



COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council to held on Monday 14 February 2022 at 7.30pm in Coveney Village Hall

Present: Mrs N Laredo, Mr B Matthews (Chairman), Dr S Winfield

Also Present: Cllr L Dupré, 1 member of the public, Mrs S Thompson (Clerk)

22/013 Apologies for absence

Apologies were approved from Mr Senior.

22/014 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None made

22/015 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2022 were approved for signature.

22/016 Public Question Time

A member of the public has pointed out that access to and from the A10 at West Fen Road is increasingly difficult. Details

22/017 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Dupré has sent her report and welcomed questions. Councillors explained frustration that the copper cables were stolen and police are rarely seen in the village. Councillors also explained the difficulties in trying to get a fibre internet supply to the village. Cllr Dupré will forward contact details to set up a meeting with Connecting Cambridgeshire.

22/018 Allotment Report

All going well

22/019 Planning

a) New applications for comment

22/00032/FUL – 24 Main Street, Coveney – Construction of rear extension

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It was agreed to make no comment.

b) To report approval of the following application - noted

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

22/020 Annual Parish Meeting

Will take place at 7pm on 9 May. The Clerk will invite village organisations to send a representative and a report.

**22/021 Platinum Jubilee**

The possibility of having a grand opening at the orchard on Fri 3 June was proposed but will need further consideration.

22/022 Working Groups (for updates and decisions)

- a) Allotment and Community Green Space
 - Borehole – some further parts are required and then the work can be completed.
 - Pond – is filling up
 - Close the gap hedgerow Planting Project – The Clerk has the claim form for completion.
 - Community Orchard – Mr Senior is getting quotes for picnic benches.
- b) Policies and Procedures – nothing to report
- c) Website – Mr Matthews and Dr Winfield have been working on the website. They have also been looking in to moving to one of the many providers or support parish council websites. This would have the advantage that the site would comply with all necessary legislation
- d) Assets
 - Grasscutting/Maintenance - will restart in March
 - MUGA – lighting -ongoing
 - MUGA – Basketball board and other equipment
 - Provision of defibrillator – has been received and installed . There will be a system of checks.
- e) Village Hall update - The committee are interested in getting the phone box reinstated to the original site to be used as a book/seed exchange/community hub. Work is required on the base and the phone box to ensure that it is fixed securely. The Village Hall Committee are beginning to plan for the Platinum Jubilee. A bar night will be taking place on 3 June.
- f) Friends of Coveney – The Parish Council thanks everyone for their amazing help in planting in the orchard.
- g) Rights of Way report. The problem with the definitive route of footpath 1 needs to be resolved. The Clerk will make this clear to CCC.
- h) Broadband – Discussed earlier with Cllr Dupré

22/023 Projects

- a) Streetlighting – the Clerk has been notified that Yu Energy are now taking new business and has made the necessary arrangements to transfer the energy supply to them.
- b) Sanctuary Housing – The Clerk has received notification that the relevant Director has approved the report.
- c) Land in School Lane - ongoing

**22/024 Finance**

- a) Monthly income and expenditure, financial reconciliation and budgetary control reports for the year to date have been circulated.

Bank Reconciliation – 31 January 2022

Current Account	2,324.05	Brought Forward	38,963.70
Deposit Account	33,893.35	Income	0.51
Uncleared Payments		(Expenditure)	(2,746.81)
	36,217.40		36,217.40

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

Payee	Ref	Detail	Amount
Coveney Village Hall	72	Christmas Tree	100.00
Barcham Trees	73	Trees (retrospective)	1,316.24
OPUS	dd	Streetlight energy	210.87
Mrs S Thompson	SO 74	Clerk's Salary	481.09
Mrs S Thompson	75	Clerk's Expenses	44.37
		TOTAL	2,152.57

22/025 Date and Time of Next Meeting

14 March 2022, 7.30pm

It was agreed to reschedule the April meeting. It will take place on 25 April (not 11 April as previously planned).

Meeting closed at 22.10