
Wentworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting : 22nd March 2017

at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

<p>Present Cllr D Lee (Chair)</p> <p>Cllr S Springthorpe</p> <p>Cllr E Atkin</p> <p>Cllr G Lowes</p> <p>Mr & Mrs Byford</p>	<p>Cllr C Stone</p> <p>Clerk – Mrs A Lowes</p> <p>1 Resident</p> <p>DC Steve Cheetham</p>
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	The Meeting stood for a Minutes Silence in respect of those injured and killed in the attack in London earlier today.
1.	Apologies were received and accepted from DC Mark Hugo and DC Stuart Smith.
	The Chair agreed to take the following items early.
4.	<p>County Councillors report.</p> <p>CC Hunt reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The elections for Mayoral and County Councillors which will be taking place on 4th May. Wentworth and Witchford will no longer be Haddenham ward and have been moved to Sutton. • Council tax for 2017/18 – The County Council has not increased tax this year although there is a 2% increase for Adult Social care. • Milton railway station is about to open. • Ely by-pass construction work has started. • Soham railway station is planned but CC Hunt would like to see the line reopened between Soham and Newmarket to complete the link. • A small budget has been released to look at the feasibility of dualling the A10. Cllr Springthorpe asked if there was any possibility of a cyclepath between Histon and Ely. • Total transport will soon be launching a new service to provide door to door transport. Four minibuses will be available and travel must be booked by midday the day before. This service will be available to everyone and will cost £4 per journey. • POW Hospital in Ely will not be closed. The service will be expanded with longer opening hours, a GP available 24/7 and full X-ray facilities including weekends.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding has been released for the Wentworth to Witchford part of the cycleway to be upgraded. Cllr Lowes asked whether CC can consider reaching out to local cycling groups, to stress the importance of cyclists using cycleways wherever possible. Cycleways are there to help protect cyclists, and should be encouraged for all cycle users. CC Hunt concluded his report by thanking Councillors for their support during his 12 years as County Councillor for Wentworth. <p>Wentworth Councillors thanked CC Hunt.</p>
8.	<p>Freedom of Information request/Parking at Shire Hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors confirmed they were satisfied with the reply from Cambs County Council.
4.	<p>Planning: Presentation – Land west of Garwood Lodge – Mr & Mrs Byford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr & Mrs Byford presented a summary of their initial proposal to Councillors. In summary, the property they would like to build will be smaller than the current approved application, and - although not code 6 - it will utilise a number of sustainable building technologies such as solar panels and an air source heat pump, so as to be very low energy. The building exterior will be timber with some rendered panels, with a zinc roof which will follow the contours of the building. Mr and Mrs Byford have a background in building, renovation, interior design and renewable energy, and would like to become part of the community in Wentworth. Councillors thanked Mr & Mrs Byford.
	<p>CC Hunt left the meeting at 8.15pm</p>
	<p>Planning: Denbigh House ref 16/01790/FUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors discussed this at length. The Parish Council would like to see the application refused. The Parish have already objected to the 'store' as it is very close to the boundary and the amendment increases its size further. The wall and gate are out of keeping with neighbouring properties. Councillors also asked the Clerk to ensure ECDC are aware that it appears most of the work has already been completed.
5.	<p>District Councillors report. DC Cheetham reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECDC has not increased Council Tax this year. The budget is balanced and has been signed off. The Waste service contract with Veolia expires in 2018. The LATC will be providing this service from that date. Whilst hoping that the LATC is successful in this venture, the Parish Council were surprised that it was undertaking such a big contract so soon. The Ely Cinema is due to open in May. Arbuckles is already open. The underpass will be completed. The Leisure Centre should be completed approximately a year after the cinema opens. Lancaster Way is expanding quickly – there are lots of Companies interested in moving to the site. The Local Plan will be updated with new sites at the end of March/early April.
	<p>DC Cheetham and Mr&Mrs Byford left the meeting at 8.45pm.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.
3.	<p>Matters arising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

7.	<p>Correspondence. Cllrs noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDC Local Plan – new sites • Waste team enquiry – Cllrs requested the letter be sent to Karen Springthorpe for distribution asking any villagers interested in helping to contact Darren Hughes directly. • Youth work services in Cambridgeshire. The village is not large enough to request a visit from the ‘bus’. There were no volunteers to become a Trustee. • East Cambs surface treatments 2017 – noted. • FenScene – None of the Parish Councillors wished to be featured in FenScene. 												
9.	<p>Cycleway – Witchford to Wentworth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs were pleased to note that the path from Wentworth to Witchford will be upgraded to a cycleway in the next financial year. They asked if it would be possible to have lines showing either side of the pathway as it is difficult to see at night with oncoming traffic. They also asked for clear signs showing it’s a shared cycle/pathway. The Clerk will forward the comments to Chris Foyle. 												
10.	<p>Playpark.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk confirmed the Annual Inspection is booked for April. • Cllr Lee and Atkin will investigate the renewal of the pathways – how much aggregate will be needed and how much waste will need to be disposed of. A date will then be booked to complete the work and we will ask if any villagers would be available to help. 												
11.	<p>Charity requests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No requests have been received. 												
10.	<p>Accounts for payment:</p> <table data-bbox="335 1220 1316 1377"> <tr> <td>• Wentworth Parochial Church Council (Hall Hire 22nd March 2017)</td> <td>£15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Wentworth fundraising (Publication of minutes 22nd March 2017)</td> <td>£10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk Salary</td> <td>£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Postage (Mrs A Lowes)</td> <td>£3.48</td> </tr> </table> <p>Confirmation of accounts already paid:</p> <table data-bbox="335 1467 1316 1545"> <tr> <td>• Cambs County Council Street Lighting</td> <td>£298.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• ICO</td> <td>£35.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed by Cllr Springthorpe and seconded by Cllr Atkin.</p>	• Wentworth Parochial Church Council (Hall Hire 22 nd March 2017)	£15.00	• Wentworth fundraising (Publication of minutes 22 nd March 2017)	£10.00	• Clerk Salary	£250.00	• Postage (Mrs A Lowes)	£3.48	• Cambs County Council Street Lighting	£298.41	• ICO	£35.00
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	<p>Items to be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 												
	<p>The Meeting closed at 9.20pm</p>												

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