

COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13 January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Coveney

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

Also Present: Cllr A Bailey (District Councillor), Cllr L Dupré (County Council), Sally Wilkin and Claire Topping from Witcham Equestrian Centre, Mr Lucas

Sally Wilkin and Claire Topping explained that they are hoping to achieve a network of off road routes particularly for horse riders in light of the accident in Witcham a couple of years ago. There is already quite a network but some extra links would enhance the experience. Some could be achieved by better maintenance of existing paths. The issues were discussed and it was generally agreed that the Parish Council would like to be kept informed of progress.

19/181 Apologies for absence

None, all present

19/182 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None made

19/183 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of 9 December 2019 were approved and signed.

19/184 Public Question Time

Mr Lucas has requested that the noticeboard is relocated from the current position on the wall of what was his mother's house.

19/185 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Dupré has sent her report which has been circulated.

Cllr Bailey has also sent her report and emphasized that there is a consultation coming on buses, walking and cycling infrastructure. There is also an ECDC Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan

19/186 Correspondence from Little Downham Parish Council

Little Downham Parish Council has sent some information about concerns they have with the Great Ouse Tidal River System and Strategy Ouse Washes: Section 10. It was agreed to confirm that Coveney Parish Council is interested in attending a local meeting, but is not yet in a position to send a letter to the Environment Agency as requested.

19/187 Working Groups

- a) Allotments – Sorting out the boundary needs to be the priority, but everywhere is currently very wet. The stakes will be checked with Anthony Nix.
- b) Policies and Procedures – The Clerk has collected models and prioritized them
- c) Website – nothing to report
- d) Assets
 - phonebox – an message will be put out on Facebook to gather community views
 - MUGA – Greg Cornwall has kindly sprayed off the weeds. New tennis net, basketball back board needs to be replaced, and the netball posts are rotten. Costs will be obtained.
 - Garage area – Clerk is pursuing the ownership with the Land Registry
 - Village Hall – next meeting

19/188 Pond

Green Wood Tree Surgery have done a great job in clearing the pond area of overgrowth and reinstated the paths. Mr Matthews will be meeting them again shortly to discuss the next stages and on going maintenance.

19/189 Community Matters

- i) Clerk – prices for a laptop and printer/scanner have been investigated. The best price seen is currently about £800 and it was agreed that the equipment should be purchased.
- ii) Annual Parish Meeting
It was agreed to hold a Community Engagement Event on Saturday 2 May (date to be confirmed), from 10-12, with the Annual Parish Meeting on 11 May 2020 at 7pm (prior to the usual parish council meeting).
- iii) Community Events including Fireworks – next meeting
- iv) Church events – next meeting

19/190 Town and Parish Council peer learning event

The event on 31 March 2020 at Swavesey to promote the Local Council Award Scheme was noted.

19/191 Finance

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

The following cheques were approved for signature.

Payee	Detail	Chq No	Amount
ALCC	Membership	1062	40.00
Rural Cambs Citizens Advice	S137 Donation	1063	50.00
EACH	S137 Donations	1064	50.00
CAPALC	Cyber Training	1065	35.86
PKF Littlejohn	Audit fee	1066	576.00
Green Wood Tree Surgery	Pond area	1067	912.00
Mrs S Thompson	Expenses	1068	244.06
Mrs S Thompson	Salary	1069	306.33
Littleport & Downham IDB	Allotment drainage fees	1070	130.48
			2,344.73

19/192 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 10 February 2020, Coveney Village Hall