

**Minutes of the Caxton Annual Parish Meeting held on  
Thursday 14 May 2015 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall**

Present: 7 parishioners including Parish Council members, District Cllr D O'Brien and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services)  
Cllr Howard presided.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Post (out of parish), County and District Cllr M Loynes (illness), and PCSO A Giltinane (rest day).

**2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 10 July 2014**

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on 10 July 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman. (Prop RM, 2nd EB)

**3. Matters arising**

None.

**4. Report of the Parish Council for the year.<sup>1</sup>**

The report of the Parish Council was read by Cllr Howard. The report, which is appended in full to these minutes, covered:

- Parish Council membership, new members and excellent attendance
- thanks to the District and County Councillors for their support
- discussions regarding the two major planning applications at Bourn Airfield and West Cambourne and the recent request that the West Cambourne application be re-thought prior to submission
- the proposed mixed market and social housing development outside the village envelope, on which a decision had not yet been made, and the recent Housing Needs survey in the village
- the clearance of Bourn Brook south of Gransden Road, and the silt under both bridges
- the Wisser recycling electrical waste collection
- dog fouling signs
- the introduction of Community Speedwatch
- Thanks were expressed to the Clerk.

**5. The financial report<sup>2</sup>**

The report from the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer was read out and is appended in full. Changes to the audit process were outlined and the audited accounts for FY 2014 presented. It was noted that copies were available. Inspection of the FY2015 accounts by any interested resident by prior appointment was invited.

**6. Other Reports**

**6.1 District Councillors (Cllr D O'Brien)**

Cllr O'Brien was welcomed as the newly elected District Councillor and was invited to give a report. He provided information on the changes to the District Council following the recent elections and indicated his willingness to answer any questions.

Cllr Human stated that the Planning Committee had approved the planning application previously referred to, as she had been present, and that Cllr Elcox had spoken on behalf of the village. However, the decision had not appeared on the District Council's website. It was agreed to write to SCDC to ask why the Parish Council had not been informed of the decision, as it had been informed that the application had been approved in March.

**6.2 County Councillor (Cllr Loynes)**

No report was available.

6.3 Police

No report was available.

6.4 Village Hall Committee

No report was available.

6.5 Newsletter

No report received.

6.6 West Cambourne and Bourn Airfield Development – StopBAD update

Cllr O'Brien provided an update. The original figures shown in the Local Plan were 1200 houses for West Cambourne and 3500 for Bourn Airfield. However, the developers of West Cambourne had submitted an increased application for 2350 houses. It was not known whether a decision would be made before the outcome of the Examination in Public was known.

Transport issues had been identified as a weakness of the Local Plan, and the assumptions about traffic movements were being revisited, with the outcome awaited. However, Cllr O'Brien had been informed that there would be no interim decision by the Inspector. No date had been set for the site specific proposals to be examined but this was expected to take place in mid-summer, and the final report might not be available until the end of the year. It was not yet possible to draw any conclusions.

6.7 Other

6.7.1 St Andrew's Church PCC<sup>3</sup>

Ruth Terrell's report (appended in full) was read in her absence by the Chairman. This covered plans for a toilet and kitchen and a new vestry, and the opening of the Church during the week for visitors between March and early November, resulting in some 300-500 visitors per annum since 2013.

6.7.2 The Langwith Barnard Charity<sup>4</sup>

Val Gape's report is appended in full to these minutes. Small sums of money are available to those in need living in the village.

6.7.3 Speedwatch

Cllr Blair reported that the Parish Council had joined the scheme. There were 20 volunteers and training sessions had been held. Speeding drivers had been caught. Permanent fixed signs were being obtained. A grant application for interactive signs had been unsuccessful. Cllr O'Brien was asked to provide feedback on the impact of signage installed elsewhere.

7. **Any other parish matters including any resolutions which have been received**

A letter from Colin Reeve regarding traffic calming and the suggestion for a working group to investigate the possible modification of the Bourn Road bridge to enable high/wide loads to pass underneath and use the bypass, thereby avoiding the village. It was suggested that the developers of West Cambourne could provide funding for this if the application was successful.

The Chairman highlighted the background to the inadequate bridge height and the previous unsuccessful attempts to have the abnormal load route moved away from the village. A suggestion was made that a new gated/restricted access be established at the top of the village to allow a separate access road for wide loads. However no decisions had been made regarding the application and the potential value of any S106 contributions could not yet be predicted. It was observed that the developers had proposed moving the roundabout at the northern end of the village some 50 yards to the northeast to provide an access with gates to allow heavy vehicles to pass through

and allow a route from the Gibbet to continue down the bypass. The road to Caxton would lead off the new roundabout to the south-west, to join up with the A1198, with the possible addition of chicanes or priorities to deter traffic from entering the village from that direction.

A resident asked whether it would be possible to lower the road under the bridge but this was not felt feasible due to flooding problems, cost and visibility.

A comment was made that parking in Ermine Street made this route dangerous and difficult to negotiate round a continuous line of parked cars, with reduced visibility.

The meeting welcomed Mr Reeve's proposal and resolved to ask him to write a short article for the parish magazine to ask the views of residents and obtain feedback.

#### Verges

Cllr Millard reported that the daffodil leaves had been cut down during mowing, but that they had not been left long enough and that they should be left for 7-8 weeks to enable them to come up again next year. It was resolved to write to the contractor asking whether in future years the cutting of the banks throughout the village where the daffodils grow could be delayed until after the month of May.

#### Buses

Geraldine Heath reported that nothing had been heard about the use of Demand Responsive Transport. The morning bus was still running, but there were no buses during the day.

### **8. Closure of meeting**

District Cllr Morgan offered to forward information about ipads for local schools. There was no further business and the meeting was declared closed at 8.43 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

<sup>1</sup> Report of the Parish Council

<sup>2</sup> The financial report

<sup>3</sup> Report of St Andrew's Church PCC

<sup>4</sup> The Langwith Barnard Eleemosynary Charity