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

**31 January 2023 - Holme Village Hall**

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| Present: Cllrs Cooper, Braid, Bennett 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 | Cllr Buchanan, County Cllr S Bywater, District Cllr T Alban, Cllr Johnson. |
|  | Members declaration of Interests | Cllr Braid re item 10b. |
|  | Public and press participation session | No public attended |
|  | District and County Councillor reports | County Councillor Simon Bywater and District Councillor Tim Alban had sent reports. |
|  | To sign and approve minutes dated 21 November 2022 | The minutes were unanimouslyapproved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Braid. |
|  | Matters Arising | 1. Bid for Gateways and 2 solar powered SIDs had been made under LHI scheme. Awaiting contact. 2. Speedwatch group –Chairman has this in hand. 3. Trees. Ms Belcher has agreed to planting 3 x silver birch on her land, and HDC has agreed to replacing the dead hawthorn on the green with a rowan. Cllr Braid and Cllr Cooper have ordered trees and will sort out protective covers and stakes and proceed with planting. 4. Next litter pick to be held Saturday 11 March at 10am. Future dates 10 June, 2 September, 25 November.   Member of village has offered funds towards litter picking equipment. When funds received Clerk to purchase.   1. Defibrillator –*Gemma’s Hearts* have provided a defibrillator and a cabinet. Clerk to write to thank the charity. Grants from Tesco/Groundwork and HDC Community Chest had been applied for. HDC/Chorus have agreed location and the electrician will be installing in February. Training could take place over Coronation weekend, Clerk to investigate . Chairman will write press release. 2. Councillors felt that drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan was too much to contemplate and decided not to proceed. |
| 8 | Churchyard | 1. Cllr Braid reported instances of trespassing. |
| 9 | Financial Matters | 1. Clerk wages Nov 155.58, Dec £152.38. MS*Office* Software £26.99. Reference manual £141.80, a grant of £75 was received from SLCC towards the manual.   All the above proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Cooper, all in favour. |
| 10 | Planning | 1. 21/01529/FUL (Change of use) – refused 2. 20/01768/LBC Gates (Appeal)- dismissed 3. 21/01604/FUL- Barn- approved 4. 12 Conington Lane – permitted development |
| 11 | Correspondence & Reports | 1. Event for Coronation – Cllr Johnson and Bennett are organising. Cllr Bennett to procure shelter. Main event Sunday 7th May. 2. Letters/emails from Mr Ratcliffe, Chess CK re price increase for web hosting, Sawtry Neighbourhood Plan. 3. Resolved to ask CCC to put up signs warning of deer on the B1043. 4. Layby on B1043 near the Huntsman – needs a litter bin. 5. Litter in ditch owned by the estate near airfield, letter to be sent. 6. Road bollards damaged same location to be reported to Highways. |
| 12. | Venue for next meeting | Tuesday 2 May 2023 at Holme Village Hall. Annual Parish Meeting at 6pm followed by annual meeting of the Council. |

Prepared by J Osborn, Clerk to the Council 1 February 2023

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