

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th August 2019 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Weston Colville.

Present: Ray Vidler (Chairman), Bridget Durham, John Garrod, Matt Jackson, and Jessica Ashbridge (Clerk).

County Councillor Henry Batchelor.

The chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

1. **Apologies** - were received from Constantine Pagonis, Ian Ashbridge, and James Hubbard.
2. **Declarations of Interest** - None.
3. **Parishioners' Question Time** - None.
4. **Planning to be discussed and voted by Parish Council**

Application	Address	Proposal
S/2384/19/FL	14 Church End, Weston Colville, CB21 5PE	Erection of a single garage in the driveway. Concerns were raised that vehicles may need to back on to the road, however the garage is not being placed in the turning area. All in fav - No Comments.
S/2078/19/FL S/2079/19/LB	Coven Wood Cottage, Mill Hill, Weston Colville, Cambridge, CB21 5NY	Internal works to dining room walls and a small section of the hallway wall a) Break off and remove internal plasters up to sole plate in the dining room b), re-plaster using an appropriate lime plaster c) Paint using lime paint. External works to dining room walls a) Break off and remove existing render up to sole plate b) Remove black paint (bitumen) on bricks below render c), re-plaster using an appropriate lime plaster d) Paint in lime paint. No Comments, internal works.

5. **To discuss any planning applications received up to 3pm on the day of the meeting.** - None. Three new documents have been added to the Mines Farm planning application. A discussion was held about putting agendas through neighbouring doors to encourage residents to comment at meetings on applications - all agreed to trial doing this.
6. **County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Batchelor delivered his report, appended. He was asked about the drainage in Church End, as the Parish Forum Meeting was cancelled, Nicola Burden has stated that it will be worked on in this financial year. The manhole cover has been repaired. The culvert by the Reading Room is awaiting an ecological survey, and another culvert at Whiting's Grove is to be repaired at the same time. Clerk to chase the timings of the closures.
7. **Street Lighting** - The street lighting in the village is to no longer going to be administrated by Cambridgeshire County Council. They retain the ownership, and the

Parish Council will still be paying for the electricity, but paying a company directly instead of CCC. The billing is based on timings, and a standard unmetered rate. Cllr Vidler has researched and found an unmetered supply certificate is required, before energy companies will quote. Next year there may be an option to apply for tenders amongst other Parishes to get a preferential rate. Proposal to sign the document to get an unmetered supply certificate from UK Power Networks. **P: Cllr Durham, S: Cllr Jackson All in fav.** Cllr Batchelor suggested contacting Castle Camps, who had received quotes from a large number of suppliers.

8. Payment – P: Cllr Garrod, S: Cllr Jackson All in fav

Date	Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount
05.08.19	745	Simon Ratford	Grass Cutting	£300

9. Item for the next agenda – Wind Farm Representative

Date of Next full Meeting: 2nd September

Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2019:

Full Council	<u>4th November</u>
Planning meetings (if required)	<u>7th October, 2nd Dec</u>

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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Report for Parish Councils – August 2019

A1307

The next public involvement stages of the A1307 LLF (Local Liaison Forum) have started up again, and they are a good opportunity for members of the public to become involved in the process. Please do engage and keep abreast of the process, as the changes to the road will be here forever.

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambridge-south-east/cambridge-south-east-llf/>

Fly Tipping

The District Council, in conjunction with other local authorities, have launched a campaign against fly tipping, this is aptly called S.C.R.A.P. This new scheme included running a mock fly tip at Milton Park & Ride to test public and Council response. You can read more, as well as watch the video, on the SCambs website -

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/fly-tipping-footage-released-as-council-launches-campaign-to-tackle-the-problem/>

Greener Developments

The District Council is currently running a public consultation on a draft guide on sustainable design guide for new developments in South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City. The draft guide's main points focus on carbon reduction, adapting to climate change, resource efficiency and contributing to people's health and wellbeing. More info, and a link to the online consultation, can be found at

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/comment-on-greater-cambridge-s-aspirations-for-greener-new-developments/>

Light Blue Fibre

Cambridge University and the County Council have joined forces to attempt to attract fibre networks to expand Cambridgeshire's digital infrastructure. They have started up a new company called Light Blue Fibre. Essentially they are open to leasing their fibre network cables out commercially, as between the two organisations, they have over 100km of existing ducting and fibre.

Social Workers

The County Council has launched a campaign to attempt to recruit more social workers in Cambridgeshire. The campaign includes honest interviews with current social workers and their experiences of working for the Council. More information can be found at - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/jobs-&-volunteering/we-love-social-workers/children-s-social-worker-vacancies/>

Street Lights

You will have been contacted by now about the change in street light charging. The County Council used to buy the electricity for street lights in your parishes, then charged for this service, with an admin fee on top. They are now passing this responsibility onto Parish Councils, so there is now an opportunity to broker a better deal than the County Council had. Some villages in the county have clubbed together and purchased a group deal with a supplier, generating a saving overall. I have a good contact at the County Council if there are any questions on this.