

STETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 7.30 pm, The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

Present: Cllr Whymer (Chairman), Cllrs Bell, Breen, Saunders and Taylor. Also present District Councillor Morris and Y Rix (Clerk).

- 151215/001 **To receive and approve apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs France and Puddick
- 151215/002 **To receive declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interests
- 151215/003 **Open Forum**
No matters were raised during the Open Forum
- 151215/004 **The Ellesmere Centre**
004.1 Ellesmere Centre Report
Cllr Whymer reported that some repairs at the Centre have recently been carried out by Roy Swain. A Christmas Party is to be held on Thursday which will be attended by the over 60's and the young children of the village.
- 151215/005 **To approve the Minutes of 17th November 2015**
The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2015 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.
- 151215/006 **Matters arising**
Cllr Whymer informed Council that Cambridge Courts have offered to pay for the plastic capping to go over the top of the wooden fence panels on the MUGA. Quotations now need to be obtained for the supply and fitting of the replacement panels.
The Clerk reported that she had submitted further photos of the war memorial to the War Memorial Trust so that they could consider if the Parish Council would be eligible to apply for a grant. Due to the amount of applications, the expected time for a response is between 8 and 10 weeks.
The gate has now been repaired at the play area. The hedge along Tea Kettle Lane on the approach to the School has not yet been cut back. The drain has been cleared on the High Street as you leave the village. There has also been an issue with a drain in Church Lane, but this looks to have also been cleared.
- 151215/007 **County and District Councillor Reports**
No reports were presented at this stage of the meeting.
- 151215/008 **Finance**
008.1 Payments
The following payments were approved for payment:

Y Rix Salary £275.00 DDR
Y Rix Expenses £120.36
The Ellesmere Centre Room Hire £25.00 (November)
Proposed Cllr Whymer Seconded Cllr Bell
- 008.2 Receipts
No payments had been received.
- 151215/009 **Planning**
009.1 To receive Planning Application decisions:
There were no Planning Application decisions to note.
009.2 To consider recent Planning Applications:
There were no Planning Applications to consider.
- 151215/010 **Correspondence**
010.1 Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of East Cambridgeshire – Draft Recommendations
Council noted the Draft Recommendations for the Electoral Review of East Cambridgeshire. The recommendation is for amendments to the Woodditton and Cheveley Wards to form one Ward which will be represented by two District Councillors.
010.2 ECDC Street Trading - Policy Review
Council noted that a Policy Review of Street Trading is being carried out by the District Council.

010.3 ECDC Litter Bins

ECDC is intending to number all District Council owned litter bins in the district and has asked Parishes Councils to confirm the location of all bins within the parish. The Clerk was informed that the bins should all be listed within the Asset Maintenance Check List.

Cllr Whymer informed Council that there were several incidents of fly tipping that she intended to report. There were also two full bins, which she has already reported and have now been emptied.

010.4 CCC Voluntary Transport

Council noted information received from the County Council on Voluntary Transport for the area.

151215/011 **Other Business**

Cllr Whymer informed Council that she had met with the Tree Officer from ECDC to look at the trees in the closed churchyard. One tree needs further investigation by a tree surgeon. Others need the ivy removed. Whilst on site the Tree Officer highlighted a tree on Mr Gredley's land which was in need of attention. Cllr Whymer agreed to make Mr Gredley aware.

Cllr Whymer continued by reporting that she had completed the Asset Maintenance Check. The Clerk agreed to report some street lights which require attention. The litter bin outside Jubilee Court is rusty and needs replacing. The old boot cleaner at the Ellesmere Centre is a hazard but is difficult to remove. The wet pour surface by the multi-purpose wooden goal has two holes in it and is breaking up in other parts of the surface. Council will need to consider having this repaired in the spring. There is only one old concrete style street light left in the village and this is situated outside 12 Coopers Close.

The Clerk has contacted two contractors, both who are willing to provide a quotation for the QEII Playing Field flint plinth. The Clerk to send details of the design to the contractors.

District Councillor Morris arrived at 8.09 pm and gave his report. East Cambridgeshire has increased its level of recycling massively and is now 26th position out of over 300 Councils in the Country. Network Rail has delayed improvements to the Ely North Junction. However ECDC does not intend to let this put back proposal for the new station in Soham. David White and Mr Mahaffey intend to speak at the next Parish Forum on the 22nd February 2015. If dog fouling is witnessed, this should be reported to the District Council. ECDC will come out to areas where there are problems and will come out during out of office hours in order to carry out surveillance of the area.

Following the consultation on public toilets, ECDC has agreed not to implement charges and are looking at other ways to reduce the burden of the cost of the toilets on the District Council. District Councillor Morris informed Council that ECDC would have preferred to have seen Burrough Green grouped with the Woodditton Ward instead of being with the Bottisham Ward as recommend by the Local Government Boundary Commission. Cllr Whymer added that she felt that both Brinkley and Westley Waterless should have been included in the Woodditton Ward as well, as all have stronger links than with those in the Bottisham Ward. District Councillor Morris gave details of the meetings he had recently attended. Lucy Fraser MP now has a Constituency Office in Ely.

151215/012 **Risk Assessments -**

No item considered during the meeting required an additional risk assessment being carried out.

Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 19th January 2016.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed

Dated