

COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 13 December 2021 at 7.30pm in Coveney Village Hall

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

Also Present: Cllr Anna Bailey (ECDC), Mrs S Thompson (Clerk)

21/150 Apologies for absence

None, all present.

21/151 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

Nothing raised.

21/152 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of 15 November 2021 were approved for signature.

21/153 Public Question Time

None raised.

21/154 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Bailey – Kennett Garden Village is progressing at pace. Soham Railway Station opened this morning. Apologies for the temporary suspension of the green waste bin collection, it is due to covid, isolation and shortage of HGV drivers. St Mary's surgery is being upgraded and will be operating at premises at the Princess of Wales hospital from 20 December. Community Safety Partnership is getting a new member funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner. E-space north is a potential site for solar panels. Greater Cambridge Partnership are consulting on congestion/pollution charging and Cllr Bailey encourages everyone to respond.

21/155 Allotment report

Nothing to report at this time of year.

21/156 School Lane

The Clerk reported on the covenant found on the Land Registry and will follow this up with East Cambridgeshire District Council.

21/157 Sanctuary Housing

The Clerk has been assured that the report is with the correct manager within Sanctuary and a response will be forthcoming in due course.

21/158 Budget and Precept 2022/2023

The Clerk presented a proposed budget which was agreed, subject to moving some costs between headings. It was agreed to set the precept at £13,075 for 2022/23

21/159 Streetlighting

The agreement with Opus for the energy supply to the streetlights was signed for a one year period in October 2020 and has now come to an end (despite the supply not actually starting until January). CAPALC have partnered with Clear Utility Solutions who will search the market and identify the best deal available. The market is very volatile currently and changes daily. It was agreed to take up the recommendation from Clear Utility Solutions.

21/160 Planning

- i) The following new applications have been received for comment:-

21/01649/FUL – Land adjacent to 2 Gravel End, Coveney – Construction of dwelling, associated parking, and new car port for No 2 Gravel End Lane

It was agreed to recommend refusal of the above application on the following grounds:

- * Outside the development envelope,;
- * overlarge for the plot (building to garden ratio);
- * upper floor element is overbearing on neighbouring properties;
- * does the application comply with ECDC design guidelines?

21/01678/FUL – 12 Park Close, Coveney – Demolition of existing double garage to construct a two storey side extension. Internal alterations and new front porch to include WC

It was agreed to recommend that by reducing the depth of first floor and the redesign of the back window, any potential overlooking of the neighbouring property would be reduced.

- ii) To report approval of the following application:-

21/01267/FUL – 4 Main Street, Wardy Hill – Two storey and single storey rear extension, including raising ridge height of original dwelling - noted

21/161 Working Groups – Reports and decisions on actions

- a) Allotments and Community Green Space
 - S106 grant application – the £25, 239.23 has been received
 - Borehole – electronics are done, frame has been made for mounting of the solar panels
 - Pond – will be surrounded by a hedge and not fenced.
 - Close the Gap Hedgerow Planting Project – delivery of the hedging has been postponed until Mid January due to the mild winter and volunteer planters have been advised of the change of date
 - Community Orchard – Mrs Laredo is preparing an application to the Tree Council
- b) Policies and Procedures – nothing to report
- c) Website – Mr Matthews and Dr Winfield need to meet up to progress this
- d) Assets
 - Grasscutting/Maintenance– mower is with Ernest Doe for service (quoted £316)
 - Storage of maintenance materials – storage container has been received.
 - MUGA – lighting – ongoing
 - MUGA – basketball board - ongoing
 - Provision of defibrillators – Mr Matthews has been researching costs and recommends a package from defib warehouse for £1345 for defib and cabinet. The Palmer family will donate £900 cost of the defib. It was agreed to fund the balance. The Village Hall have agreed on a location. The Clerk will organise the order.
- e) Village Hall update
 - to agree £100 for a Christmas tree - agreed
 - update on development possibilities – the aspirations of the Village Hall will be circulated by Mr Matthews.
- f) Friends of Coveney – have been alerted to the planting dates
- g) Broadband – Openreach and Connecting Cambridge, should know by the end of January if Coveney is to be part of Project Gigabit.

21/162 Finance

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

Bank Reconciliation – 30 November 2021

Current Account	2,474.10	Brought Forward	15,645.49
Deposit Account	13,153.61	Income	3,187.28
Uncleared Payments		(Expenditure)	(3,205.06)
	15,627.71		15,627.71

- ii) Payments for approval – the following payments were approved

Payee	Ref	Detail	Total inc VAT
Premier Storage	61	Chemical storage unit	206.17
East of England Apples and	62	Pruning course	90.00
Red Shoes	63	Payroll services	45.00
SLCC	64	Subscription	98.00
Mrs S Thompson	65	Salary and expenses	525.46
Opus	DD	Streetlighting energy	195.73
Mr P Whitton	66	Groundskeeper	568.88
Arbantia Fencing	67	Solar panel for borehole	174.00
			1,903.24

In addition, it was agreed to put in place a standing order for the Clerk's Salary from January to March 2022. This will ensure payment if the council is unable to meet due to covid.

The Clerk will organise a fuelcard for the Groundskeeper so that he can obtain fuel.

21/163 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 10 January 2022

Meeting Closed at 21.45