

## **Madingley Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held in the Village Hall  
On Thursday 20 April 2017 at 7.30pm

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Present:	Stuart Hawkins	Chair (SH)
	David Ousby	Councillor (DO)
	John Freegard	Councillor (JF)
	Mrs A Griffiths	Minutes Secretary, LGS Services

In attendance: 7 members of the public

### **Open Forum**

A resident asked the Parish Council to raise with Trumpington Farms the need for a considerate approach when tractors were travelling through the village. An incident was described involving one of the vehicles mounting the pavement at a narrow point in High Street to pass a lorry coming the other way. Details and a photograph will be provided so this can be followed up. Another resident observed that tractors were driving on and damaging the pavement as they were too wide for the road.

It was reported that large lorries were still travelling down the Avenue and having to back up. New signage, such as "Farm Access Only," was suggested. A large number of vehicles with "Highway Maintenance" signs on the back were also passing through the village, and it was unclear whether these related to the A14 or the A428 construction work. Concerns were expressed at the increase in traffic since the road closure. It was agreed that Cllr Ousby should write to Bob Pettifor raising the issue of the lorries and construction vehicles, and that Cllr Hawkins should contact Trumpington Farms.

A resident asked that the layby at the junction of Cambridge Road and the A1303 be closed, as litter continued to accumulate there, and some HGVs were parking in the layby. The Parish Council will consider looking into the ownership of the layby and whose responsibility it is. It was observed that a lorry had also been parked for two days in the centre of the village.

The Chairman provided a progress report on the recruitment of a new Clerk.

The Chairman reported that he now had access to online banking and to the website.

#### **1.0 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Stevenson-Hinde and Robinson (both out of parish). There were no declarations of interest.

#### **2.0 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 March 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **3.0 Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

##### **3.1 Madingley News distribution arrangements**

Residents volunteered to share the distribution of the newsletter and take on different areas of the village, and will contact others who may also be willing to help. The newsletter when printed will be delivered to the Chairman for distribution to the volunteers.

### **3.2 City Deal Park and Ride site – Madingley-centric publicity**

Cllr Ousby undertook to put together a list of bullet points from Madingley's perspective.

### **3.3 Potholes and cracked pavement**

The cracked pavement in Cambridge Road, although previously patched, continues to open up and will be reported to CCC again. In addition, a pothole near the A1303 junction in Cambridge Road, which had previously been filled in, had sunk and was again in need of repair.

Problems of flooding and mud in Cambridge Road, together with vehicles mounting the verge and pavement near the chicane, where there is no kerb, are to be reported to CCC as a safety issue; the pavement is lower than the road, making pedestrians feel vulnerable.

Reports were received that a pothole on the High Street was increasing in size. Some potholes had been filled in but others remained. The surface of the road past the play area is also deteriorating.

### **3.4 Damaged or obscured road signs**

The bent sign had been rectified.

It was reported that the derestriction signs on Cambridge Road leading out of the village were difficult to see as one sign was obscured by vegetation and the other was dirty. RESOLVED, given that the Parish Council is concerned about a number of safety issues, to ask a representative of CCC Highways to attend a site meeting and decide how best to address them. The Parish Council will also raise the issues with the new County Councillor after the election.

### **3.5 Provision of rubbish bins in Church Lane layby**

SCDC has been asked to provide a bin in this location, and this has been chased by the Parish Council. SCDC now have a new refuse contractor.

### **3.6 Dog waste bins**

The Parish Council has also chased SCDC about the installation of dog bins.

### **3.7 Playground sign and Parish Council contact list on Parish notice boards**

Provision of a playground sign is in progress. Signs have been placed on the notice boards giving contact details for the Chairman and the Clerk.

## **4.0 Highways**

### **4.1 Church Lane LHI funding application outcome**

The outcome of the funding application had been successful. The scheme will include a 40 mph buffer zone at the top of Church Lane and roundels and "dragons' teeth" will be painted on the road. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Ousby for his work on the application.

### **4.2 Speedwatch including update regarding equipment grant**

An application for 50% of the cost of equipment had been approved.

Cllr Ousby reported that the A14 contractors had made a delivery of wood and logs for the benefit of the village.

## **5.0 Items for discussion**

### **5.1 Playground – culvert maintenance and goal post replacement**

RESOLVED to accept Cllr Freegard's kind offer to clear out the vegetation in the open part of the ditch.

Cllr Hawkins had cleared away and will dispose of the old goal posts, as they were now dangerous. RESOLVED to approve expenditure of up to £500.00 for the purchase of a set of

aluminium goal posts of similar size and, after investigation of suitable posts, to place an order.  
(Prop SH, 2nd DO, unanimous)

## 5.2 Internal audit

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from LGS Services for £75.00 plus VAT to carry out the Internal Audit. (Prop SH, 2nd DO, unanimous)

## 5.3 Greater Cambridge City Deal – Cambourne to Cambridge Local Liaison Forum

An alternative proposal by the Local Liaison Forum, for a bus route down Madingley Rise and a Park and Ride site at Scotland Farm, was presented to the City Deal on 11 April, but the response was not yet known.

A new City Deal Chief Executive had been appointed. It had been agreed to review and re-evaluate all the original proposals with regard to the route and the Park and Ride site, with an interim announcement in the summer.

## 5.4 Reviewing Parish Council’s policy documents

Nothing further to report. The Parish Council will ensure that the basic and safety related policies are in place, as well as a job description for the Clerk.

## 5.5 Update on feedback to Coalition of Parish Councils

The Parish Council had fed back to the Coalition its response on the Bourn Airfield development, which had been neutral, but fully supported that the transport issue needed to be addressed. The Statement of Purpose had been agreed. The Coalition was drafting a letter, which will be circulated, from all the member parish councils to the Secretary of State for Transport advocating the development of an all-ways junction at Girton as a priority. RESOLVED that the Parish Council is in principle willing to sign the letter.

## 5.6 Civic Day 2017 – Village litter pick

RESOLVED to hold a litter pick on Sunday 9 July and to organise this with SCDC. A resident will seek volunteers from the village.

## 5.7 Housing White Paper response

Cllr Ousby outlined the provisions of the Housing White Paper. SCDC and the City Council are working together on a response to the consultation. The aim is to boost the supply of new homes in the right places, deliver new homes more quickly, and to meet the needs of specific groups such as the elderly. The proposals include:

- strengthening Neighbourhood Planning to establish where homes are wanted or not wanted, and the quantity and type of housing
- ensuring that infrastructure and services are put in the right place at the right time
- requiring developers to deliver more quickly and commence work within two years of the planning permission being granted
- diversity in the market which will help small and medium builders to grow
- an accelerated construction programme using modern construction methods
- support for custom build and self build homes
- starter homes sold at a discount for those below a certain income
- a new tenure “Build to rent” for those who cannot afford to buy, with high quality rented schemes and longer tenancies to encourage people to rent for the longer term, with rent related to income. This could accelerate growth in the district and the infrastructure needs to keep pace.

Cllr Ousby will circulate details of the SCDC consultation response and proposed that the Parish Council support the District Council’s view. RESOLVED that the Chairman and Cllr Ousby should respond to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

## 6.0 Finance and procedural matters

### 6.1 To receive financial report and payment of bills

**Invoices to be paid as at 20.04.17**

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<b>To:</b>	<b>Amount ex. VAT</b>	<b>Amount inc. VAT</b>
CGM Group	£120.00	£144.00
A & G Print	£251.00	£251.00
R & L Buckley	£25.00	£25.00
CAPALC	£128.02	£128.02
 <b>Barclays Bank</b>	 <b>£524.02</b>	 <b>£548.02</b>

It was **resolved** <sup>(Prop SH, 2nd DO, unanimous)</sup> that all the invoices presented be approved for payment after receipt of the precept.

**7.0 To consider matters arising from correspondence received**

- 7.0.1 EACH - request for donation  
RESOLVED not to make a donation.

**8.0 Items for information and closure of meeting including matters for the next meeting agenda**

Taken earlier.

Dates of future meetings

25 May 2017 – Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual meeting of the Parish Council

6 July 2017 – Parish Council meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.15 pm.

**Signed by Chair** .....

**Date** .....