

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 February 2010 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

Present: D A Bamforth (Chairman), D J Saberton (Vice Chairman), A Berry, J Bibby, K Mackender, C Watson

In attendance Mrs S J Bell (Clerk)
Cllr T Goodge (ECDC)
Cllr P Read (CCC)

Public question time opened at 7.30 pm – nil members of the public
Verification of payments and receipts took place by the Chairman
Full Council business commenced at 7.45pm
No members of public present during meeting

10/020 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Anna Bailey, District Councillor Action

10/021 **Declaration of Interest:** There were none

10/022 **Minutes of the meeting** of 12 January 2010 had been circulated, and were approved and signed. Proposed by Mr D Saberton, seconded by Mr K Mackender, and agreed unanimously.

10/023 **Matters Arising**

10/004 Matters Arising – Public Rights of Way/Droves. Clerk to contact CCC Rights of Way Manager to chase up arrangements for meeting. Chairman had logged concerns over management of droves at January meeting of Neighbourhood Panel. Clerk

10/007 Red Telephone Kiosk – offer of adoption. Consultation with the village had been sought via January edition of Council's quarterly newsletter and responses were awaited. Clerk to contact Clerk for Prickwillow to ascertain information on how they had dealt with adoption of red box in Prickwillow. Clerk

10/009 Appointment of Internal Auditor. Clerk advised Mr Whitfield had accepted post.

10/016 Correspondence – Salt bins Clerk had been unable to persuade the County Council to site a grit bin at junction Hive Road/Martin's Lane free of charge.

10/024 **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillor P Read reported on the current furore regarding traders on Thursday and Saturday Ely Markets having to erect their own stalls in future to save the District Council some £30,000 per annum. Currently the traders are paying from £7 per session to have stall erected. Traders will be given training on erection of their stalls in the future. Councillor Goodge added that the ECDC Officers had assured him that the arrangement would have no detrimental effect on the future of the markets and indeed there was a waiting list of traders wanting to take up a position on the markets.

Councillor Read reminded Councillors that the County Council was currently in consultation procedures for transport policies and mineral and waste plans, and urged Councillors to attend the forthcoming roadshows and participate in the consultation process.

Chairman had attended the ECDC meeting with ADeC on future funding and confirmed ADeC was to continue under its present management arrangements rather than as once proposed to go back under the umbrella of the District Council.

10/025 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To note ECDC decisions:

09/00883/FUL 2storey extension at rear and internal alterations at 15A High Street - approved
09/00802/FUL Change of use from staff facility/office to single one bedroom accommodation at Amberlea Kennels – refused.

10/026 CEMETERY MANAGEMENT

RS Memorials - additional inscription on existing headstone R Steen approved.

Clerk

10/027 BT RED TELEPHONE KIOSK, HIGH STREET.

Nothing further to report other than under Matters Arising above.

10/028 RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL FACILITIES

Mr Saberton reported that the cricket nets had been left on the recreation ground over winter and the mat had moved. It was noted that youngsters had been using the nets up until just before Christmas. Clerk to write to Cricket Club to remind them that the nets were to have been removed over the winter period each year. However, as it was nearly spring and the nets would be in use again to request the mat be re-set and laid flat, avoiding grass.

Clerk

Clerk reported that RoSPA proposed to carry out the Annual Inspection in April. Groundsman to be asked to clean out grass between safety tiles and remove any algae with diluted Jeyes fluid during March. Mr Saberton to ensure annual maintenance such as greasing moving parts on swings carried out prior to inspection.

DS

10/029 COMMUNITY POLICE

There were no issues to report.

10/030 REPORTS OF MEETINGS

Neighbourhood Panel. Chairman attended January meeting. Priorities agreed were:

- 1) crime issues – minor crime and drugs, across whole district
- 2) cycleway (Wentworth to Witcham Toll). A meeting to try to secure support and funding from Sustrans was planned with 5 parishes, County Council and Sustrans representative.

Village Hall Committee. Chairman reported that final plans for re-development were due to be agreed on 11 February and then submitted to ECDC for planning consent. Fundraising was underway and once planning consent had been received work would begin with various agencies to secure grants. Estimated project cost £200,000. Extensions to include refurbished kitchen, toilets, new meeting room, disabled changing area at ground level with an additional storey to provide a room for viewing cricket and serving teas, showers and toilets. Environmental features to include underfloor heating, cells in roof and other energy saving features.

10/031 STREET LIGHTING AND HIGHWAYS

Nil to report

10/032 PARISH CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING – 26 May 2010

ECDC confirmation training for all Councillors, at The Glebe, Sutton

All

10/033 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

CCC Cambridgeshire's Third Local Transport Plan. Exhibition Ely Library 18 March 2010
2pm to 7.30pm. Comments required by Clerk early April. Consultation ends 9 April 2010.

All

Cambs & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan to 2026. 18 February, The Glebe Sutton and Haddenham Arkenstall Centre 4 March 2010, 4pm to 8pm. Consultation ends 27 March 2010

All

10/033 **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS** (cont)

Cambridgeshire Horizons Green Vision 11 February 2010, 11am to 3pm, Ely Market, and
2 March 2010, 6pm to 9pm Ely Community College. Consultation ends 7 March 2010

All

10/034 **FINANCE**

The following Receipts and Payments were presented and approved. Proposed by Chairman
and agreed unanimously.

			£	£	£
Receipts		Nil			
Payments	001000	Sutton Parish Council Youth Club	1000.00		1000.00
	001001	S Bell Reimbursement Printer			
		£264.46 less £70 HP cashback, £194.46			
		Printer cable £14.95			
		and stationery etc £8.35, £17.12			234.88

10/035 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9 March 2010 commencing at 7.30 pm for monthly
check of payments and receipts and 'open to the public' time. Business to commence at 7.45 pm.

All items to be considered at this meeting must be placed with Clerk for inclusion on agenda by *All*
Monday 1 March 2010.

Confirmed Annual Parish Meeting 27 April 2010, and Annual Council meeting 11 May 2010

Chairman requested item appear in next Council newsletter: Land off Bury Lane (Finn) accepted
as wildlife site. Also suggested letter of support be sent to landowner.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed Dated