

Weston Colville Parish Council

Chairman: Ray Vidler

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Weston Colville

Present: Ray Vidler (Chairman), Bridget Durham, Constantine Pagonis, Ian Ashbridge, John Garrod, Matt Jackson, and Jessica Ashbridge (Clerk)
In Attendance: County Councillor Henry Batchelor.
District Councillor Geoff Harvey

The chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting

1. **To accept apologies and reasons for absence-** Cllr Hubbard

2. **To approve minutes-**

For the Parish council meeting on Monday 1st July 2019 and the Planning meeting on Monday 5th August 2019. **P: Cllr Durham, S: Cllr Garrod, All in favour**

3. **To make any declarations of interest – None**

4. **District and County Council reports and items of interest – Report appended.** Cllr Batchelor and Cllr Harvey delivered the report. They also discussed the following issues: - Concerning the drainage at Church End for which funds have been allocated for this financial year Cllr Batchelor said he would try to determine what was planned. It was agreed that no progress had been made with footpath 19 due to the reluctance of the owners to spend any money. It was agreed that Cllr Durham would raise the need for repair including pictures of the damaged bridge on the county highways repair website.

Cllr Harvey mentioned that the new ice rink was open and the council keen to maximise its use

It was agreed that details of the street lighting cooperative would be forwarded to the Chairman by Cllr Batchelor if he could find out the information

5. **Parishioners' Question Time – None**

6. **Planning**

6.1 Planning to be discussed and voted by Parish Council.

Reference	Address	Application	Decision
S/2783/19/FL	Weston Woods Farm, Common Road, Weston Colville, CB21 5NR	Agricultural sprayer wash down and cover building	5 in favour with no comments

6.2 Status of planning applications with District Council

Reference	Address	Application	Decision
S/0823/19/FL	Change of use of agricultural buildings to B1 and change of use of former silage clamp to outside storage of landscaping products	Weston Woods Farm, Common Road, Weston Colville, Cambridgeshire, CB21 5NR	Approved
S/0691/19/FL	Weston Woods Farm, Common Road, Weston Colville, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB21 5NR	Replacement/New Farm Buildings and drainage attenuation within existing farmstead	Approved
S/1514/19/FL	Mines Park, Chapel Road, Weston Colville, Cambridge, CB21 5NX	Re-submission of S/1311/16/FL for the erection of a country house, two staff dwellings, and barn, together with parkland, associated site works, and excavation of lake and pond	Awaiting Decision

S/1060/19/FL	Jubilee Farm, Chapel Road, Weston Colville, Cambridge, CB21 5NX	Single storey side extension and 2 Storey rear extension	Approved
S/1864/19/FL	Linnet Hall Barn, Road to Linnet Hall, Weston Colville, Cambridge, CB21 5PF	Erection of a triple car port and storage room following approval of S/4655/18/PA	Approved
S/2384/19/FL	14 Church End, Weston Colville, CB21 5PE	Erection of a single garage in the driveway	Approved
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.	Awaiting decision

6.3 To discuss any applications received up to 3pm on the day of the meeting. None.

7. Matters In hand / Arising since last meeting

7.1 Website update – Cllr Pagonis reported that a parishioner is preparing photos for the website and that the Clerk had sent him all the relevant council documents that need to be uploaded onto the new website. He further reported that he plans to circulate details of the new website to all councillors and the clerk prior to the November meeting so we can approve it for use at that meeting and make it live. Cllr Pagonis is also looking at the provision of parish council email addresses for all councillors through Microsoft which he hopes will be free. He will report back on this by the next meeting.

7.2 Car Park transfer from SCDC to WCPC – The council agree to pay a further payment of £500 to SCDC to complete this transfer provided it was fully completed by the end of 2019. **P: Cllr Pagonis, S: Cllr Durham, All in favour.**

7.3 SID update – None given at the meeting, but a request was made that Cllr Hubbard circulate a copy of or LHI application to all councillors.

7.4 Footpaths Update – Cllr Durham has discussed the diversion with the owners, but they seem unprepared to progress this due to cost. As a result, as previously mentioned Cllr Durham will log photos of the damaged bridge for footpath 19 on the County highways website with a request for repair and see what response they give. Cllr Durham also reported that all other parish footpaths were in good repair.

7.5 Highways Update – Still no progress on sorting out the drainage at Church End, which is in this year's Highways budget, so progress is expected before April 2020.

The closure of Mill Hill and Common Road is still scheduled for the 9th of September until the 4th of October to allow culvert repairs. Currently both jobs are planned to be concurrent.

A quote is still awaited from the Trevor Potter for a full cut of the roadside verges – Cllr Garrod is to obtain this for the November meeting.

It was requested that a letter is sent from the council asking the relevant landowners to trim their roadside hedges – Cllr Garrod to identify to whom the letter should be sent.

7.6 Street lights – Cllr Vidler reported that he was awaiting several quotes for street lighting which he would circulate to all councillors. If none proved competitive he would wait for details any parish council cooperatives and delay any move away from the county council unless power networks insist on a change.

8. Matters for the council to discuss / vote on

8.1 Gritting Scheme – The council agreed unanimously that we did not want to be part of this.

8.2 Suffolk Accident Service – The council agreed unanimously that there were insufficient funds to contribute to this service.

Report for Parish Councils – September 2019

by Henry Batchelor and Geoff Harvey

A1307

The next upgrades of the A1307 improvements are beginning this month. The new bus lane leading into Linton from Dalehead Foods is commencing on September 16th and running until early December. Whilst the work is happening the left-hand lane will be closed and the right-hand lane will have a 40mph reduction in place, this could cause some delays, so plan ahead. The works will also include the upgrading of the foot/cycle path running alongside the road, some surfacing on the central reservation and the permanent altering of the speed limits to 40 and 50mph respectively.

There is also a briefing on the forthcoming consultations relating to the A1307 scheduled for Wednesday 11th. It's by invite only, so isn't a public meeting.

Household Details

South Cambs has to annually ask people for their updated household details (should there be any changes), they do this via letter. The council is urging people to pre-emptively respond online to this, so they don't have to send out a paper letter, which carries a cost, both financial and environmental. If possible do urge those who haven't responded to do so online here <https://www.householdresponse.com/Home/Welcome>

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.

Ice Rink

As previously reported the ice rink in Cambridge, next to the Newmarket Road Park & Ride site, was built using a loan from various parties, including the District Council. The work is now complete, and the ice rink opened to the public over the August bank holiday weekend. Do use it, as the District Council would like their loan repaid ASAP! Tickets can be booked here -

<https://better.legendonlineservices.co.uk/enterprise/onlineticketing/browse>

Zero Carbon Grant

As previously reported, SCDC has a new grant with £91,000 available for community groups to bid into. Grants are between £1,000 and £5,000 per group. Full criteria on what can be bid for can be seen here -

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/bid-now-for-cash-to-spend-on-zero-carbon-community-projects/>

New Council Houses

South Cambs bought 144 new houses last month, 81 at Northstowe and 63 in Sawston. The money for this came as a 'reward' from central government, generated from the new homes bonus and right to buy receipts. Good news as the council's target is to acquire 70 new homes each year.

Brexit

Hate to say the 'B' word, but the leaving the EU is looking ever more likely and businesses and people in our area do need to prepare for it. The Chamber of Commerce has a Brexit Hub on its website which is updated daily and is very useful. The Combined Authority will be running a series of meetings, through its subsidiary body 'Signpost2grow', called Brexit Basics. Businesses in our area should be encouraged to engage with this, to ensure they are prepared, should we leave the EU.

It will affect some of our 'ports' too. As Cambridge and Duxford airports are classed as such, following Brexit each will have to be manned by a Brexit Officer, who has to check food coming into the country, which is not permitted by our laws. This officer cost will be charged to the taxpayer.

Finally, if an EU citizen hasn't applied for Settled Status yet, do encourage them to do this now. Info can be found on government websites, and soon will be on the District Councils website too.

GCSE Results

Well done to Linton Village College who have kept up their high standards in this year's GCSE's with 76% of students achieving grade 4 or better, with English and Maths, and 53% getting grade 5 and above. This is a significant improvement on last year's results.

School Places

Parents applying for primary and secondary school places for their children now have slightly longer to do so, as the County have extended the window. The applications will open, as usual, on September 12th but will run until October 31st for secondary and January 15th for primary.

Overnight Support

The county council will be running some session in September for how best to offer overnight support to children with disabilities. This is currently mainly provided outside of the child's family home in residential services or with foster carers. The next closest consultation event is in Orchard Park on September 17th between 10am – 1pm.

If you are interested in attending the officer running this is Siobhan Macbean – Siobhan.macbean@cambridgeshire.gov.uk – 01223 699041