

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday, 27th February 2014**

Parish Councillors present: Eleanor Jack (Chairman), John Archer, Tony Daniels and the clerk Geraldine Fensome.

Also present: County Councillor Julie Wisson, District Councillors Richard West and Barbara Boddington, Ian Keeves, Graham & Shirley Wood.

Apologies: Helen Richardson, Chris Thorne.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 January 2014:

These were read and signed as a true and correct record.

Councillors Interest –To receive from Councillors declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interest and the nature of those interests in relation to any Agenda items.
None declared.

Matters Arising:

John Archer has been advised by Colin Meadowcroft, the HDC Monitoring Officer, that the unexpected gift of £100 from Luke Minney does not breach the NALC code. However to be on the safe side John Archer and Helen Richardson declared a gift of £50 each.

Open section

Barbara Boddington advised the meeting that there would no increase in Council Tax for 2014/15 and that Huntingdonshire District Council were streamlining their finances, in particular with regard to staff salaries which needed to be structured correctly.

County Councillor Julie Wisson informed the meeting the Cromwell Museum will not be closing as HDC have agreed to extend the budget for running the museum for another year.

Richard West reported that HDC were losing three Planning Officers at the end of March so this could have an effect on time taken to make planning decisions etc. Regarding the A428 the long term plan is to dual this from the Black Cat to Cambridge.

Planning Application – Wisteria Cottage – 1400041FUL

The Parish Council's prior approval of this application was noted- its early consideration was necessary in order to meet HDC's deadline. When coming to their decision, parish councillors were unaware of an objection from a neighbouring property as the objectors had not informed them.

Planning Application – Duncombe Arms – 1301945LBC

The Parish approved the Listed Building application for new signage subject to certain amendments. The redesigned Duncombe Family Crest is not graphically accurate and needs to be corrected. The red line showing boundary of Duncombe Arms is incorrect as it shows the Village Square within the curtilage of the pub. The menu case has been sited incorrectly in the position occupied by the Parish Council noticeboard and a non-existent window is shown on the front elevation of the Duncombe Arms.

All the above points have been conveyed to Huntingdon District Council.



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Planning Application – Little Lodge – 1400075

A letter of objection had been received and a letter of support for the erection of a cart lodge. After discussion it was agreed that the large structure was very close to the house and to the road, would have detrimental effect on the appearance of the open space and was almost within the conversation area. The Parish Council voted 2:1 to recommend refusal.

Highways

Ian Winfield, the new Highways Officer met Chris Thorne and John Archer to look at highways and drainage issues. There is a problem with the drain which runs down from Churchside House and it is unclear where the drain pipe runs so he will consult his predecessor.

The drain outside no: 2 Vicarage Road needs to be jetted which Ian Winfield will arrange.

The potholes in Vicarage Road and outside The Forge have been reported but still remain unrepaired.

The reflective traffic arrow signs on the wall of North Lodge are of the old less reflective type and as these have been recently damaged, their replacements are to match the newer ones facing traffic going out of the village on the B1040.

John Archer had made enquiries with Cambridgeshire Highways regarding the installation of a convex mirror to help pedestrians crossing from the Village Square to Vicarage Road. He was informed they will not allow this type of street furniture on highways land. It would be permissible however to place one on private property, but as the relevant house is on the market at the moment, no further action can be taken at present. Clerk to inform the residents who raised this issue.

Streetlights

A replacement bulb needs to be fitted outside The Studio, Manor Farm Road and dusk till dawn bulb fitted in Jubilee light.

Clerk to obtain a quote.

Village Square

The CT1 form was resubmitted to Land Registry again but was rejected as it does not comply with the law regarding a valid and legitimate interest in the land. John Archer is to investigate the option of defining a valid interest using the fact that the Parish Council has a responsibility to the entire village and its residents past and present. John to resubmit the CT1 form after further research into the Parish Council's responsibilities.

Telephone Box

The telephone box now has Grade 11 listed status. At present the damaged door is being replaced by BT.

Sugley Wood


Following reports in the Parish Magazine, the Wildlife Trust have contacted the Chairman to suggest a site meeting to resolve some of the issues. The Parish Council agreed to proceed with this in the hope that some compromise could be reached. Chairman to contact Oliver Burke.

Community Transport

Chairman had received a reply from Paul Nelson, CCC regarding the Thursday bus service, who advised they were keeping a record of passenger numbers and if necessary will revise the timetable to operate a double run or use spare capacity to resolve this issue. CCC are reluctant to add a Saturday journey at present.

Parish Council Website

This will be discussed at next PC Meeting.


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Finance:

Payments approved:
J Archer - £93. 88 expenses.

Any Other Business:

None

Next meeting:

Thursday, 24 April 2014 at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 10.45pm.

J Archer

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