
Wentworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting : 22nd November 2017

Present Cllr D Lee (Chair) Cllr C Stone
 Cllr E Atkin Cllr G Lowes
 Cllr S Springthorpe Clerk – Mrs A Lowes
 DC S Cheetham 5 Parishioners

1.	Apologies for absence. DC Hugo, DC Smith, CC L Dupré, Mrs G Barnes
	The Chair opened the meeting for public comments.
7.	Planning. Planning ref: 17/01559/OUT Outline application at College Farm – Revised passing bays and additional tree information. Comments from the Parishioners in attendance are attached in Appendix 1. A vote was taken – For: 0, Against: Unanimous. The meeting was closed for public comment. Cllrs requested the Clerk write to request Outright refusal of the application. The Parish Council comments are attached in Appendix 2.
	All Parishioners left the meeting.
5.	District Councillors report. DC Cheetham reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General - Local Plan The Local Plan Proposed Submission has now been approved and there will now be a final consultation period of six weeks (November 2017 - December 2017) and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State for the purpose of independent examination. • Corporate Plan – 2017 – 2019 (Vision for the future) - Specific Highlights Aim to have fly tipping on public land removed within 2 full working days of it being reported. Develop and submit bids for key infrastructure projects including A142/A14/A10 to the Combined Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ely Commuter Car Park – Angel Drove The car park is due to open in November 2017

2.	Minutes of the last meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.
3.	Matters arising. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playpark will be discussed at the next meeting.
4.	County Councillors report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC Dupré's report is attached in Appendix 3. Cllrs questioned the storage of photo negatives in Oxfordshire rather than in Cambridgeshire when the County archive moves to Ely. The Clerk will contact CC Dupré.
6.	Correspondence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A142 Road Safety presentation on 7th December – Cllr Lowes will try to attend, Rackham Primary school thanked the Council for the donation. The Local Plan consultation was noted. Winter Health Packs – Cllrs decided not to participate in the scheme this year.
8.	Precept for 2018/19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After some discussion, Cllrs agreed to set the precept at the same level as last year. Therefore the Clerk will request £5000. Proposed by Cllr Springthorpe and seconded by Cllr Atkin.
9.	Accounts for payment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wentworth Parochial Church Council (Hall Hire 22nd November 2017) £15.00 Clerk salary (Sept – Dec 17) £250.00 Mr D Lee (Playpark maintenance) £250.00 Mr E Atkin (Playpark maintenance) £250.00 S Alsop (Playpark maintenance) £60.00 D Lee (Churchyard maintenance) £1100.00 Confirmation of Accounts already paid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Office license £113.76
10.	Items for the next meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None raised.
	The Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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

Appendix 1.

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Proposed passing bay no 2

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Proposed passing bay no 3

Too close to the existing boundary wall. The construction of a passing bay could adversely impact on the foundations of this village feature.

Passing bays will fundamentally change the character of the village which is contrary to the 2015 and 2017 Local plans.

A request was made that the speed limit be lowered to 20 mph along Main Street should the application be approved.

Appendix 2.

Outline application with all matters reserved except access for the redevelopment of the farmyard, buildings and associated land for up to 6 self build plots at College Farm, Main Street, Wentworth.

Reference:17/01559/OUT Revised parking bays and additional tree information.

Case Officer: Andrew Phillips

Email: plservices@eastcambs.gov.uk

Does the Parish Council have any concerns about the application? YES

Can these concerns be addressed by; c. Outright refusal of permission.

Reasons.

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The 2017 Local Plan states: 7.42.2 Policy Wentworth1 aims to preserve and enhance the special qualities of Wentworth. Parishioners and Parish Councillors unanimously agreed that the proposal is contrary to this policy and will have a demonstrably negative impact on the village.

In summary, the Parish Council consider the only acceptable outcome is Outright Refusal of the application.

Anthea Lowes

Wentworth Parish Clerk

Appendix 3.

Cllr Lorna Dupré

County Councillor for Sutton division

Report to Wentworth Parish Council, Wednesday 22 November 2017

£4.5M feasibility studies

The Mayor and Combined Authority have agreed to spend a further £4.5M on feasibility studies and business cases for a large number of transport ideas including a Cambridgeshire rail capacity study, proposals for a new Cambridge South station, and an A142 capacity study.

Community Transport inquiry

The House of Commons Transport Select Committee is mounting an inquiry into community transport, following a recent DVSA licensing investigation into an individual community transport operator elsewhere in the country. Concerns have been expressed that the outcome of that investigation could throw the future of community transport nationwide into disarray. The inquiry included a consultation, but this was only of 24 days' duration and not well publicised.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/transport-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/community-transport-17-19/>

Mepal roundabout petition

A petition of 374 signatures coordinated by Mepal Neighbourhood Watch calling for a roundabout on the A142 at the Mepal junction was presented to the Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee last month. The committee agreed that this request should be considered as part of the council's response to the recent A142 study.

Children's centres

The Full County Council voted by a majority to press ahead with removing £900,000 from the budget for children's centres, including ceasing to maintain a children's centre in Sutton. The proposed cuts had originally been £1M, but £100,000 of this has been returned to the budget.

Local urgent care hubs

The Local Urgent Care Services hub pilot at the Minor Injuries Unit at the Princess of Wales has been operating since May. GPs are available Monday to Friday to see patients alongside nurse practitioners. This means a wider range of conditions can be treated rather than patients being referred back to their own GP or to A&E. It is expected that the

range of services on offer will continue to expand. By week 15 of the pilot, 6 per cent more patients had been seen compared with the same period last year. The GPs and nurse practitioners are also working with the ambulance trust, and the NHS 111 service can also refer more patients to the MIU. The MIU remains open 0830-1800 Monday to Sunday.

Cambridgeshire Archives and Ely Register Office

The county council has agreed to press ahead with the move of the Ely Register Office to the new Cambridgeshire Archive building at the former bowling alley. The specification for the new building is being reduced in order to match the available budget, including renting space in Oxfordshire to store the county's collection of 250,000 flammable nitrate photographic negatives, rather than storing them onsite in a dedicated storage facility in the Ely building. However, the shelving tender for the archives has not yet been awarded, and the budget for at least six linear kilometres of shelving is currently £245,000.

Violence against women and girls strategy

The county council is part of a multi-agency group developing a domestic violence strategy in Cambridgeshire. Police recorded 12,300 incidents of domestic abuse in the county in 2015/16, with 80 per cent of victims being female. Investigating domestic abuse crimes is now the force's single largest workload. A £700,000 DCLG grant for this project runs out in July 2018.

Parliamentary boundary review

The Boundary Commission has published proposals for new parliamentary boundaries to reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600. Under these proposals, North East Cambridgeshire will lose Littleport to a new Thetford and Downham Market seat, and South East Cambridgeshire will lose Fulbourn, Teversham and Linton and gain Earith. Whether in the current fractious conditions at Westminster MPs will consent to being decimated is unclear.

www.bce2018.org.uk

Local government reorganisation

The Full County Council voted by a majority to hand over the driving wheel of restructuring of local government in Cambridgeshire to the Mayor and Combined Authority.

Local council development plan

The council's five-year development plan for local councils was issued for consultation until 8 November and launched on 17 November.

Meet Your Councillor

- Monday 27 November, 6:30-7:30pm, Witchford, St Andrew's Hall
- Friday 1 December, 10:00-11:00am, Little Downham, Book Café
- Tuesday 12 December, 6:30-7:30pm, Sutton, school community room

Cllr Lorna Dupré

County Councillor for the Sutton division