

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Woodwalton Parish Council held on Wednesday 26th July 2017 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs P Peck (Chair), B Gilbert, L Lee and A Rodford		
In Attendance: L Ellis (Clerk), County Cllr T Rogers (from 7:40pm) & one resident		
Key: CCC = Cambridgeshire County Council HDC = Huntingdon District Council PC = Parish Council		
1	Chairman's Welcome	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	To receive apologies and reason for absence	None.
3	Member's declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests	None.
4	Public and press participation session with respect to items on the agenda	Mr Pinder reported to Council that he had been liaising with Cambridgeshire Highways attempting to obtain more accurate costings for the projects but that the estimate is about right. The Highways contract has been in a transitional period as it has been due for renewal and therefore some of the rates provided for the work are no longer valid. Skanska have been re-appointed but there is now a backlog of scheme cost requests which are being worked through. A degree of contingency will have been built in but there could be a cost increase.
5	To sign and approve minutes of meeting held on 31 st May 2017	To take the minutes as read and approve them as a true and accurate record. The minutes were then duly signed by the Chairman.
6	Matters arising from minutes	None.
7	To receive the resignation of C Bradley (Clerk) and to welcome the new Clerk	Council noted the resignation of the Clerk and welcomed Lorraine Ellis as her replacement.
8	Reports from Parish Councillors	None.
9	Reports from District and County Cllrs	<p>C.Cllr Rogers reported that he was the Vice Chairman of the Audit & Accounts Committee dealing with a budget of £880m. He is also a member of the Commercial & Investment Committee and the Pension Fund Committee. The 2016/17 audit had gone well however Children's Care was £2m in excess and Adult Social Care was £1m underspent.</p> <p>A review of Child Social Care is currently underway, information can be found at the Library in Ramsey.</p> <p>He reported that recently he was required to vote for a pay increase for C.Cllrs Following an independent review on pay for C.Cllrs which was found to be wrong, he reported that he was required to vote in favour of a pay rise. Cambridgeshire C.Cllrs are the lowest paid in the country and therefore an average was taken, the basic allowance being £8,600 with an annual increase of £250 for a period of 4 years.</p>

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		It was understood that D.Cllr Robin Howe had resigned as Leader of the Conservative Group but continues in his role as a D.Cllr. Graham Bull has been elected into the position.
10	Correspondence	<p>Correspondence duly noted.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed to contact Scott Parsons at CCC to discuss the new round of Local Highway Improvement Initiatives with a view to introducing a 20mph speed limit in Beville, deadline for stage one of the process is 30th September 2017.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the HDC consultation on the replacement of dog control orders with a public space protection notice. The consultation can be found at:- https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Hunts_DC_Dog_Control_PSPPO_Survey</p> <p>The HDC parking survey can be found at:- https://tinyurl.com/HDCCPark</p> <p>Council agreed that the Clerk should write to PCC Ablewhite objecting to his proposals to change the governance of the Fire and Rescue Service. It is believed that the 17 local C.Cllrs are better placed to connect with communities and develop their needs.</p>
11	Health & Safety	No issues raised.
12	Planning	None received.
13	<p>Financial report and payments to be made inc:-</p> <p>a) Payment of accounts <u>Expenditure:</u> £310.44 - Salaries (SO) Jun/Jul</p> <p>b) To note the reconciled bank account balance</p> <p>c) To approve the Clerk to be added as a signatory on the Parish Council bank accounts</p> <p>d) To confirm with the bank that Cllr Pinder has been removed as a signatory</p>	<p>All payments were unanimously approved and all associated documentation was initialled by two signatories.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>The Clerk updated Council on the bank account balances up to and including 5th June 2017.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>The Clerk to contact the Bank to confirm that Cllr Pinder has been removed as a signatory.</p>
14	Anglian Water offer to contribute towards the community as a record of thanks	<p>The Chairman reported that Anglian Water had written to the Council advising that they are wishing to make a monetary contribution towards a community based project in recompense for the patience and understanding of the community during the work undertaken by the construction team in the village.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Anglian Water to advise them that the Council has regular meetings with residents and that there are a number of projects that are in the planning stage, it would therefore be helpful to know what level of compensation they are proposing.</p>

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15	Report on the resident's meeting held on 15 th July to discuss various proposals for spending the solar gift money	<p>The Chairman reported that the residents' meeting had taken place and a number of projects were discussed, voting slips were completed and a count followed. Council further discussed the village sign and display board. It was agreed that £28,700 is to be spent on the projects using the solar gift money and a small percentage from the precept.</p> <p>The following projects were agreed to go forward:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Asbestos and floor survey at the village hall £2,000 ❖ Future village hall works subject to resident approval £14,000 ❖ LHI road safety improvements £7,200 ❖ Village sign £4,000 ❖ Village information display board £1,000 ❖ Waste bin at Green Lane Bridge £500, this will need to be emptied regularly at an annual cost of £252, funding for this will be via the precept.
16	Update on the Local Highways Improvement Initiative	<p>It was reported that Cambs Highways have recommended that the Council budgets £3,500 for the MVAS unit and posts, an exact figure is not yet available.</p> <p>Council approved the project by using the solar gift monies which has been agreed by residents. Highways to be notified that the project is to proceed. Mr Pinder agreed to take this forward and will liaise with C.Cllr Rogers who will speak to the relevant Officers.</p>
17	To consider the installation of a safety mirror to the lamppost at the Village Hall	It was noted that residents have requested the installation of a safety mirror to a lamppost. C.Cllr Rogers stated that there could be insurance implications if there were to be an accident. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should update the residents who had raised the matter and inform them that the Council are approaching the Highways team for their help and advice.
18	To discuss a tree issue	Council noted that an Oak tree on the green was overhanging a residential property. It was agreed that the Clerk should request Global Tree Solutions to provide the Council with an estimate for the work required to the tree.
19	ACRE's advice regarding parking on the memorial green	<p>The Clerk reported that ACRE had indicated that they were unable to provide legal services to help the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate other avenues for assistance.</p> <p>C.Cllr Rogers left the meeting at this juncture (9:12pm)</p>
20	To review assignment of Cllr responsibilities	It was agreed that this item should be deferred to the September meeting.
21	Review by Cllr Peck of the new Consolidated Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way	It was agreed that this item should be deferred to the September meeting.
22	Date and items to be raised at the next meeting	Wednesday 27 th September 2017
	Meeting closed	The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, the meeting then closed at 9:20pm

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