
Wentworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting : 18th May 2016

at 7.45pm in the Church Hall

<p>Present Cllr D Lee (Chair)</p> <p>Cllr G Lowes</p> <p>Cllr S Springthorpe</p> <p>County Cllr Bill Hunt (joined the meeting at 20.25 and left at 21.30)</p>	<p>Cllr C Stone</p> <p>Clerk – Mrs A Lowes</p> <p>District Cllr Stuart Smith (Left the meeting at 21.25)</p> <p>1 Resident (Left the meeting at 21.00)</p>
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1.	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr E Atkin, DC Mark Hugo and DC Steve Cheetham.
2.	Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.
3.	<p>Matters arising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed signs for wheelie bins are now available. The Clerk will draft a letter for approval by Councillors and then deliver to all residents. • Cllr Springthorpe has cut through ivy on some of the trees on Main Street as suggested by the Trees Officer. • The Parish Clerk has had no details of the rural services grant discussed by the District Councillor at the last meeting. <p><i>(Post meeting note – an email has been received from Emma Grima confirming that Wentworth has been allocated £2904.76)</i></p>
4.	<p>Election of Officers:</p> <p>Chair: Cllr D Lee - Proposed by Cllr Lowes, seconded by Cllr Stone</p> <p>Vice Chair: Cllr Lowes – Proposed by Cllr Lee, seconded by Cllr Stone</p>
	Rebecca Saunt from ECDC planning dept joined the meeting.

8.	<p>Planning department presentation.</p> <p>Ms Saunt came to speak to Councillors about the changes that have taken place in East Cambs planning department and to inform Councillors of the material planning considerations that will be taken into account when making planning decisions. There is a now a duty officer available during all office hours and direct dial telephone numbers have been issued for the planning officers. The website is under review (as part of a bigger review). Ms Saunt explained the process of completing the 5 year plan and Cllrs noted that whilst this review is taking place, the building line is not applicable, therefore applications cannot be rejected on that basis. The CLT officer is available to attend Parish Council meetings if requested. The government standard on eco homes has been changed but building regulations standards have been raised.</p>
	Ms Saunt left the meeting at 20.30
6.	<p>County Councillors report.</p> <p>CC Hunt discussed a number of items. The list of items provided by CC Hunt is included at the end of the minutes.</p> <p>Key discussion topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested by Councillors that one way of increasing revenue for the County Council would be to charge for the parking spaces at Shire Hall. CC Hunt felt this was not a priority and that his time would be better spent moving the Shire Hall office to a cheaper location. He did however, agree to take the idea forward if the Parish put the request in writing. • Cllr Lowes asked if Poets House have cleared their outstanding debt. Cllr Hunt replied that invoices raised <i>prior</i> to the receivers taking over have still not been paid, although invoices raised since the receivers took over have been paid in full.
7.	<p>District Councillors report.</p> <p>DC Smith gave his report at the Parish Meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Correspondence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter has been received from Cambridge Lowland Search and Rescue asking for a donation to their Charity. Councillors agree to look at this at the end of the financial year. • A letter about the Boundary Commission review has been circulated to all Councillors.
9.	<p>Finance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Audit has been completed satisfactorily. <p>Adoption of accounts 2015/16.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was proposed by Cllr Springthorpe and seconded by Cllr Stone that the accounts are adopted and the Statement of Assurance is certified. • The Clerk will get 3 quotes for the annual maintenance of the playpark and Churchyard.
10.	<p>Review of Financial Regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Financial regulations were reviewed adopted.
11.	<p>Review of Standing Orders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Standing orders were reviewed adopted.

12	<p>Playpark maintenance/inspection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The playpark inspection report will be circulated to all Councillors and a meeting will be arranged at the playpark to discuss the report findings and agree on an action plan.
13.	<p>Accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wentworth Parochial Church Council (Hall Hire 18th May 2016) £21.00 Wentworth fundraising (Publication of minutes 18th May 2016) £10.00 Clerk salary (Mrs A Lowes April – June 2016) £250.00 Playpark rent (Sept 15 to August 16) £1.00 RoSPA inspection £tbc G Barnes (internal audit) £tbc <p>Confirmation of accounts already paid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Creations £261.60 Balfour Beatty £241.81 <p>Proposed by Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Springthorpe</p>
	<p>Any other business. None.</p>
	<p>The Meeting closed at 9.40pm</p>

Signed..... Dated.....

The following unedited points are as received in an email from CC Hunt, and formed the basis of his report to the Parish Council:

County Issues 2015/16.

1. Ely **By Pass** Open before end 2017?
 2. County **Archives** to Ely before 31.12.2017.....explain.
 3. Street lighting until 2am.....explain
 4. **Multi Use facilities** like Mobile Libraries, Littleport Leisure centre School/Community.
 5. Community Transport.....**Zipper** and Witchford Pupils, school buses etc.
 6. Mick George/Amey careful driving.
- Great concerns** about high speed/red diesel "Fast Tracks" quote Wilburton High Street.
7. A10/A142 Road markings.
 8. a) **Science Park Station**
b) **Soham Station and Newmarket link**
c) **Wisbech to Cambridge Rail link.**
d) Yarmouth to Swansea rail link (**inc Cambridge to Oxford**) only needs Hitchin to Bedford.
 9. Only Adult social care precept of **2%**.....residents pay enough tax.(only increase from CCC)

10. Support for **Devolution**.....explain CCC votes. **£900,000,000** over 30 years. (Nfk, Suf, Cambs, P'boro) and elected Mayor.
11. Mad boundary commission are re-thinking between 10th May and 20th June. **Littleport West!!**
12. New School L/Port started. Better A levels in Ely.
13. **"City Deal" and Devolution offers hope of massive A10 upgrade** and A142/A14 (N'market) junction. **I support.**
14. **Delighted to "save" crossing patrols and mobile libraries. (H&CI Committee).**
- 15 **AN uprated A10 from Cambridge to KL now has a "life" Explain Cllr Baileys motion at Full Council**
16. I'm on CCC Planning Committee so keep an "open mind". 10am Thursday 16th June at Shire Hall
The **Dimocks Cote application** is being heard. Fast moving and increased volume of HCVs as a major concern.
17. Consideration of the future of Shire Hall?