**Minutes of the Meeting of Conington Parish Council**

**held on 2 November 2021, Holme Village Hall 6.30pm**

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| Present: Cllrs Braid, Bennett & Buchanan, and the Clerk.  Members of the public: 2. | | |
|  | Chairman’s welcome | Cllr Braid (Vice Chairman) took the chair in the absence of Cllr Cooper, he welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting. |
|  | To receive apologies and reasons for absence | Cllr Cooper, Cllr Johnson, County Cllr Bywater and District Cllr Alban. |
|  | Members declaration of Pecuniary Interests | Cllr Braid re grass cutting. |
|  | Public and press participation session | Ms Joy Bradley attended on behalf of the company which had applied for planning permission to change the use of The Huntsman, Great North Rd, to a children’s home. She explained how the home would be used and run and outlined the status and care requirements of the children envisaged to be looked after there.  Mr. D Elmore, the owner of the neighbouring property also attended and voiced his concerns regarding the safety of children who may access his property, which is a working farm. Fuller notes attached to these minutes. The deadline for comment has passed and Councillors had no further comments to make to the Planning officers. |
|  | To sign and approve minutes dated 8 August 2021 | The minutes were unanimouslyapproved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by Vice Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Buchanan. |
|  | Matters Arising | 1. Speeding/Signage at road junction at entrance to Home Farm. Clerk has chased the PFHI application again and will continue to do so. Cllr Buchanan asked if a gateway could be put at the 30mph sign and Clerk to investigate with Highways. 2. Dyke Maintenance. This has been carried out and general flooding issues were discussed. 3. Trees still to be inspected (Cllrs Braid and Bennett) 4. Litter pick was successful and another to be held towards Easter 2022. Thanks to Cllr Bennett for her help. 5. Defibrillator – 2 approaches to Chorus had been made, with no response, Clerk to keep trying & enlist help of Cllr Alban. 6. Footpath Conington Lane – being resurfaced now. |
| 7. | Financial Matters | 1. Clerk wages (by Standing Order) August, Sept £143.60; Information Commissioner’s Office £35.00. 2. Churchyard grass cutting paid £714.00 and contribution towards this from All Saints PCC £297 received. 3. Budget for 2022-23 discussed and approved. 4. Precept set the same as previous years, £2650. Proposed by Cllr Braid, seconded by Cllr Buchanan. |
| 8. | Planning | 1. 21/01963/HHFUL – recommend approval 2. 21/01627/FUL – recommend approval 3. 21/02100/HHFUL – recommend approval 4. 21/01529/FUL (Change of use) - recommend refusal 5. Hedge along Conington Lane (new houses) has not been reinstated – Clerk to check and report to Enforcement if it should have been replanted. |
| 9. | Correspondence & Reports | 1. “Floodmobile” to visit St Ives on 13 November 2. Website issues in October meant that Council website was briefly down– now resolved by Clerk. |
| 10. | Community Events | 1. Bulb planting is in hand. 2. Queen’s Jubilee - Cllr Johnson and Cllr Bennett will discuss and report back to the Council at next meeting. 3. Queen’s Green Canopy -Planting of a Jubilee Tree, or each parishioner could be given a tree – Cllr Bennett and Clerk to gauge support. |
| 12. | Venue for next meeting | Holme Village Hall, Wednesday 9th February 2022, 6.30pm |
|  |  | Meeting closed at 8pm. |

Prepared by J Osborn, Clerk to the Council 3 November 2021.

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