



COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8 August 2022 at 7.30pm in Coveney Village Hall

Present Miss J Adams, Mrs L Gannon, Mr R Langston, Mr B Matthews (Chairman), Dr S Winfield

Also Present: 1 member of the public and Mrs S Thompson (The Clerk)

22/107 Apologies for absence

Apologies were approved from Mrs Laredo and Mr Senior.

22/108 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None made

22/109 Co-option of new member

It was agreed to co-opt Robert Langston. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

22/110 Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2022 were approved and signed.

22/119 Public Question Time

Nothing raised.

22/120 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Dupré has circulated her report (*she had intended to attend the meeting but was detained at short notice*).

Cllr Bailey sends her apologies.

22/121 Allotment Report

Nothing to report.

22/122 Village Hall Report

It is thought that the fence between the village hall and the field was originally put up by the Village Hall.

22/123 Correspondence

- a) Mr K Scott – re: Positioning of the birch trees in the orchard area –Mr Matthews, Miss Adams and Mrs Laredo have met with Mr Scott to discuss the siting of the trees. The discussion clarified the problem and discussed possible courses of action. Some of the trees are showing signs of stress and may not survive the current exceptional dry spell. It would seem sensible to see which ones come through to next spring. It was further agreed that tree hydration bags should be purchased (10 for £270 from Barcham Trees)



22/124

Buildings of Community Interest and Cambridgeshire Local Heritage List

It was agreed that the Methodist Chapel, Social Club and the Church should be listed as buildings important to local heritage. It was further agreed not to request that the Methodist Chapel be listed as a Building of Community Interest.

22/125

Internal Audit Report

The Clerk reported that the audit process was thorough and the report has been circulated to all councillors. The issues raised will be addressed as soon as possible.

22/126

Working Groups

- a) Allotment and Community Green Space
 - Borehole – is working satisfactorily despite the dry weather
 - Community Orchard – watering rota is going well
 - Orchard Opening – it was agreed that this will be on Saturday 22 April 2023
- b) Policies and Procedures – the Unacceptable Behaviour and Disorderly Conduct Policy was approved.
- c) Website/Communication – Dr Winfield has set up a Gitlab demonstration. Everyone is encouraged to explore the system and a fuller discussion at the next meeting. The Clerk reminded councillors that it should be to gather information and that decisions should be made in public at meetings and care needs to be taken not to predetermine the discussion.
- d) Assets
 - Grasscutting/Maintenance – grass is not growing much, The groundsman will look at the pond area and the bramble area around the MUGA. Mr Matthews has already cleared most of the area. It may now be able to get a tractor in. Pat may be able to spray off some of the
 - MUGA – lighting – Mrs Laredo has been in contact with Lizzi Wales at the Copunty Council newho reports that funding sources are available.
 - MUGA – Basketball board Phil Wenn thinks he can install the new board
 - MUGA – Tennis nets and postshave been delivered and will be put in place as soon as possible
- e) Friends of Coveney – have been watering well.
- f) Broadband – Dr Winfield has been in contact with the CEO of Connect Fibre who are installing fibre in Sutton. Project Gigabit are due to announce by November if Coveney is to be included.

22/127

Projects

- a) Grazing land in School Lane - Mr Matthews is researching costs and is still to contact Mr Fyfe.
- b) Wardy Hill Social Club - ongong
- c) Anglian Observatory – Dr Winfield is storing the boxes for the Observatory. Miss Adams has met with Mr Ingram of the Observatory and they have discussed requirements. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would like to provide a site but this is subject to public agreement and resolution of any legal issues.

22/128

Finance

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

**Bank Reconciliation – 29 July 2022**

Current Account	6,578.62	Brought Forward	39,338.94
Deposit Account	30,894.18	Income	
		(Expenditure)	(1,866.14)
	37,472.80		37,472.80

b) The following payments were approved.

Payee	Description	REF	Amount
Yu Energy	Streetlighting energy	DD54	15.06
Yu Energy	Streetlighting energy	DD55	92.97
Yu Energy	Streetlighting energy	DD56	13.80
Right Fuelcard	Fuelcard	DD57	1.20
CAPALC	Training	58	50.00
CAPALC	Traning	59	75.00
Mr P Whitton	Groundskeeping	60	646.28
Sportsequip	Tennis net and posts	61	366.00
FLP	Play area repair	62	489.00
SLCC	CAB 13 th edition	63	141.00
Miss J Adams	Storage Box	64	39.99
MAGPAS	S137 donation	65	60.00
Mrs S Thompson	Salary and Expenses	66	532.49
	TOTAL		2,522.79

22/129**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 12 September 2022, 7.30pm in Coveney Village Hall

It was agreed, at the request of the Clerk, to amend the date of the October meeting to 3 October.

Meeting closed at 21.50