

# Weston Colville Parish Council

Chairman: Ray Vidler

## Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 01<sup>st</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Weston Colville

Present: Ray Vidler (Chairman), Bridget Durham, James Hubbard, Constantine Pagonis, Ian Ashbridge, John Garrod, Jessica Ashbridge (Clerk).  
In Attendance: County Councillor Henry Batchelor.

The chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm  
2 Parishioners were in attendance

### Parish Council Meeting

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

2. **To approve minutes-**

For the Parish council meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and the Extraordinary Meeting minutes on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019. **P: Cllr Ashbridge, S: Cllr Garrod, All in fav**

3. **To make any declarations of interest** – Cllr Ashbridge declared a pecuniary interest in 10.1.

4. **District and County Council reports and items of interest** – Report appended. Cllr Batchelor delivered both reports, but first took questions concerning the drainage at Church End – funds have been allocated for this financial year. The Reading Room Car Park transfer progress seemed to have stalled, and an invoice received for the annual rent, Cllr Batchelor to determine what is occurring. He was also asked about the footpath 19 diversion, Cllr Durham to revert to the owners who were not keen on paying for the costs of the diversion, and Cllr Batchelor to enquire with the Footpaths Officer.

It was reported that the initial closing bids for the Local Highways Panel were occurring at the beginning of August. The Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership, Whittlesford Parkway Consultation to improve parking was in progress, and the Combined Authority Draft Transport Plan Consultation was running until the end of September. As part of the Local Plan, land owners have been given the opportunity to offer land for development, but it will be uncertain where until the list is published.

5. **Parishioners' Question Time** – A Parishioner complained that nothing had been done about the drainage in Church End, and during recent heavy rains the area had flooded. Cllr Vidler responded that the matter had been raised repeatedly with Nicola Burden at Highways via Cllr Batchelor, and it would be raised again at the Parish Forum.

A Parishioner complained about dog fouling on footpaths, despite the addition of two dog/general waste bins at Church End it was still a problem, also affecting the rest of the village. The response was that reporting it was very difficult, and despite articles in the Challenge the same perpetrators allow it to happen. The Council agreed it was very frustrating.

The Parishioners left the meeting.

### 6. Planning

6.1 Planning to be discussed and voted by Parish Council.

Reference	Address	Application	Decision
bS/1864/19/FL	Linnet Hall Barn, Road to Linnet Hall, Weston Colville, Cambridgeshire, CB21 5PF	Erection of a triple car port and storage room following approval of S/4655/18/PA	5 in favour of 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	Awaiting decision
S/0691/19/FL	Weston Woods Farm, Common Road, Weston	Replacement/New Farm Buildings and drainage	Awaiting decision

	Colville, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB21 5NR	attenuation within existing farmstead	
<b>S/1514/19/FL</b>	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
<b>S/1060/19/FL</b>	Jubilee Farm, Chapel Road, Weston Colville, Cambridge, CB21 5NX	Single storey side extension and 2 storey rear extension – amended.	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 – The website is ready, but content is required. Cllr Pagonis would like to photos of the village, a history section, and short blurb about the village. Following a discussion, several Parishioners were suggested that could assist with these sections. The Clerk raised concerns about it being more of a village than a PC website, for transparency and potential GDPR reasons. It was determined that she should seek advice from CAPALC. The Clerk to send over past minutes and policies to Cllr Pagonis. The AGAR 18/19 was added to CAPALC's website, as SCDC could not accommodate the request. It was noted that Weston Colville was the only exempt Council to approach both organisations.

**7.2** Car Park transfer from SCDC to WCPC update – no update, Cllr Batchelor to chase.

**7.3** SID update – Cllrs Vidler and Hubbard met with Josh Rutherford the Highways Inspector for the LHP. Various traffic calming measures were discussed and ruled out – chicanes and speed humps required additional street lighting, so the suggestion was to apply for passive measures such as roundels in the road displaying 30 – up to 10 could be added, or gates at the entrances to the village, although this would be more costly. It was noted that there were not enough 30 repeater signs and many were obscured – to be cut back. It was proposed that Cllr Hubbard apply for passive measures for the initial consultation, which closes in August. **P: Cllr Ashbridge, S: Cllr Garrod, All in fav.**

**7.4** Footpaths Update – Cllr Durham to discuss the diversion with the owners, and Cllr Batchelor to enquire for an update from the Footpaths Officer.

**7.5** Highways Update – Information had been received that costings would need to be determined regarding the broken man-hole cover at Church End. Awaiting an update about timings for the road closure for the culvert by the Reading Room, but an initial consultation had begun. There were concerns about the school buses being affected. Verge cutting was also discussed, there were concerns that some hedges were encroaching and reducing visibility, and also the corners of Common Road, visibility was impaired by long grass. It was proposed that Cllr Garrod would enquire who the land owners were and to approach them requesting the hedges were trimmed back well in winter, and that Mr. Potter was approached to determine the cost of cutting all of the verges back to the hedge line for the last cut of the season, and the corners of Common Road, rather than the 1m strip he is currently contracted to do. **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Hubbard, All in fav.**

## **8. Matters for the council to discuss / vote on**

**8.1** Parish Plan Review – The last Parish Plan was produced in 2015, with a questionnaire being issued in 2014. Most items were resolved, or were beyond the Council's control. There have been new Parishioners in the Village, it was determined to delay reviewing until March 2020, and to advertise the APM to encourage Parishioners to attend and comment with the changes they would like.

## **9. Playground**

**9.1** The fencing has been repaired at the Recreation Ground, Cllr Hubbard to discuss other refurbishments with Cllr Jackson.

Cllr Hubbard left the meeting.

## 10. Finance

**10.1** Standing Order change to £182.88 for the Clerk's Wages. Pay to be backdated to April. **P: Cllr Pagonis, S: Cllr Garrod, Abstain 1 4 in fav.**

**10.2** Payments since last meeting

Date	Chq No	Payee	Item	Amount
06.06.19	742	Simon Ratford	Grass Cutting	£300

Payment Received £456.75 – contribution for grass cutting from Cambridgeshire County Council.

**10.3** Payments to be agreed **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Pagonis All in fav**

Date	Chq no	Payee	Item	Amount
01.07.19	743	J. Ashbridge	Backdated Pay	£8.64
01.07.19	744	South Cambs District Council	Rent for the Reading Room Car Park	£10

**10.4** Account balances - £13,339.06

**10.5** Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance and Accountability Return for Exempt Councils – dates of publication 1<sup>st</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Permission to continue beyond 9.30 granted.

## 11. Matters for next Agenda

LHP

Reading Room Car Park Transfer

Playground

Website

Cllr Ashbridge to attend the Local Plan meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**Date of Next Meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 - Planning Meeting**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 – Parish Council Meeting**

**Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2019 are:** Full Council 2/9, 4/11  
Planning (if required) 5/8, 7/10, 2/12

## **District and County Council Report for Parish Councils – July 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 in the process as the changes to the road will be here to stay.

[https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambridge\\_south\\_east/cambridge-south-east-llf/](https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambridge_south_east/cambridge-south-east-llf/)

### **CEO**

The District Council have been without a permanent Chief Executive for the last few months and the recruitment process for a new head of the Council has been running for the last 6 weeks and we are pleased to announce that Liz Watts has been offered, and accepted, the role. She has over 20 years' experience in public and not-for-profit sectors. One of her targets is to increase officer responsiveness, which is fully welcomed by all I'm sure.

### **Police Stations**

The Police and Crime commissioner has been inviting local people to come and hear his plans for a new police station to serve the south of Cambridgeshire located on the outskirts of Milton which provides the best location to meet operational demand. Where we are located the Sawston station will still 'serve' us.

### **Rail Services**

The message from GTR is not to travel on trains between July 13-14 and August Bank Holiday weekend. The tracks between Cambridge and King's Cross need untangling so they envisage lots of bus replacement services.

### **Planning**

The planning department at the District Council is currently running at a high vacancy rate. There is a national shortage of planners, much is being done to recruit more but it's meant that some applications have failed to meet target deadlines and that planning officers haven't been able to come out to site as often as they would like.

### **Green Initiatives**

SCDC and the City Council are investigating the cost of switching its fleet of bin lorries to electric powered version. The current fleet of 50 bin lorries and 18 street sweepers cost around £46,000 each month to refuel. The cost of changing to electric powered vehicles is high and the two councils are looking into how best this might be achieved.

SCDC are also putting moves in place to go paperless, which should be actioned later this year.

SCDC has also pledged to generate 25% of its income from investments by the end of 2022.