



COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 25 April 2022 at 7.30pm in Coveney Village Hall

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

Also Present: 4 members of the public, Mrs S Thompson (The Clerk)

22/039 Apologies for absence

None all present.

22/040 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None made

22/041 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of 14 March 2022 were approved

22/042 Public Question Time

A resident who lives adjacent to the community orchard is unhappy that the view of the hill from his property has been obscured by the placing of the row of silver birches.

Members of the Anglian Observatory are looking for a new location. They explained their requirements for a site. Their ambition would be to involve schools, Scouts and Brownies etc. They would open one evening a week, depending on cloud cover.

22/043 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Bailey sends her apologies.

Cllr Dupré reported that she has been dealing with a lot of problems with the new bin collection timetable, including Straight Drove in Wayhead. The congestion charge proposed in Cambridge is a problem for residents in Coveney. The consultation is still ongoing with an important stage due this summer.

22/044 Allotment Report

No issues reported.

22/045 Village Hall Report

It is intended for the fireworks event to go ahead again this year.

22/046 Co-option of New Councillor

It was agreed to co-opt Juliet Adams.

22/047 Planning

a) To report amendment of the following application - noted

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



22/048 Correspondence

- a) Mr K Scott – re location of the birch trees at the orchard. It was agreed that Mr Matthews, Mrs Laredo and Mr Senior will meet Mr Scott on the site to discuss his concerns.
- b) ECDC – Parish Conference – 3 May 2022 – no one is able to attend
- c) ECDC – Publication of draft Haddenham and Aldreth Parish Plan – noted
- d) A number of letters of appreciation have been received from local residents for the hard work carried out by councillors and volunteers. These will be circulated before the next meeting.

22/049 Working Groups

- a) Allotment and Community Green Space
 - Borehole – it is now possible to pump water pumped and solar panels are charging. The pump still has to be operated manually. Dr Winfield has some further work to make things work more completely
 - Community Orchard including approval of plans for signage – deer guards have been installed and a rota for watering trees has been set up. Sponsorship of trees has all been received. Noticeboards are being planned. Orchard opening afternoon will take place Friday 3 June serving apple juice and cake, possibly with some music. Publicity is required, possibly liaise with Village Hall. A plaque is required as part of the Queens Green Canopy and it was agreed to place an order with The Workshop, Aberfeldy at a cost of £52.00 plus VAT. A photograph has been uploaded to the Queens Green Canopy map on the website. The benches for the community orchard are ordered and expected delivery is before the Jubilee Weekend.
- b) Policies and Procedures – The draft Document Retention and Disposal Policy was approved. The clerk had taken the opportunity to attend the Archiving Course run by CAPALC (£30). This was approved retrospectively.
- c) Website – ongoing
- d) Assets
 - Grasscutting/Maintenance – has been started, mileage allowance was agreed at 45p per mile.
 - MUGA – lighting Gordon
 - MUGA – Basketball board and other equipment
- e) Friends of Coveney – rota has been established to water the fruit trees
- f) Broadband – Dr Winfield has had a meeting with Connecting Cambridgeshire and explained the particular issues. They will do what they can to put the case to Openreach.

22/050 Projects

- a) Sanctuary Housing – it was agreed to authorise payment of the solicitor fees of £1118.00 as requested by Sanctuary.



- b) Land in School Lane – to report that this project will not be progressed.
- c) Grazing land in School Lane – no progress to report

22/051 Finance

- a) Monthly income and expenditure, financial reconciliation and budgetary control reports for the year to date were presented

Bank Reconciliation – 31 March 2022

Current Account	5,075.24	Brought Forward	34,063.92
Deposit Account	30,893.90	Income (FWAG, tree sponsorship)	3,350.26
Uncleared Payments	(1,376.78)	(Expenditure)	(2,821.82)
	34,592.36		34,592.36

- b) The following payments were authorised for payment.

Payee	Ref	Detail	Amount
Right Fuelcard	dd1	Groundskeeping	43.78
Right Fuelcard	dd2	Groundskeeping	1.20
Yu Energy	dd3	Street light energy	13.80
Yu Energy	dd4	Street light energy	15.76
Yu Energy	dd5	Street light energy	120.45
Right Fuelcard	dd6	Groundskeeping	21.38
East of England Apples ...	7	Fruit trees	92.00
Coveney Village Hall	8	Hall hire	300.00
Mr P Whitton	9	Groundskeeper	664.28
CAPALC	10	Training	30.00
Zoom	11	Subscription	143.88
The Workshop	12	Jubilee plaque	62.40
BHIB	13	Insurance Premium	649.68
Mrs S Thompson	14	Clerk's salary and expenses	522.49
		TOTAL	2,681.10

22/052 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 9 May 2022, 7.30pm in Coveney Village Hall (or later if Annual Parish Meeting has not completed.)

Meeting closed at 22.20