

COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 25 February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Coveney

Present: Mr A Bensted, Mr V Ingham, Mr J Hammond (Chairman), Mr B Matthews

Also Present: Cllr A Bailey, Cllr M Bradley, Cllr L Dupre, Mrs S Thompson (The Clerk), 2 members of the public

19/017 Health and Safety Announcement

Taken as read

19/018 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None declared.

19/019 Public Question Time

Members of the public are concerned about

19/020 Apologies for absence

Apologies were approved from Mr N Border, Mrs T Maton and Mr A Stygal

19/021 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Bailey reported that ECDC has been agreed a balanced budget for the next two years. ECDC element of the council tax is not being increased. ECDC have withdrawn from the Local Plan process. The local plan was submitted to the National Inspector for examination who did not follow the normal process as when the Inspector gave a list of modifications required they were a complete surprise and changed the plan considerably. There is no route for appeal. ECDC decided that the modifications cannot be accepted and has withdrawn from the process. Over 5000 houses have already been given permission which have not been built. Improvements are in the pipeline for the two roundabouts on the A10 and A142 (BP and Lancaster Way). The question was raised about whether a Neighbourhood Plan for Coveney and Wardy Hill would be an effective way to control development.

Cllr Bradley reported that the bus services are being reviewed by the Combined Authority.

Cllr Dupre has sent a report which has been circulated. She summarised the points.

19/022 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of 14 January 2019 were approved and signed.

19/023 Allotments

The Solicitor has received documents clarifying the access and recommends that this is satisfactory. He will be proceeding with the remaining documents.

19/024 Pond update

The pond has been cleaned out. The job was carried out very well and the spoil has been accommodated in a very orderly manner. There are a number of people who have shown an interest in taking on the maintenance and they will be invited to put together proposals. There are some remain brambles that will need to be dealt with by a contractor.

19/025 Parish Plan

The last parish plan dates from 2005. It was agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan may well be helpful. It was agreed to invite Emma Grimma from ECDC to discuss this, at the next meeting if possible.

19/026 Planning

Approval of the following application was reported:-

18/01314/OUT – Site North West of Wardy Hill Social Club, The Green, Wardy Hill – Proposed 2 No 5 bedroom dwellings with new access road, parking, amenity spaces and landscaping - noted

19/027 Footpath signs and road sign improvements

Mr Matthews has already reported the street signs that are in poor condition. The Clerk will report the others to highways. This will include the passing place on Short Causeway which is missing the sign and needs some improvement to the surface..

19/028 Grasscutting 2019

John Skipper is not increasing his prices this year and it was agreed to continue with him as the work is carried out to a good standard.

19/029 Street Lighting Contract

The 13 streetlights are out of contract with regards to maintenance. Balfour Beatty has given a quote and the Clerk is looking to obtain further quotes for a decision at the next meeting. It was agreed to also ask the County Council whether they can adopt the ones that are now in the 30mph.

19/030 Play Area Coveney

A quote has been received from Fenland Lesiure to repair the swing for £289 and it was agreed to proceed. Mr Skipper is to be asked to cut back briars around the MUGa urgently. Also further bark is required under the climbing frame. It was agreed to purchase 2 more bags from Bibby's at approximately £150 each.

19/031 Litter Picking equipment

It was agreed to purchase 6 sets of litter picking equipment (pickers £8.99 for 2, £10.35 for a hoop) and some gloves. Mr Hammond will progress this.

19/032 Internal Audit – to consider report for 2017/18 and appoint for 2018/19

The report from the Internal Auditor has been provided to all Councillors and the contents were noted. It was agreed to reappoint canalbs as Internal Auditor for 2018/19.

19/033 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
Alan Freeman Plant Hire	Pond clearance	1019	1,020.00
The Shamba	Pond area maintenance	1020	160.00
canalbs	Internal audit	1021	103.50
Mrs S Thompson	Expenses (10 months)	1022	477.45
Mrs S Thompson	Salary	1023	280.33
HMRC	Tax and NI	1024	26.00
			2,067.28

19/034 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 18 March 2019, Coveney Village Hall