

COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10 August 2020 at 7.30pm by Zoom

Present: Mrs C Badcock, Mr A Bensted, Mr V Ingham, Mrs N Laredo, Mr B Matthews (Chairman), Mr A Stygal

Also Present: Cllr A Bailey (East Cambs District Council), Cllr L Dupré (Cambridgeshire County Council), Mr Chris Foyle (CCC Highways Dept), Mrs S Thompson (The Clerk)

20/057 Apologies for absence

Apologies were approved from Mr Senior

20/058 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None made

20/059 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of 13 July 2020 were approved for signature.

20/060 Public Question Time

There have been lots of questions on traffic issues around volume of traffic and speed of traffic.

20/061 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Dupré has sent her report and explained further about issues on broadband speeds.

Cllr Bailey gave a verbal report. ECDC have agreed an updated corporate plan and have had a paper on the Covid 19 effects, particularly the financial aspects. The final date for grant applications has been set at the 28 August. A motion on Black Lives Matter was supported. She gave an overview of the how the proposal for a crematorium at the former Mepal Outdoor Centre has been developed and was presented to a special full council meeting at the end of July.

20/062 Traffic issues due to roadworks at BP Roundabout (A10/A142 junction)

Chris Foyle joined the meeting to give information. Feedback from parishioners has been that the work at the roundabout has caused an enormous increase in the number of vehicles and the speeds reached have been excessive. The vehicle activated speed (VAS) sign belonging to the parish council is being moved regularly and is welcomed by the residents. "Not suitable for HGV signs" have been installed and have had an effect. The County Council are now providing a VAS sign to be moved around the hotspots. This needs to be co-ordinated with the PC sign. Pam Joyce has been providing planings to improve the surface of some of the passing spaces. Repairs that have been scheduled for West Fen Road, Short Causeway and Long Causeway have been postponed and it is disappointing that the parish is having to wait even longer for these to be carried out. Chris Foyle will ask for these schemes to be at the beginning of the next phases. Passing places on West Fen Road and sharp bends are not signed. There was a suggestion of temporary bollards in Wardy Hill to keep vehicles off the Green. Improving existing passing places (a county council maintenance issue) is a separate issue to providing new passing places (possibly eligible for LHI). The police will be approached to provide a presence.

It was agreed to purchase a further VAS sign at a cost to be confirmed of approximately £3,175 + VAT, data collection would be extra £250.

20/063 Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2021/22

Potential projects were discussed:

- New passing places, including signage

- Signage on bends
- “People in road signs” at Jerusalem Drove, Wardy Hill.

A final decision will be taken at the meeting in September.

20/064 Planning

- a) The following new application has been received for comment:-

20/00866/FUL – Wolvey House, Wentworth Road, Coveney – Erection of residential annex and garage – it was agreed that there are no objections

- b) It was noted that the following applications have been approved:-

20/00636/VAR – Manor House, 2 Main Street, Coveney – Variation of condition 11 (Notwithstanding the provision of Class A of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any revoking, amending or re-enacting that order), no gates shall be erected across the approved access unless details have first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority) of previously approved 16/00965/FUL for Residential development for 4 dwellings (following the demolition of farm buildings), new vehicular accesses and cartlodes

- c) It was noted that the following applications have been refused:-

20/00359/OUT – Meadow Croft Lodge, 10a Gravel End, Coveney – Proposed dwelling and cartlodge style garage

20/00649/FUL – 2A and 2B Main Street, Coveney – Proposed Erection of Pair of Wooden Five Bar Gates across shared access to Plot N's 1 and 2 – see 16/00965/FUL (retrospective)

- d) It was noted that the following application has been referred to appeal:-

19/00881/OUT – Land to the East of Witcham Bridge Farm, Witcham Bridge Drove, Wardy Hill – Proposed 1 no 5 bedroom dwelling with associated garage

- e) The following application is for information
20/00552/ARN – Lane Farm, 7 School Lane, Coveney – Change of use of agricultural building to three dwellings.

20/065 Working Groups

- a) Allotments – Working group met to make progress.
- Boundary – no progress
 - S106 agreement – Mrs Laredo is working on this and Mr Senior is collecting quotes. It was agreed that matched funding would be offered at 12%.
 - Allotment layout – agreed
 - Charges to allotment holders were agreed at £40 per year, sign up for 2 years for the price of 1
 - To agree terms and risk assessments – agreed. Year will work from 1st November to 31st October. Meeting to be arranged on site 20th September for allotment holders.
 - Posters and signage will be organized.
- b) Policies and Procedures – Financial Regulations are being reviewed.
- c) Website – all is in order
- d) Assets
- Pond – overgrown bushes will be dealt with shortly
 - Grasscutting – no issues to report
 - Noticeboard – a free standing noticeboard with posts will cost in the region of £1,000. Quotes will be obtained for the next meeting.
- e) Village Hall update – If circumstances allow, a fireworks event needs to be planned and will need to be Covid compliant.
- f) Neighbourhood Watch – Geoff Sore has resigned as the co-ordinator for Coveney.

20/066 Streetlights

The Clerk has contacted multiple suppliers. Only one has provided a quote, others have declined for reasons like the contract is too small. It was agreed to proceed with Opus Energy, contract paperwork is yet to be received.

20/067 Finance

- i) Internal Audit – The Internal Auditor wants the AGAR to be posted to her and other paperwork provided electronically. She will then meet with the Clerk by Zoom for any further clarification required.
- ii) Monthly income and expenditure, financial reconciliation and budgetary control reports for the year to date were provided.

Bank Reconciliation – 31 July 2020

Current Account	19,590.37	Brought Forward	41,191.68
Deposit Account	21,147.92	Income	-
Uncleared Cheques	(376.00)	(Expenditure)	(829.39)
	40,362.29		40,362.29

- iii) The following cheques were approved for signature.

PAYEE	DETAIL	CHQ NO	AMOUNT
Coveney Village Hall	Hall Hire	1102	275.00
Cambridgeshire County Council	Archive Subscription	1103	100.00
Mr T Bourne	Archive printing contribution	1104	20.00
Cambridgeshire County Council	Contribution to LHI scheme	1105	610.39
Cambridgeshire County Council	Grit bins x 2	1106	336.00
Greenwood Tree Surgery 1239	Grasscutting	1107	168.00
Greenwood Tree Surgery 1273	Removal of dead tree	1107	150.00
Greenwood Tree Surgery 1266	Grasscutting	1107	168.00
East Cambs Trading Co	Grasscutting	1108	224.64
Mrs S Thompson	Clerk's expenses	1109	35.47
Mrs S Thompson	Clerk's salary	1110	306.33
	TOTAL		2,393.83

20/068 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 14 September 2020, online (to be confirmed)

Meeting closed at 21.50