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# Wentworth Parish Council

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## Minutes of meeting : 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

**Present** Cllr D Lee (Chair) Cllr C Stone  
 Cllr G Lowes Clerk – Mrs A Lowes  
 Cllr S Springthorpe 1 Resident

1.	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr E Atkin, DC Mark Hugo, DC Steve Cheetham, DC Stuart Smith and CC Bill Hunt
2.	Minutes of the last meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.</li> </ul>
3.	Matters arising. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking at Shire Hall. Councillors were disappointed with the reply from CC Hunt (see report below) reference the parking at Shire Hall and requested that the Clerk write directly to Cambs County Council.</li> </ul>
4.	County Councillors report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Cllr Hunts absence the Clerk reported CC Hunt’s reply reference the question raised over parking charges at Shire Hall. <i>“The whole future of Shire Hall is under consideration at present so any details about parking charges has been put to one side. It would be silly to start entering into contracts with staff when the whole future of the building is under review.”</i></li> <li>• Cllr Hunt also reminded Cllrs that Agenda and Minutes are all available on the ECDC website but that he could provide a personal report on the LATC at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
5.	District Councillors report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk read the District Councillors report and it is attached to the Minutes.</li> </ul>
6.	Correspondence. Cllrs noted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated Planning Conditions from Rebecca Saunt at ECDC</li> <li>• Buildings of Local Interest – Application declined.</li> <li>• Witchford Parish Council – Planning applications on Sutton Road in Witchford</li> <li>• Tree works approvals for 1 Church Farm Close and The White House.</li> <li>• The final Electoral Review document</li> </ul>

7.	<p>Parish Conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Springthorpe updated Cllrs on the Parish Conference he attended on 15<sup>th</sup> June. The main topic was Emergency Planning and a discussion followed where it was agreed the Clerk would produce a basic list of Emergency telephone numbers. This list will be displayed on the Noticeboard.</li> </ul>
8.	<p>Planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application 16/00299/VAR Land adjacent to Garwood Lodge and 15/01567/FUL Sunny Acre have both been approved.</li> <li>• New Application 16/01127/FUL Site west of 24 Sutton Road, Witchford. Concerns were raised about the entrance as it appears to be very close to the speed reduction traffic island as you enter Witchford. Cllrs also commented that this application extends past the natural end of the village and will encourage further development on the opposite side.</li> </ul>
9.	<p>Local Highways Improvement funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After some discussion it was decided that Wentworth should apply for the roundels to be replaced on Church Road. The Clerk will complete the necessary application forms.</li> </ul>
10.	<p>Insurance review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors reviewed the insurance requirements and agreed the Came and Company renewal.</li> </ul>
11.	<p>Witchford Neighbourhood plan update: Cllr Lowes and Cllr Springthorpe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Lowes provided a summary of the meeting that Witchford Parish Council had invited us to.</li> <li>• Witchford Parish Council are working to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, which will complement the ECDC Planning Policy, and provide Witchford Parish Council with the ability to influence key policies such as open space, education, housing development, and business opportunities.</li> <li>• Witchford Parish Council had asked whether Wentworth Parish would like to be included within their plan, but – after consideration – Wentworth Parish Council declined this offer. The key reasons being the significant difference in size between the villages, and a concern that producing a joint plan might promote interest in developing the farmland between the villages.</li> </ul>
12.	<p>Playpark.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bark and edging have all been delivered.</li> <li>• Cllr Lee will speak to Cllr Atkin about the paths and the best way to clean/replace them. It was agreed to carry out the work in Spring.</li> </ul>
13.	<p>Risk assessment review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The risk assessment was reviewed, amended and adopted.</li> </ul>
14.	<p>Witchford Scene Magazine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllrs discussed the new Witchford Scene magazine but concluded that we already publish Minutes on the village website, and don't have the funds available for regular inclusion in the magazine.</li> </ul>

15.	<p>Accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wentworth Parochial Church Council (Hall Hire 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016) £21.00</li> <li>• Wentworth fundraising (Publication of minutes 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016) £10.00</li> <li>• Clerk salary (Mrs A Lowes July -Sept 2016) £250.00</li> <li>• Paper and Envelopes (Cllr Stone) £17.49</li> <li>• Filcris £270.47</li> <li>• Came and Company Insurance £505.36</li> </ul> <p>Confirmation of accounts already paid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RoSPA inspection £79.80</li> <li>• Sid Bibby (Bark) £699.60</li> <li>• G Barnes (Internal Audit) £50.00</li> </ul> <p>Proposed by Cllr Lee and seconded by Cllr Springthorpe</p>
	<p>Any other business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Lee will arrange for the hedge around the playpark to be cut in the next few weeks.</li> </ul>
	The Meeting closed at 9.35pm

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

## **Parish Council Meetings – September 2016**

### **District Councillors – ‘Key Points’ Update**

#### **20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – Licensing Committee**

##### **Animal Licensing**

Draft Animal Licensing policy issued for consultation which will conclude on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 – Planning Committee**

Land at Barton Road Car Park, Ely - Approved subject to conditions and referral to the Secretary of state to decide whether or not to ‘call in’ the proposal for determination.

The planning chairman also advised that East Cambridgeshire District Council has one of the most efficient services in the UK with at least 87% of householder applications determined within eight weeks.

##### **Ely Southern By Pass**

The Government have confirmed their support for the Ely Southern bypass by granting funding of £16m.

## **East Cambs Leisure Centre**

Sport England's Project Committee has approved a conditional lottery award of £1.5M towards the development of the East Cambridgeshire District Leisure Centre. (The approval of the project by full council in June was subject to approval of the lottery award)