

COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10 February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Coveney

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

Also Present: Cllr L Dupré (County Council), Cllr A Bailey (District Council), 1 member of the public, Mrs S Thompson (The Clerk)

19/193 Apologies for absence

Apologies were approved from Mrs C Badcock and Mr A Stygal

19/194 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None made.

19/195 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of 13 January 2020 were approved and signed.

19/196 Public Question Time

The visitors from Witcham Equestrian Centre who visited last time about joining up the horse riding routes, sent their thanks.

19/197 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Dupré has sent her report which has been circulated. Mr Matthews has met with Pam Joyce from Highways and she has been made aware of the problems throughout the villages. Some roads are part of the programme for recycling and warning signs will be installed along Short Causeway. There was some discussion about the problems with HCV's using the roads as a diversion when the A142 was closed due to accidents.

Cllr Bailey has also sent her report. She emphasised the meeting on 11 March 2020 in Coveney about the Bus, Walk, Cycle Consultation

19/198 Planning

To report approval of the following applications:-

19/01158/FUL – The Brambles, 7A Main Street, Coveney – Replacement garage and workroom, storage/shed - noted

19/01163/FUL – Home Farm, 7 Main Street, Coveney – Extension to barn to form shed/secure store - noted

19/199 Working Groups

a) Allotments

- It was reported back to the Parish that Mr Senior met with Ms Emma Grima (Director Commercial, ECDC) on 23.01.20 in regards to access to ECDC grants to assist with the potential establishment of a CLT (Community Land Trust). The proposal put forward by the Parish was an ambition to form a CLT to take over the Community Orchard (amongst other potential assets) currently in development. The response from Ms. Grima was that ECDC would not provide financial assistance on any scheme within the District if it did not deliver housing as part of the proposal. Mr. Senior posed this question to Cllr Bailey who advised she would do some research and report back at the next Parish meeting. Cllr Dupré identified a site in Soham (SAVE) which she believes did not deliver housing. *(Mr. Senior has since researched this and found that a £5,000 grant was approved for SAVE Community Land Trust.)*

- Councillors have checked the measurements and believe that they may need adjusting. The Clerk has written to the neighbouring owners to request a meeting.
 - Mr Senior has circulated details about the potential biodiversity off site S106 agreement. He will follow up with the other parties.
- b) Policies and Procedures – the Clerk has prepared a list of required policies. It was agreed to include a Safeguarding Policy.
- c) Website – next meeting
- d) Assets
- MUGA – The Clerk has requested quotes for maintenance. Decision next meeting
 - Garage area – The Clerk will contact Sanctuary.
 - Village Hall – Agreement has been given in principle for the Village Hall to provide some storage for things like the speed sign. The Village Hall have proposed the provision of a defibrillator but it was agreed not to proceed due to the ongoing requirements for maintenance.
 - Phone Box – an appeal on Facebook resulted in some suggestions but were not accompanied by costs or a plan. It was agreed to sell it at the best possible price. Mr Bensted will talk to a resident who may be able to help.

19/200 Pond – Consideration of plans for maintenance

Green Wood have quoted for completion of the clearance of the pond area and it was agreed to go ahead.

Further quotes being sought for ongoing maintenance for a decision at the March meeting.

19/201 Community Matters

- i) Clerk – costs for a laptop (T-Dimension Ltd £584.18) and printer (Printerland £272.50 +VAT) were agreed.
- ii) Annual Parish Meeting – an open meeting will be held on the morning of 2 May with the official APM on 11 May 2020.
- iii) Community Events including Fireworks –no news
- iv) Church events – no news
- v) Letter from resident re: possibility of reducing dependency on oil – the Community Heating scheme in Swaffam Prior – the resident is to be invited to attend,

19/202 Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2019/20

Work on extension of the speed limits is due to be carried out on 27 February 2020.

19/203 Dates

- i) East Cambridgeshire Parish Council Conference – 2 March 2020 – noted
- ii) Town and Parish Council peer learning event – 31 March 2020 - noted
- iii) CPRE Seminar –Climate Emergency – Water Crisis: 29 April 2020 - noted

19/204 Finance

Monthly income and expenditure, financial reconciliation and budgetary control reports for the year to date were received.

Confirmation of the changes to the bank signatories has been received.

The following cheque was approved for signature

Payee	Detail	Chq No	Amount
Mrs S Thompson	Salary	1071	306.33

19/205 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 9 March 2020, Coveney Village Hall

Meeting closed at 22.05