

COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 12 July 2021 at 7.30pm in Coveney Village Hall

Present: Mr A Bensted, Mrs L Laredo, Mr B Matthews (Chairman), Mr C Senior, Dr S Winfield

Also Present: Cllr A Bailey (ECDC), Cllr L Dupré (CCC), Mrs S Thompson (Clerk)

21/087 Apologies for absence

None all present.

21/088 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

Mrs Laredo declared a personal interest 21/097(f) as a member of the East of England Orchards Group

21/089 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of 14 June 2021 were approved for signature

21/090 Public Question Time

None raised.

21/091 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Bailey reported on matters from Combined Authority. Changes are likely to plans for the metro system and the affordable homes schemes. The District Council has reviewed its environmental plan and agreed commitments. Expansion of St Marys GP surgery has funding and planning approval. The development of the Princess of Wales Hospital has received planning permission. Two further national planning appeals in Witchford have been successfully defended. The five year housing supply is secure. Cllr Bailey confirmed that the S106 application from Coveney PC just needs a little bit further information to finalise approval. The funds will be available when required.

Cllr Dupré reported that rising Covid rates are causing concern. Testing and vaccination availability is being promoted mostly through social media. Vouchers will be available over the summer to children eligible for free school meals. A142 safety improvement will be taking place shortly. A10 Ely – Littleport resurfacing work is due end of August. Still concerns about the safety of pedestrians crossing the A10 at Ely BP roundabout.

21/092 Matters to report

- Opus Energy – complaint is not yet resolved
- Internal Audit – initial meeting has been arranged later this month

21/093 Co-option to fill vacancy

No applications have been received. There are now two vacancies to be filled by co-option.

21/094 Full Fibre Broadband Internet for Coveney

Dr Winfield has been talking to BT Openreach about the voucher scheme and also with the Government Project Gigabit. There are logistical issues around the whole thing. The voucher scheme will be pursued up to the deadline.

21/095 Planning

a) New applications for comment:-

21/00674/FUL – 21 Main Street, Wardy Hill – Single storey side extension – no objections

21/00966/FUL – Land between 9 and 11 The Green, Wardy Hill – New single Passivhaus with associated garage and landscaping

- This is apparently a new application, not a reserved matters application resulting from the outline permission granted previously
- The site is outside of the development envelope
- Windows, particularly the first floor windows, overlook the neighbouring property, resulting in a considerable loss of privacy

b) To report amendment to the following application:-

21/00623/FUL – 39A Main Street, Coveney – Alteration to existing bungalow windows and roof over entrance. Conversion of garage to bedroom and construction of detached double garage

Amendment involves removal of the proposed detached garage from the proposal - noted

c) To report outcome (refusal) of appeal:

Site address: 25 Main Street, Coveney - noted

d) To report approval of the following applications:

20/01514/FUL – Site north east of 2 Main Street, Wardy Hill – Proposed 1 no 3 bed two storey dwelling to include single garage replacing double car port. Revised proposal of previously approved application 19/00644/FUL – noted

21/00525/FUL – Manor House, 2 Main Street, Coveney – Change of Use of land and boundary treatment to rear/side. New access gates, re-aligned access and boundary wall fronting Main Street. Porch re-build and new front door - noted

21/00588/LBC – Manor House, 2 Main Street, Coveney – Proposed new access gates, re-aligned access and boundary wall fronting Main Street, porch re-build and new front door, change of use of land and boundary treatment to rear/side - noted

e) Land adjacent to 2 Gravel End – Enforcement team are revisiting the site and will report in due course.

21/096 Consultation on Draft Isleham Neighbourhood Plan

Noted, but no comments will be made.

21/097 Working Groups –

- a) Allotments and Community Green Space
 - Boundary – Solicitor has sent a reminder letter
 - New allotment holders – An allotment holder has asked permission to plant trees and shrubs. It was agreed that trees must not be planted (there will be trees in the hedge adjacent to this plot). Lesley Wenn has agreed to the representative of the allotment group, and it was agreed to pass the question of shrubs over to the group for a decision, bearing in mind that the plot has to be returned in good order for the next user.
 - S106 grant application – some further clarification of the information supplied has been requested before the application can be approved.
 - Borehole – has been drilled. Mr Ingham has been assisting with practical help and advice. A kit is available for about £700 which would enable extraction of by solar power. Additional fitting will be required and it was agreed to ask Mr Ingham to proceed with a budget of up to £1,500 in total.
 - Pond – some reports are still awaited It was confirmed that the Parish Council gives permission to progress the application to the next stage.
 - Close the Gap Hedgerow Planting Project – application has been lodged and will be assessed in due course.
- b) Policies and Procedures – update – no progress
- c) Website – Mr Matthews and Dr Winfield have been working on ideas including allowing public to leave comments

d) Assets

- Grasscutting/Maintenance– the mower has had some recurring mechanical issues which have now been resolved. This was followed by further problems which should be fixed this week and the equipment will be returned. Mr Matthews has met with the suppliers. The supplier is willing to observe the equipment in use to give advice. The supplier confirms that the equipment is appropriate to the level of work. The mulching unit will be removed when it is returned, grass will be cut and then the supplier will be invited to observe.
- MUGA cleaning and relining – the supplier is due to return to complete the process, date has not yet been confirmed
- MUGA – basketball board - councillors will remove the existing board to provide a template for fixing the new board.
- Fence between Play Area and adjacent field – the Clerk is in discussion with the person who is renting the field.
- Provision of defibrillators – Wardy Hill residents are requesting a defibrillator in the village. Mr Matthews will investigate costs for that and also one for Coveney.

e) Village Hall update – a festival is planned for 4 September and it is proposed that the parish council has a table for promote the orchards and tree planting.

f) Friends of Coveney – request to approve training and to approve expenses for NHS Frontline Day

It was agreed to donate £50 to the village hall for the bunting and to pay for the flag, which is believed to be £50 (to be confirmed)

One member would like to attend the pruning course run by the East of England Orchards Group. The cost is £30 for a half a day – it was agreed to reimburse the cost of this.

21/098 Finance

- To update progress on new signatories for cheques and internet banking
Dr Winfield has supplied the necessary details and the mandate will be signed tonight. Once that has been processed, the internet banking can be organised.
- Monthly income and expenditure, financial reconciliation and budgetary control reports for the year to date were received.

Bank Reconciliation – 30 June 2021

Current Account	2,463.61	Brought Forward	27,709.21
Deposit Account	21,152.69	Income	9,917.75
Uncleared Payments	(171.50)	(Expenditure)	(14,217.57)
		Opus overpayment from previous year	34.91
		Due to Ernest Doe	0.50
	23,444.80		23,444.80

iii) Payments for approval – the following payments were approved

Payee	Ref	Detail	Total Amount inc VAT
Mark Bass Drilling	32	Borehole	2,819.52
BHIB	33	Insurance premium adjustment	86.32
Mr P Whitton	34	Grounds keeping	603.59
Magpas	35	S137 Donation	50.00
Opus Energy (Direct Debit)	36	Streetlighting	44.68
Mrs S Thompson	37	Clerk salary and expenses	534.37
		TOTAL	4,138.48

21/099 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 9 August 2021 (to be confirmed)

Meeting closed at 22.00