

COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 9 November 2020 at 7.30pm

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

Also Present: Cllr L Dupré, Mrs S Thompson (Clerk)

20/092 Apologies for absence

All present

20/093 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None declared

20/094 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of 12 October 2020 were approved for signature.

20/095 Public Question Time

Nothing raised.

20/096 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Bailey sends her apologies.

Cllr Dupré has sent her report and gave an update on the proposals for the upgrade to Lancaster Way roundabout, which now include a signalised pedestrian crossing which may be further amended to a Pegasus crossing. Design work will delay the commencement of the work.

20/097 Budget and Precept 2021/2022

Mr Matthews has prepared some background information to enable discussion. It was agreed that the precept needs to provide the parish council with a sustainable level of income for the future. Consideration was given to the current and projected costs of providing services such as grasscutting, maintaining the pond area and the play equipment. Comparisons were made with similar sized parishes in the area. It was evident that the current level of precept does not cover anticipated costs and is relatively low when compared to other parishes. Deficits in previous years have been covered by reserves. It was agreed to increase the precept by 12.5% to £12,094 for 2021/2022.

20/098 Traffic issues due to roadworks at BP Roundabout (A10/A142 junction)

- Condition of road surface in West Fen Road – CCC have responded that orders have been placed for repairs for West Fen Road and Wayhead. Furthermore, surveys for full width carriageway resurfacing along West Fen Road, Gravel End, Short Causeway and Long Causeway.
- Cllr Dupré has been in contact with the local police and they are happy to talk but are unable to meet by Zoom.

20/099 Planning

The following new application has been received for comment:-

20/01390/VAR – adjacent to Mansion Farm, 41 Main Street, Coveney – To vary Condition 1 (approved plans) of previously approved 16/00730/FUL for redevelopment of the existing farm yard including removal of agricultural buildings to provide 7 no dwellings including the erection of 6 no dwellings and conversion of existing agricultural barn to 1

no dwelling, erection of cartlodes and associated works – it was agreed that there are no objections.

20/100 Working Groups

- a) Allotments
 - Bore hole – Mr Ingham has been investigating the possibility of a borehole and is expecting a quote which will be shared when received.
 - Boundary – no progress
 - S106 agreement – progress has been made on obtaining quotes but it is still difficult to get firms to quote. It is anticipated that these will be received in the next couple of weeks.
- b) Policies and Procedures – Financial Regulations for approval – next meeting
- c) Website – connections newsletter will be circulated to households
- d) Assets
 - Pond – clearance has been completed and grass cutting has continued. Mr Matthews will be following up with a resident who has given some feedback. A maintenance and replanting scheme needs to be organised and needs to be sustainable. The aim would be to get more community involvement in projects.
 - Grasscutting – indicative costs of various options for grasscutting in the future were presented and discussed. It was agreed to investigate the availability of a person locally who would be interested in one day a week to carry out grasscutting and grounds maintenance. It was agreed that the preference would be to purchase the equipment and used a contracted person. Mr Matthews and Mr Senior will follow this through and report to the next meeting.
 - Noticeboard – to agree replacement and costs – to be considered at the next meeting
- e) Village Hall update – not able to open during the new lockdown. Mr Matthews is pursuing the provision of internet.

20/101 Finance

- i) Community Infrastructure Levy — 18/01314/ will provide CIL to the parish of £5,312 over the next year. The Clerk will follow up for further clarification.
- ii) Monthly income and expenditure, financial reconciliation and budgetary control reports for the year to date were presented

Bank Reconciliation – 31 October 2020

Current Account	22,318.48	Brought Forward	41,134.35
Deposit Account	21,147.92	Income	3,021.77
Uncleared Cheques	(40.00)	(Expenditure)	(729.72)
	43,426.40		43,426.40

- iii) The following cheques were approved for signature

Payee	Detail	Chq No	Amount
CPRE	Subscription	1121	36.00
Westcotec	Speed sign	1122	4,110.00
CCC	Streetlighting energy	1123	615.34
East Cambs Trading	Grasscutting and playbark	1124	695.20
East Cambs Trading	Grasscutting	1124	224.64
Green Wood Tree Surgery	Grasscutting	1125	168.00
Mr B Matthews	Padlocks	1126	21.98
Mrs S Thompson	Clerk's expenses	1127	75.39
Mrs S Thompson	Clerk's salary	1127	306.33
	TOTAL		6,252.88

20/102 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 14 December 2020, online (to be confirmed)

Meetings will continue on the second Monday of the month in 2021

Meeting closed at 22.05