

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 17th September 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:-	Chairman	Mr E Webb
	Vice Chairman	Mrs C Byatt
	Councillors	Professor A Milton, Mrs M Peyton, Mr P Neale, Dr N Strudwick
	County Councillor	Mrs L Oliver
	District Councillors	Mr N Cathcart, Mr D McCraith
	Parish Clerk	Mrs Y Albery
	Parishioners	5 present

1.0 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mr L Ginger

2.0 Approval of minutes

All councillors agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record and the Chairman (Mr E Webb) signed them accordingly including one for the Main Notice Board.

3.0 Matters arising

3.1 Children's Play Area.

Money has been raised at the Village 'Camp Out'. Other fund raising events have been planned. The Play Area Group is awaiting the result of their application for funding from S. Cambs and also from the Community Aggregate Fund.

3.2 Traffic Problems

County Councillor Oliver made the following observations:-

- If problems occur with the Eternit Landfill Project, such as lorries passing through the village instead of on the agreed route, the time, date and registration should be noted and duly reported to the Planning Office.
- The request for a reduction in the speed limit through the village should come up for review in 2009.
- A Congestion Charge is now being considered for Cambridge City.
- The person who should be contacted for information relating to a bus lay-by for the School Bus is a Mr Richard Preston.

3.3 PP3 Kissing Gate Meeting

Councillors Clare Byatt and Philip Neale met with Mr Andrew Simpson on site at the Meldreth Road end of the Green to discuss the replacement of the kissing gates. It was decided to install RADAR (Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation) gates which will be supplied free of charge by the PP3, but installation costs will be met by the Parish. All Councillors agreed to go ahead with the project and Councillor Neale will order the gates. The farmers connected with the field have been consulted.

3.4 Litter Pick

On 2nd August six bags of litter were collected by volunteers with the help of children from the village. It was agreed that another litter pick should take place on Thursday 25th October at 10.00 am. It was suggested that the clerk should e-mail Neil Gallery concerning this litter pick, in order to try and involve the children once again. Chairman Webb will contact the District Council for a loan of any necessary equipment.

4.0 New Correspondence

Most of the correspondence is now circulated via e-mail. Councillor Strudwick suggested that there should be a list of these documents circulated each month as he is never sure that he has received each one. The Clerk will look into creating a numbering system.

5.0 PlanningPermission Granted.

S/1058/07/F for Mr and Mrs Knight, 132 Church St. for an extension

S/1057/07/LB this covers the above extension

S/0906/07/LB for Mr E Webb, 42 Bridge St., replacement of windows

S/00329/07/CW Landfill at Eternit, Whaddon Road.

Permission Refused

S/0970/07/S for Mr C Whitehouse, 105 Meldreth Road, Whaddon for an extension

Retrospective Planning

S/1716/07/F for Mr W Burchett, 7 Bridge St. for change of use.

Councillor Peyton was concerned that 154 Bridge St. had started their building but no notice of approval of sewage disposal appears to have been given. Clerk to contact the Planning Office.

6.0 FinanceSigned on 23rd July 2007

Cheque No.100554, £24.00 to CALC for Code of Conduct advert

Cheque No.100556, £358.38 to Moore Stephens for 2006/2007 audit

Signed today (17th September)

Cheque No.100557, £50.00 to D M Charles for Village Newsletter

Cheque No. 100558, £817.56 to Mrs Y Albery for salary and expenses

Cheque No.100559, £57.98 to Mr E Webb, Chairman's expenses

Money Received

£7500.00, Second payment of Precept

£40.00 from Mr K Green for advert

£2350 from NFU Mutual for Insurance Claim re:-boundary wall

7.0 Neighbourhood Watch

The next Panel meeting with the Police will be on 23rd October at Bassingbourn College.

On 6th September, thieves stripped the lead from our church roof and Police have been informed and we have been given an incident number.

Rubbish has again been dumped on Mr Huffer's land opposite the Whaddon gap car park, and also a pony had been left tethered on the same piece of land. This is being investigated. It has been suggested that barriers may have to be erected to protect further intrusion.

PC Martin is moving on and his replacement will take over at the beginning of October.

8.0 Village Hall**8.1 Boundary Wall**

South Cambs Landscape Services has been awarded the contract to re-build the whole Victorian section of the wall. The Clerk has written to the neighbour informing him that work will soon commence. Councillor Strudwick (Chairman of the VH Committee) will ask his committee if they would be willing to make a contribution to the cost of the repair as the Insurance payment only covers the tree damaged section does not cover the full cost of the re-build.

8.2 Other matters

Councillor Strudwick gave a short report from the minutes of the Village Hall Committee meeting of August 21/07.

Mr Jim Docwra has kindly fitted handles to the bollards.

Councillor Strudwick, Chairman Webb and Mr Hough have had a meeting with a Quantity Surveyor (Mr L Parncutt) to review Mr Hough's drawings. Clerk to write to Mr Parncutt concerning his costs.

The B.B.Q. went well and the next event will be a quiz in October.

9.0 Comments from the Public

A member of the public expressed displeasure with the notice on the Notice Board in the matter of the burnt Picnic Table.

A member of the public asked why the Affordable homes at Whitecroft Road appeared to be up for general sale, when the understanding was that homes of this sort were only built to meet a genuine local demand. General discussion took place of affordable homes in this area and the Clerk was asked to write to BPHA for an update on the status of the Whaddon affordable homes.

A request was also made that the Clerk should contact Highways concerning the state of the footpath along Meldreth Road, which is showing very bad deterioration.

Any Other Business

The matter of the mobile phone mast on the A1198 was raised and the issue has not been resolved as to its removal. The mast is not in use as yet.

Chairman Webb has received a letter from a visitor from Australia who complained of her bad experiences which she had had when visiting our village. The Chairman and Vice Chairman both agreed to reply to the letter.

Chairman Webb has spoken to Mr Jim Docwra who has agreed to the following:-

- Replace the waste bin post in front of the Village Hall.
- Replace any damaged wooden edging surrounding the children's play area
- Repair the rotted planks on the two seats in front of the village hall.
- The aerial photos which were recently purchased by the Parish Council will also be mounted and hung in the hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 09.45 pm.

The date of the next meeting will be 15th October at 7.30 pm.