

CAXTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Thursday 13 March 2014 at 7.45 pm

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

In attendance: Nick Smith and Jeremy Handel, Consultants on behalf of McAlpine, 5 members of the public and Mrs Kathleen Baptie (Minutes Secretary. LGS Services)

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

None.

1.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda

None.

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

Mr Smith and Mr Handel gave a presentation on the proposed development of up to 2200 homes in North Caxton referred to as West Cambourne. The scale of the development will be larger, but similar to Upper Cambourne. Key facilities such as health and education are still in discussion stages.

Concerns were raised by members that transportation infrastructure, drainage and education had not been thought through.

Mr Handel admitted that at present there is little support for this development, but if it is turned down the developers intend to appeal and then the decision would be made by the Government. Cllr Harrison stated that plans were afoot to build another primary school to the west of Cambourne which the residents are not in favour of. It was felt that this will encourage more development in that area.

Cllr Blair asked what would be the benefits to Caxton residents. Mr Handel responded that there would be starter homes for young families. The members concluded that there would be no benefits for the residents of Caxton.

Asked why they were opposed to the Bourn Airfield development, they responded that a second new development with its own retail centre so close to Cambourne, would not work. Instead their preference is for a 4th Cambourne village.

Members expressed their concerns that promises were not kept by previous developers and there is a feeling of mistrust.

Residents living at the northern edge of the planned boundary stated that they had not received any communications regarding the proposed development and had very real concerns.

The gentlemen were thanked for attending the meeting and left. The members of the public also left the meeting.

Brian Hayes, having filmed the discussion asked if he could put it on Facebook. The Chairman asked him not to until legal advice had been sought.

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 9 January 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of 9 January be approved and signed by the Chairman.
 (Prop NB, 2nd K)

3. Matters arising from the last meeting

3.1 (3.2) Play equipment project update

Cllr Human was pleased to report that the play equipment had been installed. Cllr Human was touched to receive a visit from a number of the children with a gift expressing their appreciation. RESOLVED to send a cheque to Amey Cespa for £2672.16 which is the 10% third party funding and to approve payment of £26,721.61 to the suppliers when the invoice is received. ^(Prop MH, 2nd NB)

RESOLVED to send Cllr Human a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council for all her work on this project and congratulating her on its success.

3.2 (3.4) Flooding risks update

Cllr Howard has arranged a meeting with all interested parties on 26th March at SCDC in Cambourne.

3.3 (3.6) S106 agreements and Caxton's requirements

In the absence of any further suggestions, Cllr Howard will work with Cllr Blair and consolidate the list he has, prior to consulting with the village.

3.4 (3.7) Minor Highways Improvement Scheme update

It was noted that the Council's application was not successful. RESOLVED to continue to pursue a 20mph speed limit through the village and also to consult with the police.

3.5 To reconfirm the bank mandate change to HSBC, the named signatories and Clerk's authorisation

RESOLVED that K Howard, E Blair, M Harrison, R Millard and LG Stoehr (Clerk), should be named signatories. All cheques require TWO signatures (NOT to include the Clerk). The account to be administered by the Clerk who must be able to obtain, using telephone banking, latest balances, confirmation of cheques paid and order new cheque books etc. All bank statements and correspondence to be sent to the Clerk. ^(Prop RS, 2nd KH)

4. Local matters and members items for info only unless stated

4.1 Footpaths report

RESOLVED to report a lump on the footpath at Brockholt outside no.7, which is getting bigger. It appears to be caused by refuse lorries having to mount the pavement in order to manoeuvre around parked vehicles. However there are concerns for the 5 residents at Brockholt who are wheelchair users.

4.2 Car parking on pavements

RESOLVED as parking is becoming a problem in the centre of the village and also on Ermine St near Brockholt to write to the residents concerned asking them to refrain from parking on the footpath. Cllr Human agreed to deliver the letters. Also, to write to the Police stating that despite bringing it to their attention (incident no. 91 of 13/3), no action has been taken and it is becoming a problem within the village. The Parish Council requests that they take the matter up with the residents. It was agreed that an article would also be included in the next village magazine.

4.3 Update on Village Magazine

It was noted that the new magazine was more colourful, however there were concerns that the front page of the first new edition gave the impression of being a Church publication. RESOLVED that the draft minutes could be published on the notice board before being approved. ^(Prop EB, 2nd RS)

4.4 Report on Stop BAD meeting for local chairmen

The Chairman reported on the meeting attended by other local Parish Councils and presented by Des O'Brien. The opinion of the meeting was that if every parish objected to the development with differing points, the complaints would be watered down. It was agreed to consolidate their response with the fundamental point being that the main employment centres are to the east of Cambridge and the transport infrastructure is to the east, therefore Bourn Airfield and West Cambourne are not suitable site for a

development of this size. It would simply be a commuter town with no transport links to rail or guided bus and limited bus services. It was suggested that local villages should get together to employ a surveyor or such like. RESOLVED that the Parish Council set aside £1,000 which could be used for legal representation in connection with planning matters in the parish. ^(Prop KH, 2nd EB, all in favour)

4.5 Short report on presentation given by Curtain & Co. at Madingley

The presentation was with regard to a proposed development of 3,200 – 3,500 homes on Fulbourn Rd, Teversham. Approximately 700 homes would be in South Cambs. The developers want SCDC to review the Green Belt area for the purpose of the development. They explained that a development of this size would offset the proposed developments at Bourn Airfield and West Cambourne and for this reason they are seeking the support of the local villages in this area.

5. Planning and Tree Works

5.1 Applications received since the last meeting

5.1.2 S/0467/14/CC – Primary School, Land West of Cambourne

The following decision made between meetings, was submitted by the Clerk using delegated powers;

Caxton Parish Council recommends refusal of this application. The Parish Council believes it is not appropriate for the area. Primary school places are desperately needed in Cambourne but the priority is over to the east, where development is still in progress and where several hundred more houses are still to be built.

Decision on this application should be deferred until that development has been completed and we have had the findings of the Inspectorate.

If the application is approved, the Parish Council wishes to point out that the site is in the parish of Caxton, and so children from Caxton should be eligible to attend.

5.2 SCDC notifications - to note any received

None.

5.3 Tree works applications – to consider any received

None.

6. Finance and procedure

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

RESOLVED to receive the financial report, the invoices and bank statements be checked, at the end of the meeting, before the cheques are signed and the payments as listed, plus Comberton Parish Council (shared membership of SLCC) £39.85, Amey Cespa (Third Party funding) £2,672.16, and Fenland Leisure Products (Play equipment) £26,721.61 be approved for payment ^(Prop RM, 2nd RS).

Caxton Village Hall (Room Hire)	£160.00
Salaries	£230.46
HMRC (PAYE/NI)	£89.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£430.08
LGS Services (Admin support)	£393.60
Noticeboard Co. (Notice Boards)	£872.40
Caxton PCC (Village Hall rent)	£1.00

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 CCC Diversion of Footpath 15

The Parish Council has no objection.

7.2 CCC Review of Cambourne Catchment areas

Noted.

7.3 The Council to consider the implications of the Repeal of section 150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and its safe and efficient arrangements for the safeguard of public money

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will keep to the current arrangements.

7.4 McAlpine Developments Cambourne West – to consider what , if any, action is required

Discussed earlier.

7.5 Caxton Village Hall request for £1,000

RESOLVED to donate £1,000 to the Village Hall. Also as the Small Grant application form received states that the Village Hall does not have a constitution and are currently working on one to write to them informing them that the constitution is contained within the 1969 lease as referred to in the 1999 lease renewal.

8. Closure of meeting

The Village Hero award ceremony is at Cambourne Village College on 20th March. Cllr Harrison will be attending as a nominee as well as the Chairman and Cllr Millard.

Elections 22nd May.

Next Parish Council meeting 8th May

Annual Parish Meeting 10th July

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 29th May

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

SignedChairmandate.

