

COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 20 May 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Coveney

Present: Mrs C Badcock, Mr A Bensted, Mr V Ingham, Mr B Matthews, Mr A Stygal

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

Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed by all Councillors

19/062 Election of Chair and signing of Declaration Acceptance of Office

Mr Matthews was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

19/063 Election of Vice Chair

Mr Stygal was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

19/064 Co-option of new Councillors

One application has been received. Caroline Badcock was appointed. Two vacancies remain. Mrs Badcock signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

19/065 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None declared.

19/066 Public Question Time

None present.

19/067 Apologies for absence

All present.

19/068 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Dupré reported on the County Council. Annual meeting has been held and committees have been appointed. Her report has been sent earlier and circulated to all councillors. Points to note include that there is a lot of work going on around energy efficiency in the county, including a community energy scheme. Work is ongoing to deal with inspections of community buildings. Planning is also underway for moving the HQ from Shire Hall to Alconbury and a preferred bidder identified for Shire Hall.

Cllr Bailey reported on the District Council. She gave her annual report. The Ely by-pass has opened. Homes are occupied in the Stretham CLT, the Soham CLT is completed and Haddenham CLT about to get going. Kings Row development in Barton Road has been completed. Plans to purchase and renovate homes at the old MOD site are under way. It will also deliver some affordable houses. Waste and recycling service is now in house and performance standards have improved. There is a healthy take up of new businesses and jobs in the District. Efforts have been made to support the High Street with things like free wi-fi and free parking. The budget is balanced for the next two years, with no increase in council tax. After the elections on 2 May, there are now 28 councillors and a different political balance. First meeting will be on 30 May 2019 when committees will be organised. A bus service review is being undertaken by the Combined Authority.

19/069 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 15 April 2019 were approved and signed.

19/070 Allotments

The agreement to surrender the lease on the allotment land and to acquire 2 acres freehold for modern allotments has been completed

The next steps are to publicise the availability of allotments to set up a steering committee who can then set the rules. The Clerk will investigate the cost of installing water to the site. It

was agreed that the members of the parish council should meet on site before the next meeting.

19/071 Planning

To consider the following new applications for comment:-

19/00487/OUT – Land north of 9 The Green, Wardy Hill – Residential development of a 4 bedroom property and double garage – it was agreed that there are no issues.

19/00598/RMA – Site North West of Wardy Hill Social Club, The Green, Wardy Hill – Reserved matters for 2 no. five bedroom dwellings with new access road, parking, amenity spaces and landscaping – no issues

19/00644/FUL – Site North East of 2 Main Street, Wardy Hill – Proposed 1 no. 3 bedroom two storey dwelling – There are concerns about overdevelopment of the site, the proposed access is onto a dangerous corner and does not appear to include a visibility splay, proposed access is across a green amenity space which is valued by the community and currently cut by the parish council. Furthermore, some of the development is outside the development envelope.

19/072 Pond Volunteer Group

The group has had a meeting and are gathering ideas to develop the site. It was agreed that quotes will be obtained to clear the brambles and vegetation which are currently totally overgrown.

19/073 Village Sign update

The small sign is still to be replaced. A new sign to fit the post is being sourced.

19/074 MUGA

Brambles are encroaching on the playing area from beyond the fence. It was agreed that this needs urgent attention and the clerk is to get someone to cut them back as soon as possible. A budget of £500 was approved.

19/075 ROSPA play area inspection reports

The inspection reports have been received and the actions noted.

19/076 Internal Audit Report

The report was noted. The Clerk and The Chairman will work together to source dedicated parish council email addresses for all councillors.

19/077 Streetlighting contract

It was agreed to sign the three year contract with Westcotec. They have provided prices for converting all lights to LED (£2,692.30) which will reduce the maintenance costs and the energy costs. CCC have given notice that they will no longer be bulk buying the power costs and that parish councils will have to take responsibility themselves. Further information on the transfer will be available in due course.

19/078 Temporary Road Closure Order

It was noted that there will be a closure of Park Close in June.

19/079 Wardy Hill Social Club

The land registry search shows the site is not registered. It was agreed that the Parish Council currently does not have a role to play in the future of the Club. This decision will be reconsidered if any further information is forthcoming.

19/080 Coveney Village Hall

There were some concerns raised about the gravel causing difficulties for disabled access for the polling station at the recent election. The matter is the responsibility of the Village Hall and they will be following it up.

19/081 Finance

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

The following cheques were approved for signature

Payee	Detail	Chq No	Amount
Mr J Skipper	Grasscutting	961	155.00
Westcotec	Brackets for speed sign	962	240.00
Mr N Border	Fuel for mower	963	24.99
NALC	LCR subscription	964	17.00
canalbs ltd	Internal Audit	965	89.75
Cambridgeshire County Council	Archive Project	966	100.00
Fenland Leisure	Play equipment repairs	967	353.92
Play Safety	Play area inspection	968	164.40
Cambridgeshire County Council	Streetlighting power	969	531.19
CAPALC	Subscription and DPO	970	244.26
National Allotment Society	Subscription	971	9.00
Mr T Bourne	Archive Project	972	20.00
Mrs S Thompson	Salary	973	306.33
			2,255.84

19/082 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 17 June 2019, Coveney Village Hall