

**Minutes of the AGM held on  
Thursday, 5 June 2014 at 7.30pm.**

**Parish Councillors present:** Eleanor Jack (Chairman), Chris Thorne, John Archer, Helen Richardson, Val Coleman and the clerk Geraldine Fensome.

**Also present:** Leon Coleman, John Howkins, Janet & Dennis Tevan, Diana Taine, Louise Wigan, Mel Childs, Charles & Jo Mear & Shelley Lipman. County Councillor Julie Wisson, District Councillor Barbara Boddington – arrived at 8.30pm.

**Apologies:** District Councillor Richard West

**Election of Officers:**

Chairman welcomed Val Coleman to the Parish Council and thanked Tony Daniels for

his contribution during his time as a Councillor.

Chris Thorne proposed Eleanor Jack as Chairman and was seconded by John Archer.

Chris Thorne was elected Vice chairman and seconded by John Archer.

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 April 2014:**

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

**Matters Arising:**

**Telephone Box**

Still awaiting replacement door from BT and this could take 2 – 3 months.


**Highways**

John Archer had a meeting with Ian Winfield who confirmed he has now received Authority to do major patch repairs from entrance to exit signs in the village. This would involve closing the road to traffic and should be carried out within the next 4 weeks.

John was also informed that Highways plan to resurface Gransden Road.

The drain outside the Red House has been cleared and also the gully outside no: 2 Vicarage Road. Highways cannot establish where the water gully outside Churchside actually runs. John was informed that a contract is out to do some investigative work.

Chevron signs to be replaced and repositioned outside North Lodge.

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### **Village Square**

The Parish Council has been unable to satisfy Land Registry that they have a duty of care responsibility to the entire village and its residents past and present. The Land Registry therefore will not accept the application for Caution Against Registration and have returned the £40.00 fee.

### **Community Transport**

The new service no: 28 started on the 2/6/14 and at present seems to be running smoothly.

### **Parish Council Website**

Still pending

### **Streetlights**

A time clock, to control light on Jubilee memorial, has been purchased and installed by a qualified electrician in the Duncombe Arms and is working satisfactorily.

### **Sugley Wood**

Eleanor Jack & Tony Daniels met with Oliver Burke and Matt Hamilton on the 29/4/14 and the Wildlife Trust reiterated their view that if access was open to all members of the public they may reconsider their position. Eleanor and Tony put forward suggestions regarding access but to date no further response has been received.

**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.

Chris Thorne declared an interest in the Garden Centre and took no part in the discussion on it.

### **Planning application – Garden Centre play area – ref: 1400521FUL**

An objection had been sent to HDC by Mr & Mrs D Taine on the basis of the noise that will be generated and the closeness of the play area to neighbouring gardens and properties. The plans stated this structure will be at least 40 metres from the nearest property but in fact it is actually less than 30 metres. Chairman had made Stephen Baker aware of this.

After discussion the Parish Council thought maybe the play equipment should be scaled down and their decision was to refuse the application unless the play area was moved to the south west as close as possible to the building, to distance it from the adjoining properties. Clerk also to make HDC aware of the error in the architect's statement regarding the distance from the nearest gardens which would be intrusive to residents.

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## Audit Commission Form

This was completed and clerk will return to Audit Commission.

### Finance:

Payments approved:

Roundabout - £50. 00

St Neots Museum - £20.00

K & M Lighting - £90. 00

Val Seekings - £37.00

S Slater (Churchyard Maintenance) - £250.00

John Archer (Time Clock) £20.94

Clerk's salary & expenses (incl. £180.00 to HMRC) £998.63

### Any Other Business

A further two anonymous letters have been received regarding 'Parkside' and it was decided ~~discreet~~ enquiries should be made to establish whether ~~HDC were~~ aware *such activities were legal. MS.* of the alleged car spraying business operating from the property.

### Next meeting:

Thursday, 31 July 2014 at 8pm.

*MS 31/7/14*