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

**22 August 2022 - Holme Village Hall**

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| Present: Cllrs Cooper, Johnson, Braid, County Cllr Simon Bywater, District Councillor Tim Alban and the Clerk.  Members of the public: 0. | | |
|  | Chairman’s welcome | Cllr Cooper welcomed Councillors to the meeting. |
|  | To receive apologies and reasons for absence | Cllrs Bennett & Buchanan – work related absence |
|  | Members declaration of Interests | Cllr Braid re Items 8 and 10a. |
|  | Public and press participation session | No public attended. |
|  | District and County Councillor reports | County Councillor Simon Bywater and District Councillor Tim Alban reported to the Council. |
|  | To sign and approve minutes dated 16 May 2022 | The minutes were unanimouslyapproved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Cooper. |
|  | Matters Arising | 1. Speeding/Signage at road junction at entrance to Home Farm. Resolved to include in Local Highway Initiative bid. 2. Application for gateways at both ends of the village and solar powered SID(s) to be made under LHI scheme – Clerk to draw up application and circulate for examination by Councillors before submitting. 3. Speedwatch group – moving on, Clerk to find out from Speedwatch Co-ordinator in Holme who to contact at Cambs Police. 4. Landowner Ms Belcher is keen to have trees planted and has promised clearance in September. Discussed at length – difficulty of watering is an issue. Possible adoption of National Trust scheme. All to consider during next 3 months and make final decision next meeting. 5. Litter pick to be held Saturday 17 September at 10am. Cllr Cooper will organise. Clerk will publicise. 6. Defibrillator –Chorus have agreed a defibrillator can be installed at the flats. Clerk has contacted Gemma’s Hearts to see if they can provide one or assist. If not Clerk to research and apply for grant funding. |
| 8 | Churchyard | Meeting held with Vicar and it has been established that the closed churchyard is properly to be maintained by the Parish Council, this means that health and safety regulations must be observed. As a result Chairman and Clerk had checked the gravestones and marked the ones giving cause for concern. Cllr Braid will arrange for any unsafe ones to be laid down.  Interment of cremated remains can still take place in the Churchyard and the Church (PCC) contribute to the maintenance in that respect. PC Insurance does cover any liability arising from accidents etc. |
| 9 | Financial Matters | 1. Clerk wages May, June, July £145.91, Exps £6.89 and mileage £25.65   Chess ICT (website hosting) £79.81 (annual charge) by direct debit.  Jubilee expenses reimbursed £26.93 and £201.91  HDC election Exps £102.58  Insurance £190.97   1. Receipts £95 from *Friends of 457Th Bomb Group* – 50% of Insurance (for memorial). £178.50 raised at Jubilee event set aside for purchase of trees. 2. End of year Accounts – Exempt Authority Status has been accepted. 3. Clerk requested release of ringfenced *Transparency Fund* monies held for some years to buy laptop. £300 budget was agreed. Clerk to use own printer and charge for paper and ink ad hoc.   All the above proposed by Cllr Braid and seconded by Cllr Johnson. |
| 10 | Planning | 1. 21/01529/FUL (Change of use) – no news 2. 20/01768/LBC Gates (Appeal). Cllr Braid declared an interest. No news. 3. 21/01604/FUL- Barn- in progess |
| 11 | Correspondence & Reports | 1. Cllr Cooper has moved dog poo bin as discussed. 2. Report of Jubilee event – very successful, 3. Future event planned Pizza night? – Cllr Johnson 4. Future event Sat 15 July 2023 |
| 12. | Venue for next meeting | Monday 21 November at Holme Village Hall, 6pm. |

Prepared by J Osborn, Clerk to the Council 26 August 2022

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