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COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 9 September 2024 at 7.30pm in Coveney Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Langston, Cllr N Laredo, Cllr C Senior, and Cllr N Gilbert and Cllr C Hammond after item 24/111

Also Present: Cllr A Bailey (ECDC), Cllr L Dupré (CCC), 6 members of the public, Mrs S Thompson (The Clerk)

24/109 Apologies for absence
Apologies were approved from Cllr Matthews

24/110 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda
None made

24/111 Co-option to the Parish Council
Clare Hammond and Nicki Gilbert were co-opted.

24/112 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of 8 July 2024 were approved

24/113 Public Question Time
No comments made.

24/114 District and County Councillors' Reports
The report from Cllr Dupré (CCC) has been circulated. Questions were asked about communication around the future of Priors Field Health Centre, the planned closure of Chain Causeway for 7 weeks to undertake repairs which is now scheduled for Jan/Feb, gritting routes which remain unchanged, details can be found at <https://maps.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

Cllr Bailey - (ECDC) gave a verbal report. Permission for the Sunnica Solar Farm was granted by the new Government. Legal advice was sought but it was eventually decided not to proceed further. In 2026 black bag collections will be replaced by wheelie bins. Extra bins will continue to be provided if required, and will be free of charge.

24/115 Correspondence
The Clerk reported that a new streetlighting contractor has been found, the previous one no longer service streetlights. K&M will be attending the broken light tomorrow morning and will fix the light by changing it to an LED bulb for a cost of £80.00. They will then quote for a maintenance contract.

An email has been received from a resident concerned about the visual impact of the water tank in the allotments.



24/116

Orchard

- a) Mowing arrangements – Cllr Laredo has contacted three contractors but only received one quote of £120 from Nigel Pate to mow, bale and stack the hay in the corner. It was agreed to proceed and Cllr Laredo will confirm with Mr Pate.
- b) Costs for Bug Hotel Event – to agree (retrospective) – The event made a small surplus. Cllr Laredo put in a lot of work and those that attended enjoyed it but it was very quiet until mid-afternoon.
- c) Water tank – Phil Wenn has provided a tank and positioned it on the allotments but it is visually intrusive for the property immediately opposite. A tank is necessary to provide a head of water for the borehole. It was agreed that the tank should be repositioned and screened with planting, the cost to be met out of the borehole grant if this is confirmed, or out of the orchard reserve.

24/117

Traffic Issues

- a) LHI plans for Gravel End – The details have been circulated to all properties around the corner at Gravel End and there have been 7 responses, none of them in favour of the proposals. It was agreed that the Clerk will inform CCC that the proposed scheme should not go ahead and will confirm this to local residents. Discussion of alternative strategies raised the possibility of introducing a 20mph speed limit through the village.
- b) Church Close parking – it has been reported that there was a near miss caused by cars parked on the road limiting visibility. Cllr Senior will talk to the owner of a car regularly parked there.

24/118

Next steps in sale of asset

Flail mower – it was agreed that the Clerk will arrange a time and place for interested parties to view. It was agreed to advertise locally on the website, Whats App and the noticeboards.

Phone box – pictures are required and it will be offered locally and also on online auction sites. The Clerk will arrange for photos.

24/119

Coronation Oaks map/leaflet

The draft was considered and some suggestions were made.

24/120

Anglian Observatory

Peter Townrow has been pursuing a S106 grant application, feedback is that the Observatory would need to have a lease for 25 years. It was agreed that the Parish Council wants to maintain flexibility on the field. It was agreed to introduce Mr Townrow to Cllr Bailey to discuss if this condition could be flexible or if other sources funding may be appropriate.

24/121

Pond

Cllr Laredo has met with Lucy Jenkins from FWAG to discuss access, planting and reed overgrowth. She agreed 2/3 of the reeds could be removed with care by a machine with a big bucket and should be done late in the year. Planting of the bank could take place and would not be in the way of the dredging operation. Ms Jenkins is going to provide a planting list. The path from the pound to the pond is to be progressed. Cllr Laredo has asked for an updated quote.



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24/122

Play equipment

Richard Adams has been undertaking some of the minor repairs and the Parish Council thank him for this.

The Clerk has prepared a checklist for routine inspections of each play area. Some councillors have tried them out and made suggestions for improvements. The Clerk confirmed that the insurer does not require any particular schedule of inspection and the Parish Council can decide this..

24/123

Finance

a) Monthly income and expenditure, financial reconciliation and budgetary control reports for the year to date

Bank balances	£
Current Account	1,927.89
Deposit Account	18,234.35
Term Deposit	<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL	30,252.24

b) Payments for approval – The following payments were authorised for payment.

Code	Ref	Description	Supplier	Net
Mileage	313	Groundskeeping	Pat Whtton	57.60
Payroll Services	321	Payroll	Red Shoes Accounting Services	48.60
Clerk's Salary	325	Administration	Sandra Thompson	519.00
Streetlight Energy	317	Electricity DD	Yu Energy	14.98
Streetlight Energy	318	Electricity DD	Yu Energy	92.39
Streetlight Energy	319	Electricity DD	Yu Energy	13.80
Groundskeeper	322	Groundskeeping	Pat Whtton	568.88
Fuelcard	320	Fuel DD	Right Fuelcard	49.50
Mileage	322	Groundskeeping	Pat Whtton	57.60
Clerk's Expenses		Administration	Sandra Thompson	103.98
Maintenance	323	Orchard	Naomi Laredo	9.48
Event	323	Orchard	Naomi Laredo	69.16
Event	324	Orchard	Cromwell Cider	38.40
Total				1,643.37

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Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 14 October 2024, 7.30pm in Coveney Village Hall

Meeting closed at 21.30