

CAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Thursday 11 November 2014 at 7.45 pm**

Present: Councillors: K Howard (Chairman), K Human, E Blair, R Millard, H Barber and J Molloy.

In attendance: District Cllr M Loynes, Georgina Chapman and Nick Smith from MCA Developments, Ed Durrant (Principle Planning Officer, SCDC) 2 members of the public and Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary. LGS Services)

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1.1 To receive written apologies for absence and reasons

Apologies received from Cllr Post (out of parish)

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

None.

1.3 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests

None.

1.4 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None.

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

Cllr Loynes explained his recent absences. He urged Parish Council's to write to Cambridgeshire County Council with concerns regarding cut backs to gritting routes. Madingley Park & Ride – a second machine is being installed to alleviate queues.

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meetings on 11 September and 16 October 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of 11 September and 16 October 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman at the end of the meeting ^(Prop EB, 2nd RM)

3. To consider applications for co-option to fill vacancies resulting from insufficient candidates at election

RESOLVED that Helen Barber be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council ^(Prop RM, 2nd JM) She signed the declaration of acceptance of office and was welcomed to the Council. Cllr Barbour has 28 days to complete her register of member's interests.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting

It was noted that the sewerage smell is still a problem.

4.1 (4 of 16.10.14) Cambourne West

Nick Smith from MCA developments distributed their plans and explained that one plan shows land to the west of Cambourne allocated by South Cambridgeshire District Council for 970 homes, which is currently going forward to the EIP. The second plan is that of MCA Developments which they feel is a much more sustainable plan, with 2,350 homes and approximately 5 hectares of business space, 2 primary schools, 1 secondary school and retail and leisure units. The density is 20 -30 houses per hectare which is similar to that of Lower Cambourne. A resident commented that this proposed development as well as Lower Cambourne were in the Parish of Caxton and would like to see more green spaces as a buffer around Caxton.

The developers intend to build some small business/industrial units, which will be more suitable for local users. Georgina Chapman explained that there will be an opportunity for Caxton residents to have their say during the consultations. The education requirement would be set by demand in the area. In terms of the type of school, it would be very similar to Comberton Village College, possibly including a more

technical field. Stephen Munday had been involved in discussions. The provision of schools would be decided by Cambridgeshire County Council. The developers confirmed that they would be contributing £8 million towards the costs of a secondary and 2 primary schools.

30% of the development will be affordable housing. MCA feel this is the right level, however they are aware it is not following policy. The proposals include a new road and roundabout to the south west of the development. The plan to put bollards at the top of the A1198 where it meets the new road had not been pursued, but that it would not be their decision. He confirmed that construction traffic would come via the north. They propose to close the Swansley Wood access road and put in another lower access road, and are open to working with McDonalds to improve the entrance and parking problems there. The proposals also include a bus lane from A428 to M11 near Madingley. Bridleways would all be linked up.

The Parish Council emphasized that it was important for Caxton residents to have cycle paths.

As to why MCA believe their plans will succeed over the Bourn Airfield development they replied that a panel of architects were basically in support of the designs from a landscape point of view. MCA intend to submit their application before Christmas. They were thanked for attending and left the meeting at 8.45pm.

Ed Durrant (SCDC) confirmed he was attending the meeting to observe, and that SCDC were not minded to approve it whilst the EIP was going on. SCDC are not supporting the proposals at the moment, but the developers are aware that if Bourn Airfield does not go ahead then West Cambourne has a very good chance of going ahead. The Parish Council are very concerned that they do not miss any opportunities to be involved in S106 discussions. SCDC are of the opinion that this should go to Cambourne as residents are more likely to use facilities there. The Parish Council was concerned that there should be a covenant in place to enforce a protected green space around this development.

The Parish Council asked what provision is being made for the growing elderly population and whether it was likely for the best mitigation that Caxton could hope for would be help with the traffic and the by-pass. The Council also asked if the District Council would be able to negotiate a Clerking fee for the change of boundaries.

Ed Durrant explained that SCDC had concerns about the business areas and the fact there would be 2 secondary schools next to each other.

Ed Durrant was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

4.2 (5.2 of 11.9.14) To consider quotes for clearing pond at Tates Field

Only 1 quote was received so this was deferred to the next meeting and Cllr Human will ask Rob Mungovan at SCDC about the best course of action for a more permanent solution to this problem.

It was agreed to seek an alternative quote from CGM to dig out the reeds and to ask what sort of guarantee they could give that this would solve the problem.

4.3 (8.2 of 11.9.14) Eltisley Parish Council request for shared speed equipment

RESOLVED that Cllr Blair would be happy to attend a meeting with Eltisley if required and in the meantime he will get in touch with Speedwatch to find out more. Deferred to the next meeting, once all the information has been received.

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

5.1 Footpaths and hedges

Cllrs Howard and Blair recently attended a meeting at Whittlesford. CCC will provide posts for footpath markings. Cllr Molloy raised concerns about a number of issues in the village. It was recommended that problems are reported on the CCC website. Cllr Molloy offered to take responsibility for pavements in the village.

5.2 Report on meeting at SCDC

Cllrs Howard and Blair reported on the meeting they had attended at SCDC regarding the report on the Housing Needs Survey by ACRE. The more up to date figures suggests that the need is currently for 6 houses rather than 8 -10 as previously stated. As such, the SCDC recommended development would be for houses on the main road, a ribbon development. The developers were not present at the meeting, but it was anticipated that they would not be so keen to build such a small development. Part of the housing need was based on the desire to downsize due to the bedroom tax. However, it was noted that if the government changes then this need will go away, reducing the numbers further.

6. Planning and Tree Works

6.1 Applications received since the last meeting

6.1.1 S/2225/14/FL – McDonalds Restaurant – Installation of a climbing frame, on the existing patio.

RESOLVED to note that the Parish Council had recommended approval.

6.1.2 S/2349/14/FL – Church Farm, Gransden Road – Change of use of eastern part of long barn to B1 business use – no alterations proposed.

RESOLVED to note that the Parish Council had recommended approval

6.2 SCDC notifications - to note any received - none

6.3 Tree works applications – to consider any received – None.

7. Finance and procedure

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

RESOLVED to receive the financial report, and that the invoices and bank statements be checked at the end of the meeting, before the cheques are signed.

RESOLVED that the payments as listed, plus Buchans (Grass cutting) £805.20, be approved for payment. ^(Prop KHu, 2nd EB)

Salary	£109.10
Buchans (Grass cutting)	£141.60
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LGS Services (Admin support)	£479.91
Algar Signcraft (Play area sign)	£232.80
LGS Services (Admin support)	£395.73
Salary	£22.57
Salary	£109.30
Bourn PC (Traffic Consultant)	£307.23
CCC (Flood Improvements)	£500.00

Credits were noted.

7.2 To consider any quotes for urgent works required because of risk

RESOLVED to note that the new play equipment sign had been removed and thrown in the ditch twice. Cllr Human will explain the problem to RoSPA and seek their advice.

7.3 Grass cutting and village maintenance specification – to consider if any changes are required

RESOLVED that the specification be approved following the inclusion under verges; St Peter's St, Gransden Rd and Bourn Rd, to cut a flail width not to exceed one metre, twice a year. Also add to POS off Brockholt Rd and Village Green, Gransden Rd, (d) collect grass within the fenced play areas.

8. To consider matters arising out of correspondence received including

8.1 BT proposed removal of telephone kiosk in Ermine St

RESOLVED that there were no objections to the removal of the kiosk. ^(Prop EB, 2nd KHu)

8.2 ICS response to the Parish Council's complaint

RESOLVED to note the complaint had been satisfied satisfactorily in the Council's favour and to thank the Clerk for all her work on this matter.

8.3 Wiser Recycling – electrical wares recycling

RESOLVED to invite them to give a short presentation.

8.4 Electoral review of Cambridgeshire

RESOLVED that it would be preferable to have separate representation from Cambourne due to its size and instead would prefer someone who represents smaller villages.

9. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

SignedChairmandate.