

# Weston Colville Parish Council

Chairman: Ray Vidler

## Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Weston Colville.

Present: Ray Vidler (Chairman), Bridget Durham (Vice Chair), Ian Ashbridge, John Garrod, James Hubbard, Matt Jackson.

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

Parishioners in attendance: 2

The chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

- 1. Apologies** - were received from Constantine Pagonis.
- 2. Minutes** – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 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 Henry Batchelor and County Councillor Geoff Harvey delivered their reports (appended). The planning department has recruited new staff. Sand bags are available for delivery on a pallet from the council, if there is somewhere to store them. A discussion was held on litter picking, as South Cambs can assist if required. It was suggested that most of the village was covered, but the Six Mile Bottom Road does not have any volunteers, as it is dangerous. Clerk to contact to arrange this.
- 5. Parishioners' Question Time** – A parishioner asked two questions of the Council:  
**Why are there no dog waste bins at the Church End of the village, as there are three in Weston Green?**  
The response was that they had not been requested. Clerk to request two from South Cambs District Council – sited by the gate to the playground, and on the footpath by the Anglia Water Pumping Station.  
**Are the green bins only emptied monthly?**  
The council advised that they are emptied monthly during the winter months, December, January and February, and fortnightly for the rest of the year.

## 6. Planning

### 6.1 Planning to be discussed and voted by Parish Council –

Reference	Address	Proposal	Status
S/3613/18/FL	Linnet Hall Barn, Road to Linnet Hall, Weston Colville, CB21 5PF	Conversion of barn to dwelling	Out for consultation

Councillor Durham objected to the application. All other councillors voted for no recommendation.

S/3921/18/FL	Coach House, Weston Green Barn, Common Road, Weston Colville, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB21 5NS	Single storey front and side extensions, 3no. new conservation rooflights, new stainless steel flue	Out for Consultation
S/3922/18/LB Listed Building Consent	Coach House, Weston Green Barn, Common Road, Weston Colville, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB21 5NS	Single storey front and side extensions, 3no. new conservation rooflights, new stainless steel flue	Out for Consultation

All voted in favour of these applications.

### 6.2 Status of planning applications with the District Council.

Reference	Address	Proposal	Status
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.	Approved

**6.3 Weston Woods** –to discuss potential changes to farmyard prior to planning being sought. Councillors Vidler, Durham, and Garrod to attend a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, and report back to the council.

## 7. Matters in hand/ Arising since last meeting

**7.1 Website update** – No update as Councillor Pagonis was absent.

**7.2 Road Drain clearance and repair update** – No updates. Councillor Batchelor is going to chase higher up in the Highways Department, as there has been no progress. Jetting has been carried out, but some of the drains have collapsed. A full survey was carried out last year on the drains. The Waterboard have made repairs to a leak opposite the church.

**7.3 Speed Indicator Device (SID) update** – The SID have been situated on Mill Hill and at the far end of Common Road. Over 50% of cars have been recorded travelling over 35mph. Councillor Jackson has acquired information about the price of chicanes from Cambridgeshire County Council of between £6,000 - £12,000. There is potential to use the SID more frequently, as other villages in the scheme are choosing to buy their own devices, freeing up availability. Councillor Hubbard will present a report at the next meeting, and preparations can be made to submit for a grant for speed calming in July 2019.

**7.4 Footpaths and Rights of Way** – Bridge over Stour Footpath 19 - A proposal has been made by Cambridgeshire County Council Highways to fit steel girders with a wooden footbridge on top, over engineering the bridge when others in the village that cover longer stretches, and made of wood alone. Councillor Durham is awaiting an update from Gareth Guest from Highways. The cost will be split between the CCC Highways department and the landowners.

**7.5 Tree Warden** – Proposal for Councillor Garrod to become a tree warden, **Councillor Durham proposed, Councillor Vidler seconded.** Training is to take place at the end of November, Councillor Garrod will report back at the next meeting. The Woodland Trust has funds available for trees to be planted.

**7.6 Post Box** – Councillor Ashbridge has been chasing Royal Mail. Originally they advised the post box would be reinstated by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Awaiting a further update from them.

**7.7 Phone Box** – Councillor Jackson has investigated the phone box at Church End, it is no longer owned by BT, a charity called Community Heart Beat own it; they fit defibrillators in to redundant phone boxes. The charity are happy to work with the Parish Council, and provide free paint for it to be tidied up.

**8. Matters for the Council to discuss/vote on**

**8.1 Trees by the Reading Room Car Park** – A quote was received from Ashley Garrod for £1100 to remove the large sycamore in the corner of the car park, remove the two ash trees, trim the hedge, and to trim a small beech tree to hedge level. Alexander Talbot's quote involved certain trees on the Cricket Green and the ash trees in the car park, as it was not broken down it was discounted. A discussion occurred involved the totality of Ashley Garrod's quote, Councillor Ashbridge was the only one in favour of this. The quote was then broken down in to components for voting. Removing the sycamore - Councillor Ashbridge was the only one in favour of this. The ash trees removal – Councillors Vidler, Jackson, Hubbard and Ashbridge in favour, Councillors Durham and Garrod against. Trimming the hedge – all in favour, and trimming the beech tree to hedge level – none in favour. Councillor Ashbridge to return to Ashley Garrod for a new quote, and to go ahead with the works providing it is under £1000. **Councillor Vidler proposed, Councillor Ashbridge seconded, all voted in favour** for the ash trees to be removed and the hedge trimmed.

**8.2 Tenders for Grass Cutting for 2019** – Councillor Garrod to attain three quotes to be discussed at the next meeting.

**8.3 Dates for Council Meetings 2019** – 7<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> July, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> November. Planning if required to fall on the first Monday in between months. All in favour.

**8.4 Combined Parishes Meeting Update – Icknield Way** – Councillors Jackson and Hubbard attended the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October. A discussion was held regarding the Icknield Way and the proposal to gate it, thus restricting it as a byway. South Cambs has responsibility for it, and will be starting a consultation process by the end of November, which will be for 12 weeks, so it will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**9. Playground** – Councillor Jackson is awaiting delivery of chains to add an additional safety feature to the basket swing, as was highlighted in the ROSPA report. Councillor Hubbard has repaired the fence at the Cricket Green playground. Strimming around the posts and pillars is still occurring, Councillor Garrod to discuss with Simon Ratford to reduce this.

**10. Finance**

**10.1 Payments since last meeting**

Date	Chq. No.	Payee	Item	Amount
21.09.18	720	CAPALC*	GDPR Course	£70
21.09.18	722	CAPALC*	GDPR Officer	£25
21.09.18	726	Simon Ratford	Grass Cutting	£375
02.11.18	723	Simon Ratford	Grass Cutting	£375

**10.2 Payments agreed at the meeting**

Payee	Item	Amount
Simon Ratford	Grass Cutting	£ 375
T. J. Potter	Verge Cutting	£ TBC
Cricket Club	Contribution to Grass Cutting	£250
Jessica Ashbridge	Clerk's expenses - postage	£2.50

\*Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils

**Proposed by Councillor Vider seconded by Councillor Garrod, all in favour.**

**10.3 Account balance - £15,868.59** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018.

**10.4 Update on Mandates for bank signatories** – Awaiting the form from Councillor Pagonis.

**10.5 Reading Room car park transfer update**– No update, Rhodri Rees has sent the completed documents in to Cambridgeshire County Council. Clerk to chase.

**10.6 Precept Consultation** – Precept to be increased by 3% in line with inflation in 2019. It was not raised in 2018. **Councillor Vidler proposed, Councillor Ashbridge seconded**, all in favour.

**11. Matters for the next agenda**

- 11.1 Emergency plan
- 11.2 Footpath 19 bridge
- 11.3 Grass cutting tenders
- 11.4 Website

**Date of Next full Meeting:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2019:**

<b><u>Full Council</u></b>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> November</u>
<b><u>Planning meetings (if required)</u></b>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018</u>
	<u>4<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</u>

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm

Jessica Ashbridge  
Parish Clerk

Signed..... 07.01.19  
Councillor Ray Vidler

## **Report for Parish Councils – November 2018**

### **District Councillor Henry Batchelor County Councillor Geoff Harvey**

#### **A1307**

We need some action on this now, the money from government will be taken away unless some work is started. For this to not happen, we need shovels in the ground this financial year. We have been promised a prioritised bus lane going into Linton on the dual carriageway, more bicycle racks at the Babraham P&R and 'smart' traffic lights at LVC.

#### **Local Plan**

Whilst we now have adopted the current local plan, work on the next one isn't very far away. The parish input section will likely be early summer. This will include SHLAA assessments, so areas allocated for development, so maybe get a head-start in identifying areas for this.

#### **Athletic Referrals**

Active & Healthy 4 Life is South Camb's exercise referral scheme for residents with medical conditions. It operates from sports centres across the District and is a 12-week personalised fitness programme, which is drawn up by supervised trainers.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/community/health/exercise-referral-active-healthy-4-life-scheme/>

#### **Emergency Plans**

The District Council is looking to update its Emergency Plan in case of any unforeseen disasters in the District. For this they do need the support of local knowledge, mainly in the form of Parish Councils. You should have had a request recently from SCDC asking for input into the Emergency Plan. For example, if you anyone in the village that has a chainsaw or a tractor and would be willing to assist moving fallen trees if they are blocking the road for an ambulance, that information will be extremely welcomed by SCDC. Also, for those villages that regularly flood, SCDC does have a small stock of sandbags and would consider storing some locally, if there was a secure location the village could provide. If this is the case, do let us know.

#### **Universal Credit**

This month saw the introduction of Universal Credit in South Cambridgeshire and SCDC has been working hard for quite some months to try to smooth effects of the introduction on residents. We urge that any residents that feel they are not coping, particularly council housing tenants worried about getting into rent arrears should contact SCDC at the earliest opportunity rather than letting problems build up.

#### **The Pear & Olive**

The pub in Hildersham has, after many years of non-operation, re-opened. Albeit in the slightly different guise of a gastro-pub, with the emphasis on the food rather than the drinking. It's another local pub that does need all of the support it can get, so please do go there and back them by using it, nobody wants to see the place close again.

(The Pear Tree's original listing as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) expired recently, after five years, but re-nomination has been accepted and it is now back on the list of ACVs)