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

**21 November 2022 - Holme Village Hall**

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| Present: Cllrs Cooper, Johnson, Braid, Bennett, District Councillor Tim Alban and the Clerk.Members of the public: 1. |
|  | Chairman’s welcome | Cllr Cooper welcomed Councillors to the meeting. |
|  | To receive apologies and reasons for absence | Cllr Buchanan – work related absence, County Cllr S Bywater. |
|  | Members declaration of Interests | Cllr Braid re items 8 and 10b. |
|  | Public and press participation session  | Mr Stretton, see item 6. |
|  | District and County Councillor reports  | County Councillor Simon Bywater had sent a report and District Councillor Tim Alban reported to the Council.  |
|  | Glatton Parish Council | Mr C Stretton, Chairman of Glatton Parish Council attended and gave a presentation about Glatton’s Neighbourhood Plan and then withdrew. |
|  | 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 Braid. |
|  | Matters Arising | 1. Bid for Gateways and 2 solar powered SIDs to be made under LHI scheme – Clerk to draw up application and circulate for examination by Councillors before submitting.
2. Speedwatch group – Clerk to put Chairman in contact with Speedwatch co-ordinator.
3. Trees. Discussed and decide to approach Ms Belcher re planting 3 x silver birch on her land, and to approach HDC re replacing the dead hawthorn on the green with a rowan. Any balance of funds to be directed to the National Forest. When agreement has been obtained, planting to go ahead straight away. All to water new trees as needed. Plaque to be considered later.
4. Christmas Litter Pick to be held Saturday 17 December at 10am. Cllr Cooper will organise. Clerk will publicise.
5. Defibrillator –*Gemma’s Hearts* have now offered a defibrillator and Clerk awaiting news on whether a cabinet can also be provided. Grants from Tesco/Groundwork and HDC Community Chest have been applied for. Clerk to contact Chorus to discuss installation.
6. Neighbourhood Plan (item 6) discussed. Councillors all agreed that attempting to change the Parish boundary would not be desirable, Clerk to advise Glatton PC. All to think about the feasibility of making a Neighbourhood Plan for Conington and discuss at next meeting.
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| 8 | Churchyard | Cllr Braid has arranged for unsafe gravestones to be laid down. He has also had the hedge trimmed. |
| 9 | Financial Matters | 1. Clerk wages August, Sept, Oct £145.91; SLCC £70.00; grass cutting £714.00; room hire £40.50; poppy wreath £30.00.
2. Clerk has applied for grant from SLCC to partly fund reference manual.
3. Receipts £297.50 from Church PCC re grass cutting.
4. Clerk has purchased ASUS laptop for £249.17 plus VAT.
5. Chairman’s/members’ allowances – these are not required. Clerk to report back to HDC.
6. New flags – these are in hand with 457th Bomb group
7. Contribution to grass cutting at memorial – Clerk to offer petrol money.
8. Budget – the budget drawn up was discussed and agreed. The precept to remain the same at £2650.

All the above proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Cooper, all in favour. |
|  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- still in progess
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| 11  | Correspondence & Reports | 1. Parishes Meeting – Cllr Alban covered this
2. HDC Parish Engagement – flood defence is the householder’s responsibility.
3. Event for Coronation – Cllr Johnson and Bennett to liaise and organise. Budget agreed £250.
4. Planning – Clerk to investigate work at 12 Conington Lane
5. Clerk advised that NALC new payscales had been issued backdated to 1 April. New rate is £14.75 ph.
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| 12. | Venue for next meeting  |  Tuesday 31 January at Holme Village Hall, 6pm.  |

Prepared by J Osborn, Clerk to the Council 24 November 2022

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