

Minutes for Council Meeting 8th March 2024

Present; Sue Herbert (Vice Chairman), Clive Germany, Terry Chapman, Roy Harper, Chris Basham, Cindy Smith, Graeme Gibson, Lindi Kent

In attendance: Henry Batchelor (County Councillor), John Batchelor (District Councillor) and 5 parishioners.

The meeting started at 7.30pm

1. Vice chairman welcomed all present
2. Apologies and reasons for absence. Cllr Biggs (Chairman), Melanie Laing (Parish Clerk). Apologies were accepted
3. Approval of minutes of meeting on 11th Jan. Proposed by Cllr Herbert, seconded by Cllr Harper. All agreed. Finance meeting 18th Jan Proposed by Cllr Herbert, seconded by Cllr Smith. All agreed. Planning meeting 8th Feb Proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Kent. All agreed. Minutes were signed.
4. Declarations of interest. None
5. District and County Council items of interest.

Henry Batchelor

Civil Parking-2 traffic wardens are now issuing tickets. They are aware of the issues in the village and they may well turn up at any time.

Bio-digestion plants- Applicant has been asked for more info re Landscape & Environmental health matters. Process still ongoing, decision expected before Summer

Spring Budget. Money has been allocated for Cambridge 2050. Try to make Cambridge more attractive to silicon valley businesses. Local authorities trying to stay involved. The aim is to make Cambridge 3 times bigger.

John Batchelor

Council tax district increase of £5. District council collect council tax but John reiterated that they do not get to keep it.

6. Parishioners Question Time- Question raised over incorrect calculation of council tax bill. Cllr Batchelor stated that he could not comment on individual cases and suggested that parishioner write in with details.

Question- Could councillor justify increase in council tenancy rent. John explained it was rate of inflation plus 1% and that even though all rents received were ringfenced, there is still a huge deficit in the budget.

Claydon Close Parking letters- residents confirmed they have now been received.

Carports being changed to garages in new development. PC are unable to do anything

Cambs council 4 day week-still undergoing review

Why do Camps residents have to travel 15 miles to use Thriplow recycling centre? Why can we not use Haverhill/Saffron Walden? There is an agreement that CB21 postcodes can use Haverhill recycling centre.

20mph Speed limit-where will it start? Request has been made for it to extend to village boundaries, still waiting to hear outcome.

7. Planning
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7.1 24/00743/FUL- The Oak

Lesley explained as Bed and Breakfast accommodation the unit has 3 parking spaces. She wants to make it residential with the same number of spaces. She confirmed this will not impact the other spaces utilised by the Pub patrons, who will continue to have 5 spaces at the back and potentially another 2 at the front.

Passed with no objections

24/00699/FUL-Homers Lane. Passed with no objections

Since the meeting PC raised concerned that the pub garden had been missed off application and current plans would block access to this area

7.2 District Council

7.3 Planning Queries – Parish Clerk to get a progress report of all enforcement issues

8. Parish Tree Warden

9. Matters Arising

9.1 War memorial Cleaning. Cllr Gibson advised there were no grants available, as it needs cleaning rather than repair

9.2 Village Hall Carpark Extension. Cllr Smith advised that 3 quotes have now been received each for different products. One for Tarmac, one for a system the grass grows through and one for concrete. The purpose of these were a starting point for a group to be put together to move the matter forward. It was suggested that the group would need permission from the PC to extend the carpark and the original paperwork re carpark would need to be reviewed/amended to take into account any increase in parking spaces. Legal issues to be addressed.

9.3 Multi Sports Cleaning-Completed

9.4 Ownership of Pump Meadow. Cllr Herbert confirmed that this matter has now been resolved and Bowls club accept the PC own the Meadow

9.5 20mph zone- 94 votes for - 8 against. Other suggestions received had been for traffic calming measures or for a crossing at Bartlow Road-this has already been refused by highways in the past. Cllr Herbert confirmed an application had been put in for 20mph zone throughout the whole village.

9.6 A discussion then ensued re the purchase of an MVAS, but as it was not on the agenda it will be carried over to the next meeting

10. Matters for the council to discuss/vote on

10.1 Annual Community Meeting suggested date 27 April

10.2 URC completion imminent. There are a number of people interested in forming a committee and had meeting 3-4 weeks ago. Suggestion was to set up a charity, once set up and formalised another meeting will go ahead. Plan is to have a village meeting so everyone knows what is happening. Cllr Gibson is managing the group communications. The intention is this will be very separate to the Parish Council. Nordens will lease building at a peppercorn rent. Their suggestion is that the PC take over responsibility for the graveyard and that this becomes a PC asset.

10.3 Flooding at Bartlow Road, Pump House and Hill Farm all reported.

Nosterfield- has been said council do not have funds to do any work here.

10.4 Grass Cutting – Alex Coleman, Country Garden Proposed by Cllr Gibson Seconded by Cllr Herbert. Contract for 1 year to start as soon as weather permits.

10.5 Action re potholes. Was suggested that Cllr Biggs makes formal contact with Bradley Southwold for an update

10.6 Website update. Decision was made to leave domain host/services etc as they are for the moment. Cllr Gibson to redesign website then we will see if current domain holder can cope with enhancements, if not then we will need to find another service provider.

10.7 Camps Review March edition- Cllr Gibson advised his daughter was visiting at the weekend and he plans to complete it with her support.

10.8 Car Boot Sale held by Camps School on Rec -View was they cannot have the field without hiring the hall. No date proposed as yet. There was some concern over when they would want it- damage to grass from vehicles, litter etc. Also why can't they use their own field.

11 Recreation Ground

11.1 Still waiting for stock

11.2 Rec Hedge cutting – Paul Haylock Sept Proposed by Cllr Herbert, Seconded by Cllr Smith

12 Finance

All payments accepted and agreed by all councillors

13. Village Maintenance-

CATS event over the weekend, cars have caused damage to grass.

14. No comments

15 Matters for next agenda – Sample design for website

Potholes

MVAS

Meeting closed at 9.15pm