

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 13 February 2006 in the Village Hall

Present- Chairman	Mr E Webb
Vice Chairman	Mrs C Byatt
Councillors	Prof. A Milton, Mr P Neale
County Councillor	Mrs Linda Oliver
District Councillor	Mr D McCraith
Parish Clerk	Mrs Y Albery
Parishioner	1 Present

1.0 Apologies for absence from Councillors Mrs M Peyton, Dr. N Strudwick and Mr L Ginger. District Councillor Mr N Cathcart.**2.0 Approval of previous minutes**

All councillors present agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were correct and the Chairman (Mr E Webb) signed them accordingly, including one copy for the Main Notice Board.

3.0 Matters Arising**3.1 The Village Sign.**

As the varnish on the seat is showing signs of peeling badly, it was suggested that the varnish be removed and the seat, which is of hardwood, be oiled.

3.2 Tree Planting and Parking at Ridgeway Close

Three new trees are to replace those recently taken down in Bridge Street. All Councillors present agreed.

There have been several complaints brought to the attention of the Parish Council about parking on the grass verges and outside the garages in the Ridgeway Close area. There is a small piece of land owned by the South Cambs DC which is at present being used as an allotment, but could make an extra parking space. Enquiries are to be made about the situation.

3.3 Village Street Lighting

The Clerk has spoken to Matt Siggery of South Cambs DC, who is the Travellers Liaison Officer, concerning the four street lights at the New Farm site. As these lights are owned by the SCDC he will let them know that the Parish Council will probably not retain them. Mr Siggery felt that as most of the other lights are owned by Cambridgeshire County Council this would not be a problem.

3.4 Wall adjoining Village Hall

The Chairman and the Clerk will make an appointment to speak to the neighbour whose land adjoins the Village Hall to discuss the serious cracks in the wall. The matter of the sewer connection will also be brought to his attention and at the same time, the neighbour on the opposite side of the road will be informed.

4.0 Correspondence

A letter has been received from David Allanach of Cambridge County Council regarding the Mobile Library possibly stopping at Cardiff Place. He requires the addresses of at least four families who are likely to use the facility. The Clerk has written a letter to the Cardiff Place residents, asking for any interested parties to come forward. Copies have been delivered by Mrs Jean Faithful

A phone call has been received from County Farms to say that a replacement litter bin should be in place at the Whaddon Gap car park very shortly.

A letter has been received from the Land Registry (Peterborough) suggesting a voluntary First Registration of Title of Land which is owned by the Parish Council. This voluntary registration would have a 25% discount on the normal fee. Vice Chairman Mrs Byatt will investigate.

5.0 Planning

S/0018/06/F, 105 Cardiff Place, Bassingbourn, (A D Gurney-Crabtree), retrospective permission for a Conservatory.

S/2185/05/F, 114 Church Street. (J Cooper), revised plans for two houses.

S/2352/05/A, Whaddon Golf Club, (Mr K Green), Consent granted to display a sign.

6.0 Finance

Cheque No 100496 - £14.00 for CALC Local Council Review booklet.

A Cheque for £104.84 has been received for **recycling** between April 2005 and September 2005.

As **County Councillor Oliver** had to attend another meeting, she was now given the floor.

- The County Council tax was expected to rise by 5%.
- Cemex Project: – Planning is expected to be applied for in the next 2 weeks. Whaddon is on the list for receiving information. The Environment Agency will be monitoring the situation.
- County Councillor Oliver has been asked to write a letter for the Whaddon Parish Plan, but wished for some inaccuracies to be corrected. She will e-mail Councillor Byatt (who is a member of the Parish Plan) with the information to be corrected.
- In view of our Parish Council wishing to make improvements to our village hall County Councillor Oliver stated that Guilden Morden was in the process of doing a similar exercise and we may like to get in touch with them.
- She is in contact with Col. Richardson at Bassingbourn Barracks regarding the motor racing schedule for the coming summer. The racing is necessary to bring in extra funding for the Barracks.

7.0 Village Hall Development Committee

The Parish Councillors felt that they could not accept the recommendations of the Committee to sell the Village Hall and purchase land to build a new hall, as the recent Parish Plan suggests that the majority of parishioners wish to retain the Village Hall. The Clerk will write to the Development Committee thanking them for all their time and effort.

The meeting was now opened to the public.

The member of the public asked if it would be a good idea to ask the Development Committee for any documentation, including prices, to be passed to the Parish Council. The Councillors agreed that the Clerk should ask for this information.

The meeting recommenced.

8.0 Any Other Business

Councillor Milton mentioned weather staining on the new Church gates. It was felt that this could be expected but the matter should be raised with the PCC.

Councillor Byatt said that the staff appraisal of the Clerk had been carried out, the Clerk is experiencing difficulties with the Quality Status Course within her allocated hours and it was suggested that the hours be raised to 6 per week, all councillors agreed. She also suggested that the Clerk should form discussion groups with other parish clerks, such discussions would help to complete some of the required sections of the Course.

Chairman Webb talked about the purchase of bollards for the Village Hall. This will be looked into and discussed with the Village Hall Management Committee.

District Councillor McGrath arrived (he had previously informed the clerk of his expected late attendance). He was asked if it was true that South Cambs District Council were supporting Cemax – regarding possible disposal of rubbish. He said he did not know.

The previous discussion regarding Ridgeway Close parking problems were conveyed to him, he said he would make enquiries about the problems and report back at the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting is 20th March 2005 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm.