

COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13 July 2020 at 7.30pm by Zoom

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

Also Present: Cllr A Bailey (East Cambs District Council), Cllr L Dupré (Cambridgeshire County Council), Mrs S Thompson (The Clerk)

20/047 Apologies for absence

None, all present.

20/048 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

Mr Senior declared a prejudicial interest in item 20/025(a) as a neighbour of the property.

20/049 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of 8 June 2020 were approved for signature.

20/050 Public Question Time

None raised.

20/051 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Bailey has sent her report on ECDC. She highlighted the Covid figures for East Cambs and the longer term financial position. She gave updates on the A10 roundabout upgrades, due to start at the BP roundabout tomorrow.

Cllr Dupré has sent her report on the County Council. The Witchford Household Recycling Centre is open and is coping well. She gave updates on Covid 19 arrangements. Shielding arrangements change on 1 August. A report is expected to be represented shortly with updated plans for verge maintenance that will give consideration to wildflower needs. There is an online exhibition currently on proposals for dualling of the A10. This will be followed by a formal consultation process, probably later this year.

20/052 Planning

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

20/00739/FUL – 26 Main Street, Coveney – Demolition of existing pair of semi-detached cottages, associated farm and outbuildings and the erection of five dwellings

Mr Senior declared an interest.

It was agreed to recommend refusal for the following reasons:-

- Some of the site is outside the development envelope
- Material impact on the character of the village and the urbanized view when approaching the village
- It will have a detrimental impact on the neighbouring listed property.
- The relevant policies in the ECDC Local Plan are GROWTH 2, ENV 1 and ENV 12.

b) Additional documents have been provided on the following applications, for information only:-

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) - noted

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 cartlidges - noted

The Parish Council is only concerned with the safety on the corner. Once the outcome of decisions on the above applications is known, some mitigation may be required in the way of signage etc.

20/053 Working Groups

- a) Allotments
 - Boundary – solicitor is still waiting a response
 - S106 agreement – the allotment working party will work on the application
 - Allotment layout – Mr Senior presented a new plan for the potential layout. The aim is to get the allotments up and running this autumn. The working party intends to meet this week to agree layout, rules etc.
- b) Policies and Procedures – update
 - Asset register, Risk Register, Condition Inspection - approved
 - Disciplinary Procedure - approved
 - Grievance Procedure - approved
- c) Website – no issues to report.
- d) Assets
 - Pond – update on progress – three weekly cuts do not work, the grass gets too long so will be cut two weekly
 - Grasscutting – adjustments to schedule have been made
 - Dead tree on the Green, Wardy Hill – it was agreed to accept the quote of £125 + VAT to remove the dead tree and £395 + VAT to survey all trees.
 - Salt bins – both bins are damaged and it was agreed to replace them for a cost of £148 + VAT each
 - Play equipment – Wardy Hill – Fenland Leisure have quoted £956 + VAT to fix the swing frame as recommended in the ROSPA annual inspection. It was agreed to proceed.
 - Play equipment – Coveney – It was agreed to accept the quote of £328 + VAT from East Cambs Trading to carry out the repairs in the play area as recommended in the ROSPA annual inspection. It was further agreed that the brambles surrounding the MUGA need to be removed to allow for fence repairs.
 - MUGA a volunteer has kindly agreed to renovate the basketball post
- e) Litter Pick – Mr Matthews has custody of the parish council equipment and councilors are welcome to use it.
- f) Village Hall update – will be taking part in a monthly catch up. Agreed to support archive project at a cost of £120.

20/054 Public Rights of Way

Footpath no 1 has been cleared.

20/055 Finance

- i) To discuss preliminary information on budgeting for the year 2021/22
Mr Matthews has done some preliminary work on making the budget sustainable in the future. Further work will be carried out to present options at the next meetings.
- ii) Monthly income and expenditure, financial reconciliation and budgetary control reports for the year to date were received.

Bank Reconciliation – 30 June

Current Account	20,136.06	Brought Forward	42,525.36
Deposit Account	21,147.92	Income	-
Uncleared Cheques	(92.30)	(Expenditure)	(1,333.67)
	41,191.68		41,191.68

iii) The following cheques were for approval for signature

PAYEE	DETAIL	CHQ NO	AMOUNT
Littleport & Downham LDB	Drainage Rates	1097	36.30
East Cambs Trading Co Ltd	Grasscutting Plan Area	1098	112.32
Green Wood Tree Surgery	Grasscutting Pond	1099	336.00
Mrs S Thompson	Clerk's Expenses	1100	38.44
Mrs S Thompson	Clerk's Salary	1101	306.33
			829.39

20/056 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 10 August 2020, online

Meeting closed at 21.45