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

**20 July 2023 – Conington Flying Club**

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| Present: Cllrs Cooper, Johnson, Braid, Bennett, Buchanan, and the Clerk.Members of the public: None |
|  | Chairman’s welcome | Cllr Cooper welcomed Councillors to the meeting. |
|  | To receive apologies and reasons for absence | County Cllr S Bywater, District Cllr T Alban  |
|  | Members declaration of Interests | Cllr Braid - Churchyard |
|  | 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. Cllr Bywater referred to the proposed congestion charge in Cambridge and Cllr Alban had signposted the HDC *Call for Sites* documents and mentioned the likely charge for green bins. |
|  | To sign and approve minutes dated 2 May 2023 | The minutes were unanimouslyapproved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr Johnson, all agreed. |
|  | Matters Arising | 1. Bid for Gateways and 2 solar powered SIDs had been made under LHI scheme. Chased, should hear soon.
2. Speedwatch group –-Locations have been registered. Chairman to continue to negotiate equipment loan.
3. Clerk has paid the balance of funds raised to the *National Forest* as agreed and purchased a slate marker for the jubilee tree.
4. Next litter picks to be held 10 June 2 September & 25 November. Last litter pick was also a help out day and many villagers helped to paint, clear etc. Councillors expressed appreciation.
5. Defibrillator. First Aid Training took place on 8 May and went well.
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|  | Land Management | 1. Map received showing areas owned by HDC. Discussed whether any further measures to encourage biodiversity could be taken.
2. Clerk to try to set up meeting with HDC with a view to seeing whether the part of the green on the west side of the dyke could be given over to wild flowers.
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|  | Churchyard | Member of public wishes to help maintain Churchyard. Clerk advised them that they would only be covered by Council insurance if they informed Clerk in advance. |
|  | Green Bins | Green bins in churchyard are not being emptied. Not sure if these belong to the Church. As a charge is likely to be made following changes at HDC this will become clear. Councillors’ comments on bins had been sent to Tim Alban. |
|  | Financial Matters | 1. **Payments**: Clerk wages May and June & PAYE. Plaque for tree £14.43, National Forest (donations passed on) £90, Coronation expenses £86.92, Donations passed on to Gemma’s Hearts £203. Website hosting £89.95.
2. **Receipts**: Contribution towards insurance £106; Donations from Coronation event £203.

All the above proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Johnson, all in favour |
|  | Accounts | End of year accounts: Certificate of Exemption received. |
|  | Planning | Information following HDC’s *call for sites* which are to be considered in advance of the rewrite of the Local Plan. Noted but no action at this stage. |
|  | Correspondence & Reports | 1. Coronation event went well, Thanks to all involved. Proceeds of event have been donated to Gemma’s Hearts via the Council’s account.
2. Email from Glatton Neighbourhood plan team leader. Clerk instructed to await further contact.
3. HDC Climate meeting. 17 November – to be circulated
4. Virgin Money – no more cash deposits at PO and paper statements no longer being sent. Clerk will print statements from online bank.
5. Wreath for Remembrance Sunday to be ordered.
6. Cllr Bennett raised the appearance of the bollards on Church Rd and the appearance of the scrap pile at the airfield.
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| 17. |  Next meeting  |  Tuesday 31 October 2023 at 6.15pm Venue: The briefing room, Conington Flying club. |

Prepared by J Osborn, Clerk to the Council, 21 July 2023

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