

WILBURTON PARISH COUNCIL.

Parish Councillors:-

Mr. Alan Yarrow
Mrs. Anthea Dodson
Mr. Victor Harris
Mr. Neil Thompson
Ms. Ann Sherwood

Mr. Peter Warren
Mr Chris Fella
Mr Chris Day
Mr Martin Barnham

Parish Clerk:-

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10 October 2011 in St Peters Hall

PRESENT

Councillors , Hunt, Fella, Thompson, Warren, Yarrow and Dodson.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Day, Harris, Sherwood and Barnham. Parish Clerk G Woods.

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting on 12 September 2011, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a true record.

3. PRESENTATION

Sarah Ratcliffe and her colleague from East Cambs District Council presented the results of the Village Visions consultation. They had received a reasonable response of 7%.

75% wanted to see some small scale growth, which was supported by the Parish Council as all wanted to keep the village amenities (School, post office, pub etc) going. The school infrastructure and funding were discussed confirming that the school has some intake from outside of the village due to young local residents having to move, (unable to afford house prices in Wilburton), but still wanting their children to go the primary school.

60% of residents who completed the questionnaire supported the Community Land Trust Scheme, with a further 25% unsure of what the scheme was.

The most common responses to the question "What are your priorities for the Village?" were improvements to the sports ground and pedestrian and cycle routes.

Sarah Ratcliffe confirmed that it was a 20 year plan looking at approximately 10 houses being built. Possible potential sites have been identified for consultation with the Parish Council. A site plan was issued for the Councillors to discuss so that any locations could be removed or added. It was confirmed that these are only possible sites for further investigation, after which the Village would again be consulted. Councillor Yarrow advised of a conflict of interest.

Councillor Dodson advised that when discussing the possibility of Community Land Trust sites, the sites could possibly include small industrial units as well as residential dwellings.

Sarah Ratcliffe confirmed there was a proposed policy change made recently. The current core strategy has the approach that any housing that comes within the development envelope is restricted to 9 dwellings in Wilburton (based on size of village). It was recently discussed that it should not be based on size of village, but that each village should be looked at individually on its merits.

The timetable for the consultation was discussed and it was agreed that it would hopefully be arranged for before Christmas.

4. REPORTS from County and District Councillors

Councillor Bill Hunt

The guided bus is now operational with 250,000 passengers in August.

Although he is in favour of sustainable development, is very concerned about large scale development between Wilburton and Streatham and would raise objections.

There are still 200,000 plots in the UK that have planning permission but have not been developed.

County council spending approximately £20 million on Superfast Broadband, of which £10 million will be funded by central government.

The Household Waste Recycling Centre is opening on 1 November, on time and under budget. It will have a late night opening evening on a Wednesday.

There will be no more reductions in Bus Subsidies at present. The goal is look for alternatives before anymore cuts are made.

There will be no new wind farms built on County Farms.

It has been suggested that the part of Newmarket that is in Cambridgeshire becomes a new parliamentary area for Jim Paice and this is supported by the County Council.

Ely Trading Association have accused the Council of not listening to their problems regarding car parking charges in Ely. Councillor Hunt has been having several meetings with them to discuss the matter and their concerns. There are no decisions as yet, but suggestions have been made and a press release issued.

5. MATTERS ARISING

a. St Peters Hall

Food Preparation area

The kitchen units been donated by a local resident have been collected and we are currently awaiting a report from Councillor Sherwood to enable the Council to request funding.

Licence

Investigations into options still ongoing. Councillor Yarrow is still awaiting a response from the Arkenstall Centre.

b. Social Club Lease/Rent

A meeting is being arranged with the Social Club for week commencing 17 October 2011 to discuss amendments to the lease.

c. Recreation Ground/Football Field/Pavilion update

The Parish Council have been offered a temporary lease on the football field at a cost of £37.50 per calendar month. Proposed by Councillor Warren and seconded by Councillor Thompson that this lease be signed. All in favour.

d. Rental of cottage

The cottage has now been rented to new tenants. Unfortunately, when moving in, there was a problem regarding access to the property for their moving van and their allocated parking space. Since then, there have been some noise issues and complaints regarding the tenants to the Parish Council which should now have been resolved by Councillor Dodson.

e. Rospa report recommendations

The repairs recommended in the Rospa report for the children's playground were discussed along with the quotation received and the use of red oxide on the equipment, together with the general dated look of the area. The quotation also included for work to the Pavilion. It was agreed that the detailed quotation be forwarded to all Councillors and Councillor Warren to inspect the Pavilion to clarify where some of the works were required.

f. Commemorative Tree and Hedge Planting

No sites for tree planting identified at present.

6. FINANCE

Accounts to pay

Clock-winding - £39.00

Caretaking – St Peter's Hall - £277.33

Grass cutting – Dave - £90.00 - August

Parish and Booking Clerk - £299.70

Grass cutting cemetery - £240

Grass cutting – recreation ground etc - £339.6

Licensing fee – St Peters Hall - £70

External Audit fee - £363.60

Dog litter bin - £293.17

Water rates – St Peters Hall - £212.12

Rent – recreation ground - £284.69

Donation - Victim Support - £120

Donation - EACH - £120

Donation – Dial-a-ride - £120

Donation – Citizens Advice - £120

Donation – First Response - £120

Donation – Humpty's - £120

Maintenance of fire extinguishers – St Peters Hall - £141.81

Grass cutting and rodding of drains – Dave - £90
Refund of deposit - £100.00
Retirement present - £90.00

Proposed by Councillor Warren and seconded by Councillor Fella that all accounts be paid. All in favour.

Review of fees/salaries etc.

A review of salaries and fees was carried out and the following amendments were agreed.

Cemetery maintenance - £10.00 per hour
Caretaking - £60.00 per week and £10 per hour
Clock winding £10.00 per week
Clerk - £80.00 per week

Cemetery fees to remain the same.

Bank Mandate- To be added to the Agenda for the November meeting.

Audit report for year ended 31 March 2011 – it was proposed by Councillor Yarrow and seconded by Councillor Thompson that the recommendations made between the Clerk and the Internal Auditor be implemented.

Procedure for the refund of Hall Hire Deposits – be added to the Agenda for the November meeting.

Purchase Orders – be added to the Agenda for the November meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

ECDC – Weekly Highlights
Rural Services Network – Newsletters
ECDC – Notes from the Annual Neighbourhood Panels Review Meeting & Terms of Reference
CCC – Budget Consultation
ECDC – Community Grants re-launch
Boundary Commission for England – Review of Parliamentary Constituencies
Councillor Hunt – Consultation on review of decision to remove subsidised bus service funding
E-Mail - Tree down Car Pond Lane posing potential risk – to be inspected by Councillor Thompson and Councillor Fella and if they feel it is a risk to advise.
E-Mails – Community Land Trust
E-Mail – Confirmation that a donation of £120.00 also be made to Humpty's

8. PLANNING

Recd:-

Construction of rear extension – Lyndhurst, 44 High Street, Reference 11/00750/FUL

Approved:-

Solar Panels on workshop rear of 8 Church Lane
Extension to existing canopy to glasshouses and alterations to parking arrangements – Twenty pence Garden Centre
Single storey side extension to 4 School Lane

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident raised a question regarding the Cemetery gate – this will be looked at by Councillor Warren.

10. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

None

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 14 November 2011

Meeting closed at 10.50 pm