

WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 March 2005 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

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

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

- Action
- 25. Apologies for Absence:** None
- 26. Declaration of Interest:** Mr M Wilkin Item 30. Fencing
- 27. Minutes of the meeting** of 8 February 2005 had been circulated, and were approved and signed. Proposed Chairman, seconded Mr P Chambers, and agreed unanimously.
- 28. Matters Arising**
- Speeding Vehicles Public Meeting:* Provisionally 22 March or 26 April. *Clerk*
- Groundsman's Duties:* Noted bags not being dealt with each week. *DKS*
- 29. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
- Details of applications for green waste composting and clay extraction at Witcham Meadlands awaited from ECDC. *Clerk*
- CCC Witcham Byway 11 – Ref: 05/00008/FUL Land adjacent 12 Martins Lane, Witcham. Applicant was in correspondence with Rights of Way Officer.
- 30. RECREATION GROUND**
- Chairman gave report on correspondence and advice in respect of the application for Village Green Registration (Recreation Ground). County Council responsible for issuing public notice and dealing with process.
- Mr David Saberton reported that there were no issues to report on play equipment. He presented new replacement stakes for the football goals. *DJS*
- Chairman had discussed provision of cricket nets with Witcham Cricket Club representative. Response awaited. Mr Don Saberton to pursue. *DKS*
- Fencing: Mr Mark Wilkin declared an interest and took no part in discussion. Chairman presented details and price for completion of fencing at Recreation Ground (by sub-station) (Pate) Cost £105.57 plus VAT. Mr P Chambers proposed acceptance, seconded Mr C Watson and agreed unanimously. *Clerk*
- 31. VILLAGE HALL FACILITIES/EXCHANGE OF LAND**
- Advice awaited from Auditor regarding exchange of land. *Clerk*
- 32. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 10 May 2005**
- Archive project to be invited. Reports from village organisations *Clerk*

33. CALOR VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2005

Reports and presentations required. Agreed with current volumes of work unable to enter village this year.

34. CONSERVATION AREA – TREES

ECDC approval for work on Sycamore trees at 1 The Slade, noted.

35. CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSTABULARY

Changes to Ely Sector and a new dedicated Neighbourhood Criminal Investigation Department noted.

**36. ODPM – CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES
ODPM – VIBRANT LOCAL LEADERSHIP**

Documents previously circulated for comment. Proposals suggest requirement for great deal of time to be spent on issues by people who give their time voluntarily and detract energy from local issues.

*Clerk***37. EAST OF ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (EERA) EAST OF ENGLAND PLAN**

This item was reconsidered in the light of recent Government announcements that it will not fund additional infrastructure to support the sustainability of the proposed growth in East Anglia. EERA had now withdrawn their support for the East of England Plan. Chairman proposed Council should write to support call for infrastructure improvements, particularly transport systems, schools, hospitals. Agreed unanimously.

*Clerk***38. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Clerk presented policies on Crime and Disorder, Race Relations, Disability Discriminations, Code of Practice for Handling Complaints, Standing Orders and Finance Regulations, employment contract and job description for approval. Proposed for adoption by Chairman and agreed unanimously.

*Clerk***39. REPORTS OF MEETINGS**

There were none

40. STREET LIGHTING AND HIGHWAYS

CCC will invoice energy and maintenance charges for Oct 04 to March 05 in April.

*Clerk***41. CCC PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – BOATS**

Chairman and Mr David Saberton to identify local landowners around public rights of ways.

*Chairman
/DJS***42. FINANCE**

- a) Bank signatories ongoing
b) & c) Receipts and Payments (as up-dated in meeting)

*MW/CW
Clerk*

			£	£	£
Receipts	Anglia Memorials		50.00		50.00
Payments	000689	Clerks Salary	492.60		492.60
		& expenses, postage, stationery etc	140.15	5.80	145.95
	000690	Groundsman Wages (Feb)	60.00		60.00
	000691	Groundsman Wages (Mar)	60.00		60.00
	000692	SJB Grounds	569.36	99.64	669.00
	000693	Microsupply Co printer ink	46.00	8.05	54.05
	000694	Mepal Office Services	14.00		14.00
	D/d Vartec	1.85	.32	2.17	

43. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12 April 2005 at 7.30 pm.

All items to be considered at this meeting must be placed with Clerk for inclusion on agenda by 5 April, 2005.

Signed Dated