

COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Coveney

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

Also Present: 2 members of the public, Mrs S Thompson (The Clerk)

19/167 Apologies for absence

None, all present.

19/168 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None made

19/169 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of 11 November 2019 were approved and signed subject to the correction of the date of the next meeting.

19/170 Public Question Time

The future of the phone box has been raised.

19/172 District and County Councillors'

Reports

Cllr Bailey and Cllr Dupré both send their apologies.

19/173 Planning

i) To consider the following new applications for comment:-

19/01158/FUL – The Brambles, 7A Main Street, Coveney – Replacement garage and workroom, storage/shed – it was agreed to recommend approval

19/01163/FUL – Home Farm, 7 Main Street, Coveney – Extension to barn to form shed/secure store – it was agreed to recommend approval

ii) To report refusal of the following application:-

19/01150/FUL – Land south of Wayhead Farm, Old Lynn Drove, Coveney – Construction of detached 2 storey dwelling with garage, parking, access to the highway and associated works - noted

19/174 Budget and Precept 2020/21

It was agreed that the budget needs to be adjusted to include the pond project and office equipment. It was agreed to set the precept in line with inflation to £10,750, an increase of £250. The projects under way will be funded from existing funds. The allotment money will be accounted for separately.

19/175 Working Groups

a) Allotments

- Quickthorn has arrived and is being stored by Mr Ingham
- Water – Mr Ingham has met the water company. They confirm that the main is on the correct side of the road. Our infrastructure would need to be installed before it is connected to the main. Infrastructure would cost £2,000 and connection a further £1,500. It was agreed not to proceed at this time. The decision can be readdressed at a later date.

- The Clerk will confirm with the solicitor details of the width of track and access and request of copy of the map submitted to the Land Registry.
 - Mr Senior has been investigating the possibility of gaining some funding from a developer who needs to achieve some environmental gain off site. He will circulate the report after this meeting. It sounds interesting in principle but there are still some points to be clarified.
 - Maintenance and sustainability are key issues
 - It is noted that working parties can include non councillors
 - More could be done to publicise the allotments.
- b) Policies and Procedures – some preliminary work has been done and a list will be completed and prioritised.
- c) Website – allotment information can be included. The shell is being completed.
- d) Assets – phone box is currently in storage and awaiting a decision on putting it in to use or disposing of it. It was agreed to ask the village at the Annual Parish Meeting.

19/176 Pond

Work has been confirmed and will take place in December.

19/177 Community Matters

- i) Loading of straw on Short Causeway – this has been ongoing for some weeks. The road has been blocked at times including causing the school bus to be diverted. There is damage to the verges and the access to the footpath. Mr Matthews is following this up with Highways, the landowners and the County Council. There are also problems with mud on the roads where the beet is being loaded. There was an additional problem when there were roadworks elsewhere and increased traffic through Wardy Hill and Coveney showing that passing places are not frequent or obvious enough. The Cll Dupré is raising this issue in respect to the anticipated work on the roundabouts.
- ii) Clerk – equipment needs to be purchased, employment policies need to be confirmed
- iii) Annual Parish Meeting – The APM needs to be more effective. It needs to take place in April or May. It is a meeting for the parish organised by the Parish Council. Some possibilities were discussed and will be followed up at the next meeting.
- iv) Requests for funding from EACH and Citizens Advice Rural Cambs – It was agreed to donate £50 to each organization. (S137)
- v) Donations to churches – advice has been received via CAPALC that parish councils cannot donate to church property so the parish council unfortunately cannot help with work required to trees. The Parish Council would like to support the church if at all possible.

19/178 Finance

Monthly income and expenditure, financial reconciliation and budgetary control reports for the year to date were provided.

The following cheques were approved and signed.

Payee	Detail	Chq No	Amount
Mr J Skipper	Grasscutting - October	1053	77.50
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CAPALC	Training	1055	75.00
CCC	Streetlighting	1056	618.55
Cambs ACRE	Membership	1057	57.00
Mr B Matthews	Website costs	1058	11.81

SLCC	Membership	1059	92.00
Mrs S Thompson	Quickthorn	1060	114.66
Mrs S Thompson	Clerk's Salary	1061	306.33
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			1,430.35

19/179 Dates of Meetings for 2020

It was agreed to continue meetings on the second Monday of the month, except for April when it clashes with a bank holiday and it will be 6 April.

19/180 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 13 January 2020, Coveney Village Hall

Meeting closed at 22.20