

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY, 30th APRIL 2007, AT 9.15pm

PRESENT

Mr Pusey, Mr Hockley, Mr Barnes, Dr Brooksbank,
Mr Chilton, Dr Grindley, Mr Kennedy, Dr McKeown,
Miss Thake

IN ATTENDANCE

8 members of the public

APOLOGIES

None

Mr Pusey welcomed all to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Dr Grindley declared a non-prejudicial interest in the planning application at Barons Farmhouse, Barons Lane, to be discussed under "Planning Matters". All councillors had an interest in the council's own application regarding the extension to the Recreation Ground and this would therefore not be discussed.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

One amendment was necessary. On page 3 under the Finance Report (Bank balances), the figure for the Current Account balance should have been £127.73, as two credits had been omitted. These were a £50 contribution from The RGT towards the gift to Peter Sutton and £22 for the sale of Dovecote/Meadow booklets at the Post Office. Mr Kennedy proposed that, with this amendment, the Minutes of the previous Meeting, held on Monday, 2nd April 2007, should be signed as a true record. Dr Brooksbank seconded the proposal and all were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Finance Report- Carlton West's withheld payment

The clerk had contacted Skillington Workshops about the repair of the Dovecote plaque and the firm would repair this as soon as a suitable slot appeared in its schedule of works. Once the bill had been received for the work, payment could be made of any monies still due to Carlton West.

Community Building Report – Pavilion locks

Dr Grindley reported that all defective locks had been replaced with an improved version of the same lock at no cost to the council and with a ten-year guarantee.

FINANCE MATTERS INCLUDING ANNUAL AUDIT RETURN, OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

Mr Hockley gave details of the Bank Accounts as follows:

Deposit Account	£25,403.42
(This included the first half of the precept for 2007/08 of £7,050.00)	
Current Account	£124.15
Cambridge Building Society	£13,775.16

Mr Hockley proposed the following cheques for payment:

Allianz Cornhill Insurance plc (renewal of premium for 2007/08)	£1,254.03
SCDC (emptying dog bins for the period 1/4/07-30/6/07)	£99.17
St Laurence PCC (FPC contribution to churchyard maintenance 2006/07)	£500.00
CALC (subscription to Local Council Review)	£13.50
J E Burns (salary April and May)	£568.15
J E Burns (expenses March/April)	£56.28
V W Mead (refuse collection, maintenance and repairs, March)	£88.31

Dr McKeown seconded the proposal and all were agreed that these payments should be made and that £2,510 should be transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account.

Copies of the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement for the Annual Audit Return had been distributed to councillors. Mr Hockley proposed that all figures given in the Statement of Accounts, and the affirmative response to all sections of the Annual Governance Statement be approved. Dr Grindley seconded the proposal and all were agreed. The chairman and vice chairman then both signed the Statement of Accounts and the chairman and the clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement.

Two valid quotations had been received for general works in the village. After some discussion it was agreed that the lower of the two quotations (from D Salmons Fencing and Landscaping) be accepted for all items except the laying of tarmac on the footpath from St Laurence Road to the Recreation Ground, which Mr Salmons was unable to undertake, and that the laying of the tarmac should be treated as a separate issue.

PLANNING MATTERS

Mr Barnes reported as follows:

Application considered at the meeting:

R Stobart	Application No. S/0572/07/LB for alterations to the NE elevation at Barons Farmhouse, Barons Lane No recommendation.
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Dr Grindley left the room while this matter was discussed and returned afterwards.

(It was felt by council members that as this was a listed building application it was best to leave it to the expertise of the District Council)

Foxton Parish Council	Application No. S/0626/07/F for change of use from agricultural land to Recreation Ground at land adjoining the Recreation Ground and Hardman Road No recommendation
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(Councillors were unable to comment on this application as they all had an interest. The clerk was asked to make a note to this effect on the application response form)

The council had received a letter from the Inspectors for Independent Examinations Local Development Framework (LDF) South Cambridgeshire notifying that Independent Examinations are in the process of being held to consider the South Cambridgeshire LDF Plan documents and giving details of the Pre-Examination meeting to take place on 31st July, with oral hearings to start on 27th November. The council had not requested to attend the hearing for the two objection sites in Foxton, having submitted a full response already to the District Council.

Mr Pusey questioned whether the council's document had gone to the inspector. Dr Grindley said that the advice given on a course he had attended was that it is prudent for a council to keep an eye on what is going on in this kind of exercise. He said the inspectors would set up an office at SCDC and it would be wise for someone to visit this office right up to the hearing date. Dr Grindley offered to fulfil this role.

CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk read out Mr Mead's letter of resignation and was asked to place an advert in "The Laurentian" and on the FPC Notice Board.

The clerk then mentioned two invitations from CALC. One invitation was for free welcome and briefing events for all new parish and town councillors to be held at the CALC offices in St Ives on Saturday 2nd June 2007 between 10.00am and 11.30am and on Wednesday 6th June 2007 between 7.00pm and 8.30pm. The other was a workshop for Chairmen to be held at the CALC offices on Friday 6th July 2007 between 7.00pm and 9.30pm.

VISITORS' QUESTIONS

Mr Miller asked whether there was anything to report about the former Q8 garage, which should by now have submitted a planning application for the site.

Mrs Roberts said she would follow this matter up.

Mrs Howell endorsed Mr Sutton's remarks in the earlier meeting about the thanks that were due to councillors for all their work for the village.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Barnes reported that youths had been seen hanging round the school car park last week and this had resulted in a bike having been stolen. The police had been alerted

and had informed that the property had been recovered and that the perpetrator was a youth from outside the village.

Mr Kennedy asked whether the police give crime figures for the village. It was confirmed that this used to be the case but that there is now no regular process.

Dr Brooksbank said that this incident would be worth mentioning in any application for funds towards the provision of a CCTV camera.

Dr Grindley said that he had recently had to tell children to get down from the roof of the groundsman's hut on the Recreation Ground. He was concerned because the wood was rotting and climbing on the hut might lead to an accident.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the parish council would be the **Annual General Meeting** and would be held on **Monday, 14th May 2007**, at **7.45pm** in the **Meeting Room of the Village Hall**.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm.