

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 June 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

Present: D A Bamforth (Chairman), P Chambers (Vice-Chairman), D J Saberton, D K Saberton
M Wilkin,

In attendance Mrs S J Bell (Clerk)
Mrs B Daters (ECDC)

Action

310. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr C Watson.

311. **Declaration of Interest:** Mr D A Bamforth 314(a) Planning Application Dwelling at White Horse Pub.

312. **Minutes of the meetings** of 9 May and 30 May 2006 had been circulated, and were approved and signed. Proposed Mr David Saberton, seconded Mr Don Saberton and agreed unanimously.

313. **Matters Arising**

Cricket Nets (288) Chairman awaiting response from Cricket Board.

314. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) 06/00679/FUL White Horse, 7 Silver Street, Witcham. Erection of dwelling.

Mr P Chambers took the Chair and Mr Bamforth who had declared an interest withdrew from participating in the meeting.

One letter from a member of the public setting out issues of concern was received and considered.

After careful consideration the Council resolved it was concerned regarding issues relating to site access, deliveries, turning, lack of on-street parking and narrow village streets necessitating adequate on-site parking for patrons now and in future. Incongruent with District Council policies to protect village facilities as loss of part of site to residential development may jeopardise future viability of pub and/or future development of facility. Site safety and access during proposed construction. Height and size of proposed building inappropriate to existing street scene. Proposed Mr P Chambers, seconded Mr David Saberton and agreed unanimously. *Clerk*

Mr D A Bamforth returned and took the Chair.

b) to note the following ECDC Decision:

06/00283/FUL Extensions to Access. 12 Martins Lane – approved.

c) Notification of Appeal. 05/01115/OUM Mereham Development – Stretham/Wilburton. Letter from County Councillor, Haddenham area to be passed for inclusion in “What’s On”. Council supports objections to development. *Clerk*

d) 06/00223/FUL Woodland Burial Site. No further information received.

315. **2005/6 AUDIT OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

Internal Auditor’s report received and noted.

External Auditor’s Annual Return completed and signed off. (Year-end accounts circulated and approved at previous meeting).

316. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on 16 May received and noted.

Matters arising:

Westway Place/Silver Street drainage. Chairman confirmed work had been carried out on 17 May. Witcham/Mepal footway. County Council had previously advised the footway was beyond restoring. Chairman's report to be issued in next newsletter; draft circulated.

Clerk

317. GRASSCUTTING AND GROUNDS DUTIES

Mr Don Saberton reported that Mr S Bass had started the grasscutting. Clerk to request confirmation of public liability insurance.

318. CEMETERY MANAGEMENT

Chairman arranging for new cemetery plan to be drawn up to take into account the changes in distribution of grave spaces and areas for Garden of Remembrance.

319. EAST CAMBS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Proposal Sites Issues and Option Papers, Housing, Retail, Gypsy Provision, Employment, Sustainability Appraisal documentation and Core Strategy Report which had been previously circulated were considered together with questionnaires. Comments gathered, and Clerk and Chairman to finalise for submission by 26 June 2006.

*Chairman
Clerk*

320. PARISH PLAN

Chairman reported a working party had been formed. Chairman Mr Darren Hill, Admin Catherine Hill. Notes of meetings circulated to Councillors. Next meeting 22 June when ACRE Parish Plan adviser would attend. Noted Jo Fitzpatrick had been appointed as Community Development Worker for East Cambs ACRE.

All

321. BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION

Chairman to contact Sutton Gardening Club for a judge, and to organise judging to commence June. *Chairman*

322. PARISH PATHS 2006/7

Marcie Roche, newly appointed Rights of Way Officer covering P3 scheme. Negotiations between County and District Council on grants still ongoing. No further action to begin implementing work under 2006/7 scheme to begin until grant award confirmed.

323. JOINTLY FUNDED MINOR HIGHWAYS 2007/8 BID

Clerk to submit applications for cycleway and speed reduction measures including extending speed limit and or warning signs at Mepal Road as in previous years.

Clerk

324. RECREATION GROUND

The following applications for use of recreation ground for events were approved:

Mepal and Witcham School Sports – 19 July 6.30 to 9.00
Cambridgeshire Youth Group for sport 27 June and 4, 11 and 18 July 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm, and daily 10.00 am to 4.00 pm week commencing 24 July.

Clerk

Witcham Pea Shoot (Village Hall Committee) in July, approved subject to verification by Chairman. *Chairman*

Noted that fund raising event for the Church, Village Rounders, had been cancelled.

Play Equipment – RoSPA Inspection. Wicksteed advised that the picnic tables were designed with 30mm gap between slats and would be arranging for inspection to carry out site visit. Mr Chambers and Mr David Saberton advised the gaps measured between 28 – 30mm. Safety tiles may be cleaned by pressure washing with mild detergent and will now be carried out next spring.

324. RECREATION GROUND (cont)

Cricket Nets – discussion on grants for cricket nets and future development for the teams. Chairman would like to team up with a member/members of the cricket teams to work on what could be done to help the cricket club obtain grants and support for further development and purchase of nets. He was also pursuing avenues for grant assistance.

Chairman

Play equipment – Mr David Saberton had nothing to report on his weekly inspections.

325. COMMUNITY POLICE

No issues to report.

326. CORRESPONDENCE

To note:

Cambridgeshire Horizons Public questions and Answer meeting 21 June 2006 at The Maltings, Ely at 7.30pm – Housing and Infrastructure.

ECDC Consents for work on trees in Conservation Area at Hill House, Martins Lane and the Old Granary, The Slade

Cambridgeshire County Council – Development in Heavy Commercial Vehicles Controls – formation of Freight Quality Partnership and launch of HCV online route map – details to be included in newsletter

Anglian Water repairs to sewerage system The Slade completed.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary Distraction Burglary and Rogue Trader Task Force

ECDC Recruitment of Independent Remuneration Panel for Members' Allowances

Energy Saving Trust Anglia Centre – energy advice for householders, details to be placed in What's On.

Memorial Seats, Daniel Parish, one to be positioned on High Street side of Recreation and the other at the Cemetery to replace existing. Mr Don Saberton to liaise with Mr Watson and Mr David Saberton to arrange removal of old seat (and re-positioning of plaque if possible) at Cemetery.

DKS/DJS

Cambridgeshire Youth Service, now called Office of Children and Young Peoples Services has moved offices to Glebe Community Centre, Sutton

Cambridgeshire ACRE, Laura Razzell, new Rural Housing Enabler

327. REPORTS OF MEETINGS

Clerk reported on ECDC & CALC Joint Parish Forum 22 May 2006 and ECDC Local Development Framework – Parish Councils' meeting on 31 May 2006. Apologies had been sent to County Council for the Transport Strategy meeting on 14 June.

328. STREET LIGHTING AND HIGHWAYS

There were none

329. FINANCE

		£	£	£
Receipts	VAT Refund	313.31		313.31
Payments	000782 J Wells 1&1 Internet	35.18		35.18
	000783 Mepal Office Stores Copying			
	Parish Plan Circular	9.00		9.00
	What's On June edition	14.00		14.00
	000784 ECDC Internal Audit	113.36	19.83	133.19

329. **FINANCE** (cont)

To note payment of

000759	March Patio	40.00	40.00
000781	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	932.20	932.20

Cheque Nos 000760 to 000780 inclusive cancelled

330. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25 July 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