



FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes Parish Council Ordinary Meeting
held at the Church Centre, Fenstanton on Thursday 9th September
2021 at 19.00

Present: Cllr S Collinson, Cllr P Hayes, Cllr P Kent (Chair), Cllr R Mcgee, Cllr K Mitchell (joined at 19.14), Cllr G Pryke, Cllr A Puntambekar, Cllr J Schonfeldt and Cllr C White

In attendance: J Perez (Clerk), County Councillor D. Dew and 1 Parishioner

21/22- 57 **To receive any apologies of absence and to receive any declarations of interest.**

Apologies received, from Town Cllr Angie Dickson and District Councillor David Mead.

Absent but no apologies received Town Cllr R D'Souza, Cllr J Middleton and Cllr N Ferrier

Comments and observations from members of the public (NB comments should be relevant to items on this agenda only) No Comments

21/22- 58 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th July 2021**

Cllr G Pryke proposed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th July 2021 were a true record of the meeting, **Cllr P Hayes 2nd, 1 Cllr abstained, All other Cllrs were in favour.**

21/22- 59 **To receive reports from the County and District Council**

County Councillor D. Dew reported that there have been some changes in administration within CCC. This has meant hold ups whilst new committees are convened. He updated the PC on areas that CCC have been working on, such as the Woolpack Roundabout at Woodhurst. He advised that LHI funding confirmation letters have been sent out. There is a new head of Transport and 2 of 3 directors have now been appointed.

He advised that Flooding has been mentioned for the first time at a CCC committee meeting and he keen to get behind the PC's efforts to try to resolve the Flooding issues affecting Fenstanton. He would like to attend the meeting scheduled with our

MP Jonathan Djanogly, the Clerk will make arrangements. He also advised that although CCC have the title - Lead Flood Authority, they have no power. The PC advised Cllr D Dew that Huntingdon District Council do not engage on this matter and have not been at all helpful, he will speak with the Head of Planning to try to resolve. He will speak with John Hesp ahead of our next meeting. Cllr J Schonfeldt also highlighted, recent local developments that are being approved do not seem to consider the sewerage problems and this needs to be improved before further developments are agreed. There are problems with the sewerage system at the Morris Homes development in Fenstanton and this needs to be addressed. Anglian Water need to take responsibility and address the issues.

Cllr D Dew advised that he is in support of the joint LHI application item 21/22 – 71.

- 21/22- 60 **A few words from the Chairman following the passing of Cllr Mark Richardson**
Cllr P Kent attended Mark's Funeral and met with his family and friends. He spoke about Mark's desire to contribute to the Village and be part of the community. Mark had a positive attitude and wanted to make a difference. He was very keen to get another defibrillator in the village and the PC will continue to work towards this.
- 21/22- 61 **Councillor Vacancy – replacement for Sam Polhill, discuss and co-opt any applicants and advertise for second vacancy**
No applications have been received so far.
- 21/22- 62 **Resignation of Vice Chair Nigel Ferrier, discuss and decide on new Vice Chairman**
Cllr N Ferrier has spoken with Cllr P Kent and explained that due to his personal work load he is currently unable to commit as much time to Council duties, and therefore will need to step back for a while. The PC discussed the options available. **Cllr P Kent proposed** that the Parish Council approve a leave of absence for Cllr N Ferrier under LGA 1972, s85, **Cllr P Hayes 2nd, All Cllrs were in favour.** Cllr N Ferrier will continue his work with the Flood Working Group.
Cllr P Kent proposed that Cllr R McGee takes over as Vice Chairman, **Cllr J Schonfeldt 2nd, All Cllrs were in favour.**
- 21/22- 63 **Discuss and decide on professional production of Flyers for distribution to the Parish – further investigation by Cllr N Ferrier**
The Clerk will take back responsibility of this and make further enquiries.
- 21/22- 64 **Flood Working group – update following meeting to share with all Councillors and any response from MP Jonathan Djanology**
Cllr J Schonfeldt met with property owners on Conington Road and discussed with them the Flood issues they have been experiencing. They have, for a number of years experienced Flooding in their garden and recently Flood water has been within inches of coming through their front door. Other residents on Conington Road have also experienced problems with Flooding causing raw sewerage to pump into their

gardens. There seems to be an issue with the sewerage system, which needs addressing. Cllr J Schonfeldt shared a scheme with the Parish Council and County Councillor D Dew, that Martyn Crawshaw had put together. It was agreed that Cllr Schonfeldt and the Clerk will write to HDC again advising of the issues residents are experiencing and County Councillor D Dew will support.

- 21/22- 65 **Update on actions taken to address the lack of communication/support from HDC**
The Clerk and Cllr J Schonfeldt will draft a letter to HDC with the objective to arrange a meeting with Joanne Lancaster to discuss the problems the Parish Council are experiencing, Cllr A Dickinson and Cllr R D'Souza to be copied in.
- 21/22- 66 **Discuss how to move forward with the proposal for providing further Defibrillators for the Village and support the Church and offer of donation from Muir Group**
The Parish Council would like to continue to move forward to providing an extra defibrillator for the Village. The Parish Council are also aware of the fundraising currently being organised the Church to raise funds for another defibrillator. Cllr R McGee proposed that the Parish Council provide 'top up' funding for a Defibrillator for the Church Centre and also commit to the purchase of one more defibrillator for the village, location to be agreed, Cllr G Pryke 2nd, All Cllrs were in favour. The PC would also like, if possible, to have a plaque for one of the defibrillators to say in memory of Mark Richardson.
- 21/22- 67 **Further information following discussions regarding - Spectrum to the North Fenstanton**
Spectrum is now once again being delivered to North Fenstanton.
- 21/22- 68 **Replacement for Committees following the resignations of Cllr S Polhill, Cllr N Ferrier and the death of Cllr Mark Richardson**
Amendments have been made to committees and working group to replace Cllrs that are no longer on the Parish Council. Cllr J Schonfeldt will Chair the Planning Committee.
- 21/22- 69 **Updated submission of proposal for Cambridge Road improvements to HDC**
Cllr K Mitchell has revised the draft document, it now has four main components, 1) To Prohibit Lorry Parking along full length, on both sides 2) To install planters along the length of road on the Morris Homes side, spaced to provide car and cycle parking bays (too small for HGVs). 3) No parking along length of road on the Kier Homes side (double yellow lines). 4) To Install electronic speed indicator signs – by entrances to estates, at both ends of the road. The proposal will go to HDC with the required amount which needs to be finalised. Cllr P Kent will speak with District Councillor D. Mead to ask for a firm date for the next CIL submission.
- 21/22- 70 **Remembrance day event – planning required, Cllr K Mitchell and Cllr R McGee put forward to attend training to be competently trained in closing roads, for the purposes of events.**
This is organised by the Church. The Clerk has put forward Cllr K Mitchell and Cllr R McGee to attend this training as it will be useful for the Parish Council.

- 21/22- 71 **Discuss and decide on a joint LHI application with Hemingford Grey PC for reduction of Speed Limit – London Road St Ives**
Cllr P Kent has been liaising with the Chair of Hemingford Grey Parish Council who is discussing the application with his Parish Council at their next meeting. If Hemingford Grey Parish Council approve, **Cllr P Kent proposed** that Fenstanton Parish Council approve the joint LHI application for a speed reduction and speed indication device on London Road, St Ives, **Cllr A Puntambekar 2nd, All Cllrs were in favour and County Councillor D Dew gave his support.**
- 21/22- 72 **Fenstanton Parish Council - Community Grants and Awards – applications before 30th September 2021**
The award scheme has been advertised in Spectrum. Any applications will be considered at the next Finance and Constitution meeting.
- 21/22- 73 **Discuss and decide on application to CCC to install a disabled persons parking bay for a resident in Chequers Close, Fenstanton**
Cllr R McGee proposed that the Parish Council approve the proposal to install a disabled parking bay in Chequers Close, **Cllr P Kent 2nd, All Cllrs were in favour.**
- 21/22- 74 **Update on TRO 20mph for Fenstanton High Street and discuss 20s plenty campaign**
Cambridge County Council after initially approving the Traffic Regulation Order have informed the Parish Council that in order to go ahead with the reduction of speed on the High Street, every side road adjoining the High Street would need to have new 20mph/30mph signage installed at each junction. Not only would this mean extra cost but the Parish Council feel this is sending the wrong message to the Village. Therefore, the Parish Council have discussed other measures that can be taken to look at Traffic safety for the whole of the Village, including the 20s Plenty campaign. **Cllr R McGee proposed** that the Parish Council join the 20s Plenty campaign and that the Parish Council collects further traffic data from the Village in order to apply for a Local Highway Initiative next year, Cllr G Pryke 2nd, **All Cllrs were in favour.** A notice will be placed in Spectrum and on Social media to explain the situation to residents.
- 21/22- 75 **Discuss Community Hero Award scheme**
Advertised in Spectrum, nominations to the Clerk.
- 21/22- 76 **Tree Planting**
Cllr R McGee suggested that as Trees have been taken down to make way for the MUGA and further Trees will be lost when the LHI on Chequers Street happens, that it would be good to replace these. **Cllr McGee proposed** that the Parish Council agree in principle to the planting around Hampton field, following discussions with the working group, and approval at full council, **Cllr P Kent 2nd, All Cllrs were in favour.**
- 21/22- 77 **Discuss the removal of flagstones, replaced by garden area blocking right of way on Wright's Way**
Flagstones have been lifted by some residents and replaced by a garden. As this is a definitive right of way, it should not be interfered with. The Clerk will report to the Rights of Way officer at CCC.

- 21/22- 78 **Discuss and decide on quotation for works to be carried out on the hedge/verge on corner of Chequer Street and Huntingdon Road cost £500.00 +VAT**
 A quotation has been received to carry out the work previously approved. **Cllr P Kent proposed** that the Parish Council approve the quotation, **Cllr C White 2nd, All Cllrs were in favour.** The Clerk will inform the company to carry out the work required.
- 21/22- 79 **Discuss and decide on work to be carried out at Headlands (Metal) Playpark – cost £2249.48**
 Cllr G Pryke has now received the above quotation, however due to a material supply chain issue, it is likely to be at least November before the work can be carried out. The Clerk is in communication with other companies to see if they are able to carry out the work any sooner. If she is not successful over the next week in obtaining earlier repair date, **Cllr P Kent proposed** that we continue with this quote to ensure the work is carried out as soon as possible, **Cllr A Puntambekar 2nd, All Cllrs were in favour.** The Clerk will arrange for notices to be displayed at the parks to keep residents informed.
- 21/22- 80 **Committee Updates: - Planning, General Purposes, Finance and Constitution & Burial - Information Only – no discussion or decisions can be made**
 Nothing to report with Planning. The next GP meeting is scheduled for the 23rd September. The next F&C meeting is scheduled for 7th November. Burial Board – Cllr P Kent will speak to County Councillor D Dew regarding the expansion of the Graveyard. Cllr K Mitchell advised that there is more digitisation of records to be carried out. Rosie Tallowin has contacted the Diocese regarding cremation fees, but they are on holiday. Cllr R McGee is arranging for a quotation for repairs for the Church Path and Lime Trees path.
- 21/22- 81 **Approve Payment Schedule - See spreadsheet.**
 Cllr R McGee proposed that all payments are approved, Cllr C White 2nd, All Cllrs were in favour.
- 21/22- 82 **Councillors items – information only. No discussion and no decisions can be made.**
 Cllr S Collison advised of a phantom mower and reported that the Hampton Field was closed as well as the car park whilst the MUGA was being installed. Cllr P Hayes enquired about the Crown and Pipes.
 The Clock Tower lights were not yet completed. When work complete the area should be power washed. When are the planters going to be planted? No Parking signs need to be installed. Cllr K Mitchell will contact the Fen Group regarding completion for the Pond. Cllr A Puntambekar enquired about the Flood working group taking matters forward. The bin by the Church entrance will be moved by then end of next week. Cllr P Kent would like to discuss the Scouts area being used as a ‘man shed’, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting closed 21.22

Chairman Signature (Paul Kent)