

CAXTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Thursday 11 July 2013 at 7.45 pm

Present: Councillors: K Howard (Chairman), R Millard, R Steel, M Harrison, K Human and K Lyon.

In attendance: District Councillor Alison Elcox, and Mrs G Stoehr (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Blair, (delayed at airport).

1.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda
 Cllr Human declared a pecuniary interest in item 5.1.1 as a near neighbour.

1.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests
 None.

1.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
 None.

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

Cllr Elcox reported on;

- Open day at Waterbeach Recycling plant
- LDF proposals for Bourn Airfield and West Cambourne will be debated at Council following a petition. There is a meeting on Monday night at Bourn Village Hall for a re-assessment of the smaller sites. Suggestion that Caxton joins in with Bourn.

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to vary the order of business to take Items 4.2 at this point.

4.2 LDF port and exhibitions inc. land west of Lower Cambourne and the Cambourne Business Park, bounded to the north by the A428 and to the west by the A1198 (Swansley Wood) (Caxton Parish)

It was agreed to draw the village's attention to the consultation and proposals by way of a leaflet drop and a public consultation in the village hall on 5th September at which the residents views on the proposals would be sought. It was agreed to use the map and information provided with the submission and to encourage the public to attend the public consultation at the Hub on 30th July. Display boards are to be requested for the Caxton public meeting. The Chair and Clerk are to draw up the leaflet.

All members were encouraged to attend the meeting in Bourn Village Hall to inform themselves prior to the Parish Council considering this matter when the hard copy of the submission arrived after 19th July. The Parish Council will consider the residents views on 12th September and decide its response to the consultation then. It was noted that the Council had already submitted its opposition to the proposal for West Cambourne earlier in the consultation process and that if SCDC was minded to ignore the Parish Council's strong objections to the development then the Parish Council and the village should receive sufficient funds by way of Section 106 monies, for maintenance of the village hall and a major contribution towards traffic calming and administrative costs. There should be retention of a 'green strip' between the Caxton and any development..

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 9th May

The minutes were approved ^(Prop RS, 2nd KHo) as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the last meeting

3.0 (9.2.4) Clerk and bus shelter cleaner reviews. Carried forward.

3.1 (6.1) Caxton Village Hall – to consider quotations if received and the next steps

While financial regulations had been followed only the two quotations had been received.. The Chairman reported on his site meetings with both contractors and a Village Hall Committee representative. The difference between the quotations was considered this being price and length of guarantee.. It was agreed to accept the quotation from Coulson's subject to the length of guarantee being at least 15 years. It was also agreed that it would be preferable if the work could be done in the holidays as the kitchen would be out of use for the length of works which is estimated to be approximately 14 days. ^(Prop RS, 2nd KH)

3.2 (6.3) Banking arrangements and to consider rates for saving/investment accounts

It was agreed to open a 95 Day Notice account with Cambridge and County Bank offering 1.95% interest.

3.3 (6.2) Tree inspections – to consider the report and any actions required

It was noted there was a tree near the Church verge was not showing on the plans and a tree planted recently had been planted on a drain. The Tree Warden is to be informed.

3.4 (9.9.2) Insurance and fidelity guarantee review

The Fidelity Guaranteed cover was reviewed and found to be adequate.

It was agreed to clarify ownership of the water fountain and to get a price per £1,000 for assets insurance.

3.5 (7.2) New Play Equipment – update, including proposal for provision of goal posts

£5,000 from SCDC Awards for All grant is still outstanding. The children would like goal posts for the summer. Aluminium goals range between £400 - £800. They were the most wanted item in the consultation. It was agreed to delegate to the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman to accept a quote for steel junior goal posts and to seek quotes for installation.

It was noted there is still a dog fouling problem at the Brockholt public open space and agreed to put up some signage.

4. Local matters and members items

4.1 Broadband update

Carried forward until Cllr Blair is present.

4.2 Taken earlier

4.3 It was noted that Kart Sport and the Car Auctions had closed down.

5. Planning and Tree Works

5.1 Applications received since the last meeting

5.1.1 S/1337/13/FL – Former depot – Change of use to Storage and Distribution of Farm and Fencing Equipment

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to recommend approval. Cllr Human took no part in the item.

5.1.2 Consultation for Gliding Competition, Gransden Lodge Airfield

It was agreed to appoint Cllr Lyon as the Parish Council's second representative at consultative meetings. It was agreed to respond to the consultation and ask that the Gliding Club abide by the rules and not to overfly the village.

5.2 SCDC notifications - to note any received

- 5.2.1 S/2391/12/VC – Variation of conditions 1, 2 & 4 of planning application S/0429/08/F. Permission granted by SCDC.
- 5.2.2 S/1717/12/FL – 23 Bourn Rd – Dwelling & Garage. Permission granted by SCDC.
- 5.2.3 S/0786/13/FL – 35 Bourn Rd – 2 Storey rear and single storey side extensions. Permission granted by SCDC.
- 5.3 Tree works applications – to consider any received
None.

9. Finance and procedure

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

The financial report was received and considered. The invoices were checked, at the end of the meeting, before the cheques were signed. The payments as listed, plus LGS Services (Admin support) £393.44, were approved for payment ^(Prop RS, 2nd RM).

Salaries LG Stoehr (Salary)	£229.20
HMRC (PAYE/NI)	£83.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£479.50
Buchans (Grass cutting)	£570.00
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- 6.2 To consider any quotes for urgent works required because of risk
None.

7. To consider matters arising out of correspondence received including

- 7.1 Request from the Village Hall Committee to hold a fund raising fete on the village green on the 14th September. The Parish Council granted permission for use of the land.

8. Closure of meeting

It was proposed that the Parish Council purchases a new notice board. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

It was noted that the Water Board are still carrying out works in the village to repair leaks.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

SignedChairmandate.
