on review of the decision to remove all subsidised bus service funding

It was agreed to respond that the Parish Council is concerned about any increases in fares for the residents of the village. A high number of people use the service and the Parish Council does not wish to lose the service that is there.

8.6 ACRE request to attend a meeting

It was agreed to invite the Housing Officer from ACRE to the January meeting.

9. Closure of meeting

The Parish Council agreed that the time of future meetings should be 8 pm. There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

SignedChairmandate.