



COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 December 2024 at 6.00pm in Coveney Village Hall (rescheduled from 9 December 2024)

Present: Cllr J Doig, Cllr N Gilbert, Cllr C Hammond, Cllr R Langston (Chairman), Cllr N Laredo

Also Present: Mrs S Thompson (The Clerk)

It was reported that Cllr Senior has resigned. He was formally thanked for his considerable contribution whilst on the Council. Also, Sandra Thompson has resigned as Clerk. The Council are very grateful for her work for the past 15 years.

24/156 Apologies for absence
None, all present.

24/157 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda
None made

24/158 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of the meeting on 11 November 2024 were approved

24/159 Public Question Time
Nothing raised.

24/160 District and County Councillors' Reports
Not present this time.

24/161 Correspondence
The Clerk reported;-

- there is consultation under way about legislating to allow hybrid meetings to take place.
- A resident of Wardy Hill has sent concerns about road safety on the corners leaving the village towards Coveney. This could be considered as part of an LHI application in 2025.
- The initial plans for the LHI scheme to install posts for the speed cameras have been received.

24/162 Update on actions from previous meetings
The action list was reviewed.

24/163 Anglian Observatory
It was agreed to offer the Anglian Observatory a 25 year lease on the land where they will be siting the telescopes, but to include conditions about the possibility to move the Observatory if necessary and for them to cover the costs of drafting a contract. It was emphasised that the Parish Council fully support them and recognise the benefits. Cllr Langston will feed back to the Observatory.

24/164 Planning
New application for comment
24/00793/FUL – 10 Gravel End, Coveney – Single storey side and rear extension
It was agreed to make no comment on this application.

**24/165****Groundskeeping Contract**

An updated contract has been circulated. All were happy with the content. The Clerk will send it to the groundskeeper. The contract will be put out to tender at the end of the next season.

24/166**Orchard Water Tank**

It was agreed that the water tank should be moved and planting used to shield it from view. Cllr Laredo will liaise with Miles Foster to see if he is willing to do the necessary tasks.

24/167**Pond Project**

Cllr Laredo has consulted neighbours and had no further feedback. She will be meeting Miles Foster tomorrow to organise ordering the planting. It was agreed to include a small ornamental cherry.

Pond dredging and Great Crested Newts – A quote (£1,502.40 inc VAT) has been received from a consultant (Green Willows Associates) to obtain a licence and oversee any work. A contractor is to visit later this week to quote for dredging. Prices have already been obtained for planting and the path.

24/168**Finance**

- a) Monthly income and expenditure, financial reconciliation and budgetary control reports for the year to date were provided
- b) Payments for approval – the following payments were authorised.

£13.44	Electricity	Yu Energy	346
£122.96	Electricity	Yu Energy	347
£15.56	Electricity	Yu Energy	348
£30.00	Groundskeeping	Right Fuelcard	349
£259.00	Administration	Viking Direct	350
£225.00	Administration	Narked Design	351
£358.80	Village Improvement	K&M Lighting Services Ltd	352
£398.16	Groundskeeping	Carol Palmer (Fenland Spirit Services Ltd)	353
£48.60	Administration	Red Shoes Accounting Services	354
£519.00	Salary	Sandra Thompson	355
£55.14	Administration	Sandra Thompson	355b
£645.38	Groundskeeping	Pat Whitton	356
£34.13	Administration	Viking Direct	357

It was agreed that Claire Hammond will be the third signatory on the bank accounts. This will be added to the mandate when other changes are also made.

24/169**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 13 January 2025, 7.30pm in Coveney Village Hall

Meeting closed at 18.45