

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 October 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

Present: D A Bamforth (Chairman), D J Saberton, M Wilkin,

In attendance Mrs S J Bell (Clerk)

No members of the public present.

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| 390. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr P Chambers, Mr Don Saberton, Mr C Watson, Mrs B Daters and Mr A White. | |
| 391. Declarations of Interest: There were none. | |
| 392. Minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2006 had been circulated, and were approved and signed. Proposed by Mr M Wilkin, seconded Mr David Saberton and agreed unanimously. | |
| 393. Matters Arising | |
| <i>375/365 Best Kept Garden Competition.</i> Thank you letter received from Ruth Everitt. | |
| <i>376 Planning Applications.</i> Clerk advised ECDC had confirmed consent for siting temporary mobile home during construction of residence until ready for occupation was not required. | |
| <i>379 Letting of Ouse Wash Drovers.</i> Solicitors setting up new agreement. | <i>Clerk</i> |
| 394. PLANNING APPLICATIONS | |
| There were none. | |
| 395. RECREATION GROUND | |
| Registration of Recreation Ground as Village Green. Application due to be considered by CCC Development Control Committee on 9 October 2006. | <i>Clerk</i> |
| Sports Day/Parish Plan Consultation with young people 25 October. Application from OCYPS received, considered and approved. Proposed Chairman and agreed unanimously. | <i>Clerk</i> |
| Letter of complaint from resident regarding fireworks at Village Hall received and to be passed to Village Hall Management Committee. | <i>Clerk</i> |
| Mr David Saberton reported that there were no issues of concern arising from weekly inspections of play equipment at recreation ground. | |
| Chairman reported receipt of cricket nets. Cricket club to check and erect, and arrange for winter storage. | |
| 396. PARISH PLAN | |
| Chairman reported that questionnaire almost complete for circulation and completion by residents. | |
| 397. MEPAL AND WITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNORS | |
| Noted that Mrs J Stuart-Menteath had resigned as Chairman and the successor was Mr Steve Carter. Clerk to write to Mrs Stuart-Menteath to thank her for all her work during her long term as School Governor which had originally started as Parish Council representative. | <i>Clerk</i> |

398. **COMMUNITY POLICE**

Nil to report

399. **CEMETERY**

New plan being produced.

Chairman

400. **HCV VEHICLES**

Talk by County HCV Route Manager, arranged by Haddenham Parish Council, scheduled for November. Agreed a representative from Witcham should attend if possible.

Clerk

401. **PARISH PATHS P3 SCHEME**

Chairman had met with Rights of Way Officer and Wardy Hill representative. County Council proposes to gate and lock some of the droves from October to May. Keys to be provided to landowners. Chairman proposed support for the proposals subject to arrangements for access by emergency services, eg ambulance for horse-riders. Proposals to cut back some hedges to be subject to necessary management to maintain habitat for wildlife.

Chairman

402. **CORRESPONDENCE**

CALC New Constitution – details circulated. Subject to proposals being approved at EGM an election of representatives to be part of the new ‘assembly’ will take place at the District Association meeting in November. Nominees required.

ECDC District Council Planning Committee Visits Protocol received and noted.

Trees within Conservation Area – 1 Silver Street: Fell Hornbeam and reduce limb of Walnut tree growing over hedge by 8 feet

CCC Waste Private Finance Initiative Project. Donarbon, Preferred Bidder, for contract to reduce household waste sent to landfill each year by treating rather than disposing of waste which is not or cannot be recycled. Noted County Council faces fines of £150 for every tonne of waste sent to landfill above permitted allowances.

ECDC Sports Facilities, Play Areas and Informal Open Spaces – S.106. Parish Summary received, clarification sought on details for Witcham.

Clerk

403. **REPORTS OF MEETINGS**

Chairman reported on Citizens Advice Bureau AGM and circulated Annual Report for 2006.

404. **STREET LIGHTING AND HIGHWAYS**

Nil to report.

405. **FINANCE**

Clerk circulated copy of Receipts and Payments and reconciliations to 30 September 2006. Income to 30 September 2006 £7919.93, payments £4945.61, balance in hand £24,147.08. Precept 2007 to be discussed at next meeting.

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Receipts	Precept 2 nd instalment		4500.00		4500.00
Payments	000797	Chairman's Allowance BKG Judges	9.98		9.98
	000798	Mepal Stores "What's On" Sep & Oct LGA S142 PC Newsletter (Sep)	42.00 14.00		56.00
	000799	J Lucas Deliver parish newsletter	6.00		6.00
	d/d	Talk Talk Direct (Sep)	1.16	.20	1.36

Clerk to arrange for payment of cricket nets. Cheque No 000790 payable to Stadia Sports raised in previous meeting.

Clerk

406. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14 November 2006 commencing at 7.15 pm for monthly check of payments and receipts and 'open to the public' time. Business to commence at 7.30 pm.

All business to be considered must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at least 6 clear days prior to the meeting.

All

Signed

Dated