

Weston Colville Parish Council

Chairman: Ray Vidler

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Weston Colville.

Present: Ray Vidler (Chairman), Constantine Pagonis (RFO), Ian Ashbridge, John Garrod, James Hubbard.

In Attendance: District Councillor Geoff Harvey, County Councillor Henry Batchelor.

The chairman opened the meeting at 7.31 pm.

- 1. Apologies** - were received from Bridget Durham and Matt Jackson.
- 2. Minutes** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 2nd July 2018 were reviewed and agreed as a true record of the meeting. **Proposed by Councillor Vidler.** All agreed. Minutes were signed.
- 3. Declarations of Interest** - There were no declarations of interest.
- 4. District and County Council Reports and items of interest** - District Councillor Geoff Harvey and County Councillor Henry Batchelor delivered their reports (appended). The next Combined Parishes Meeting is taking place on 26th September. Councillor Harvey has discussed with Nicola Burden from Highways about scope for traffic calming in the village, the deadline is the end of July. It will fall under the Highways Improvement Scheme.
- 5. Parishioners' Question Time** - Concerns have been raised by parishioners via email about the removal of the post box from the site of the old Post Office, and the lack of its replacement. Currently the nearest post boxes are at the Church End or Weston Woods approximately a mile away. Councillor Harvey will discuss with a colleague at the District Council and provide contact details.
- 6. Planning**
 - 6.1** Planning to be discussed and voted by Parish Council - none.
 - 6.2** Status of planning applications with the District Council.

Reference	Address	Proposal	Status
S/1922/18/FL	Cheviot House, Church End, Weston Colville CB21 5PA	Proposed two storey side extension, rear single storey extension and a new rear dormer extension	Approved
S/2083/18/FL	Linnet Hall Barn, Road to Linnet Hall, Weston Colville, CB21 5PF	Proposed driveway to dwelling approved under S/0351/16/PA	Approved
S/1903/18/FL	The Paddock, Horseshoe Lane, Weston Colville, CB21 5NU	2 Polytunnels and a building to be used as shelter, storage and maintenance	Out for Consultation
S/2360/18/PN	Existing Farm Yard Old airfield Runway, Weston Woods Farm, CB21 5NR	Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for general purpose	Approved

Concerns have been raised about the development on the Paddock, Horseshoe Lane. Councillor Ashbridge to contact the case office Luke Waddington on behalf of the Parish Council.

7. Matters in hand/ Arising since last meeting

7.1 Website update – Councillor Pagonis is in talks with the website company as they want to charge extra fees for additional users, this is being challenged. The proposal is to start with three editors, and for the website to contain useful links, events, and photos of the village. There will not be an open forum, as this will cause GDPR concerns.

7.2 Road Drain clearance and repair update – Councillor Batchelor is going to chase up the works. There are concerns about the ash trees at the top of Mill Hill, Councillor Garrod raised the issue with highways in January and received a response in August.

7.3 Speed Indicator Device (SID) update – Data was collected from the week the SID was in place in the village on Chapel Road. 743 vehicles passed the device in a week, of which 218 were speeding (40%). Many were in the high 40's and some over 50mph. The next placements will be further down Common Road on the way out of the village, and heading towards Mill Hill. Data is being collected to put forwards to Highways for traffic calming measures in the village.

7.4 Footpaths and Rights of Way – There was a discussion about the bridge north west of College Farm which is a vehicular bridge in danger of collapsing – and has not had vehicles over it for many years. Footpath 19 uses the bridge for access to cross the Stour. The bridge has been the cause of some flooding by causing a blockage. It has been reported to CCC on these grounds in the past. The landowners (one from College Farm, and from the land north east of the bridge) are proposing to take it down, and are asking if CCC can help fund this as part of flood prevention measures. Clarification is needed for responsibility of reinstating the right of way by putting in a footbridge, if the landowners take down the bridge. Councillor Durham has logged her concerns with Highways.

Councillor Batchelor agreed to provide a contact in Highways that deals with bridges.
7.5 Village Sign – Councillor Ashbridge has repaired the sign.

8. Matters for the Council to discuss/vote on

8.1 Trees by the Reading Room Car Park – There is a proposal to chop down the trees to hedge level as many are dead and dying. Allen Scott received a quote from Alexander Talbot to carry out the work for £550. Councillor Ashbridge is going to ask Ashley Garrod to quote too.

8.2 Lower Wood - Ash die back has been witnessed in Lower Wood, The Woodland Trust management plan needs to be consulted on this.

9. Playground – Councillor Jackson was absent from the meeting, so will update on the slide maintenance at Church End at the next meeting. Councillor Hubbard has dealt with all the maintenance concerns at the Recreation Ground.

10. Finance

10.1 Payments since last meeting

Date	Chq. No.	Payee	Item	Amount
14.07.18	716	Simon Ratford	Grass Cutting	£375
14.07.18	717	Jessica Ashbridge	Expenses - diesel	£32.40
14.07.18	718	CAPALC *	Finance for Clerks Course	£75
14.07.18	719	Jessica Ashbridge	Clerk's wages for course	£60

10.2 Payments agreed at the meeting

Payee	Item	Amount
Simon Ratford	Grass Cutting	£ 375
T. J. Potter	Verge Cutting	£ TBC
PWLB	Loan	£1,143

*Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils

Councillor Vidler proposed the above payments. Councillor Ashbridge seconded this. All voted in agreement.

10.3 Account balance - **£13,908.81** on the 26th July 2018.

10.4 Mandates to be signed for bank signatories – Signed by Councillor Pagonis, and Councillor Ashbridge. Councillor Jackson will sign and return his mandate to Councillor Vidler on his return.

10.5 Mandates to be signed for the RAF Wrattling Common Memorial Charity – signed.

10.6 Reading Room car park transfer document to be signed – document to be signed by Councillor Vidler and the Clerk in the presence of Rhodri Rees on Friday 14th September. Rhodri is happy to discuss with the Six Mile Bottom estate taking ownership of the strip of land and the stream at the back of the car park for no additional fees. In 12 years it will be possible to apply for absolute ownership. Clerk to establish a terrier for Parish Council land ownership.

11. Matters for the next agenda

11.1 Post box

11.2 Trees by Reading Room carpark

Date of Next full Meeting:

- **5th September 2018**

Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2018:

Full Council	<u>12th November</u>
Planning meetings (if required)	<u>1st October</u>
	<u>3rd December</u>

The meeting closed at 9.01pm

Jessica Ashbridge
Parish Clerk

Signed Ray Vidler
12.11.18

Report for Parish Councils – September 2018

County Councillor Henry Batchelor

District Councillor Geoff Harvey

A1307

The next meeting of the Local Liaison Forum will be September 12th at 6pm in Sawston Village College. This is to outline the next steps for the Greater Cambridge Partnership's funding to make upgrades to the road.

On a related note, the stretch of the A1307 from Haverhill past Horseheath is being resurfaced between September 17th and October 7th. The road won't be closed but there will be a slow 10pmh convoy in place to get the traffic through, so expect delays if you travel this route.

Local Plan

We actually have some progress to report this month. South Cambs has the Inspector's report on the SCDC Local Plan submission and is preparing to publish this on Monday September 3rd. Following this we need to look at a work plan for moving this forward, most likely it will be brought to the next full council meeting at South Cambs, in September.

Business Support

South Cambs are still offering free business support sessions to people that either currently run their own small business or are thinking about starting one up. The sessions are run by NWES, an external non-profit company. More details can be found at - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/latest-news-workshops-events-support-awards-funding-and-grants/>

GCSE Results

Well done to Linton Village College for recording another excellent set of GCSE results with 74% of students achieving 5 GCSE's at Grade 4 or above. 20% of students achieved Grade 7 or above, that is equivalent to the old A and A* the grades changed to numbers this year. It is now more difficult to get a pass as the new pass grade is 4 which is the equivalent of a C. The old pass was a D.

Combined Authority

The Authority is in some disarray with the unexpected departure of the Chief Executive and the surprise appointment of a (now ex) County Councillor as a full time Director. This was relatively well publicised in the local media.

The Government has had to step in to tell the Combined Authority and the Greater Cambridge Partnership to get their acts together and start working together. There have been disputes over who is responsible for road transport improvements. Some large projects have been halted at the insistence of the Mayor. We hope this will not affect the plans for the improvements to the A1307 though our area.