

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2015 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Present : Cllrs : Blunt, Dartford, Harlock, Henderson (Chairman), Kent, Lee, Pask, Peerthy, Pryke, Saunderson & White.

In Attendance : Mr S Dartford (Clerk) & 1 Parishioner.

14.128 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from Cllr. Place, Cllr. West & County Cllr Bates.

14.129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr. Saunderson. Agenda item 136. Personal interest.
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Cllr. Blunt. Agenda item 138. Personal interest.

14.130 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12th FEBRUARY 2015.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr. White.

Seconded: Cllr. Dartford.

Vote: Carried.

14.131 MATTERS ARISING.

Agenda item 14.127. Item 6. A Member advised that he had removed the road cones from the Pond. He also advised the meeting that he had cut the tree back on the Huntingdon Road leading to Galley Hill. He felt the condition of the tree probably necessitated its removal.

14.132 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.

Fenstanton Capability Brown 300 has expressed its thanks for the grant provided by the Parish Council.

A grant application has been received from HACT. The application will be considered by the Finance & Constitution at the appropriate meeting.

Clerk's report.

Members were reminded that the Parish Council election will take place on 7th May. Nomination papers etc will be distributed to Members shortly after 23rd March and submitted no later than 16:00 9th April. Members were further reminded that the submission of their papers is their responsibility and not the Clerks.

Work is expected to commence in the middle of April to kerb Chapel Green. Neighbouring residents are being advised by letter and the matter will be reported in Spectrum.

The new additional bench has been installed on Chapel Green. The meeting was advised that a dedication service has been arranged by Mrs Ding and will be held on 14th March. All Councillors are invited to attend.

14.133**POLICE REPORT.****14.133.01. To review the list of reported crimes.**

A report of crimes for the month of January, the latest available from the Police, was distributed to Members for information. The meeting was advised of various thefts between the period 14th to 20th February and 6th / 7th March. The meeting was further advised that there is an increase in burglary and thefts from vehicles in the District. The matter will be brought to Parishioners attention in the next edition of Spectrum.

14.134**COMMITTEE REPORTS.****14.134.01. Planning Committee.**

Draft Minutes of the meeting held 4th March had been distributed to all Members present. The Chairman of the Planning Committee provided supplementary information.

The meeting felt that a clear procedure should be put in place to determine which Planning Applications require consideration by the full Parish Council. It was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee had reviewed and advised the meeting of the comments made by Members appertaining to the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036. The meeting was advised of a communication from Houghton & Wyton Parish Councils expressing concerns at the Local Plan and that it may not pass the test of soundness and requesting other Parish Councils to support their concerns. The meeting was advised of a reply received from the District Council answering Houghton & Wyton's concerns. During discussion the meeting felt that, although the Wyton development would have an effect on Fenstanton, the Local Plan was not unreasonable and acceptable with the comments that the Parish will submit as part of the consultation process. It was, therefore, resolved that the Parish Council supports the Local Plan.

Proposed: Cllr. Pryke.

Seconded: Cllr. Lee.

Vote: Carried.

14.134.02. General Purposes Committee.

Draft minutes of the meeting held 5th March had been distributed to all Members present. In the absence of the Committee Chairman supplementary information was given by a Committee Member.

14.134.03. Parish Council website Working Group.

A report of the meeting held 2nd March was given by Cllr. Peerthy.

14.135**REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.**

14.135.01. District Councillor's report. Cllr. Harlock had no matters appertaining to the Parish.

14.135.02. County Councillors report. In the absence of Cllr. Bates no report was given, However, Cllr. Harlock advised the meeting that he and Cllr. Bates were discussing various environmental issues with the Highways Agency concerning the A14 improvement which will affect various properties in the Parish

14.135.03. A14 improvement. Report of DCO meeting held 5th March.

Cllr. Kent had been unable to attend the meeting and, therefore, no report was given. The meeting was advised that further meetings will be convened and that the Parish Council will be invited. The meeting was further advised that notification has been given that the Parish Council will wish to make a representation at the Public inquiry.

14.135.04. Other. A Member advised the meeting that he had attended the Speedwatch AGM. Members were advised that it had not been a constructive meeting.

14.136 To consider the possibility of supporting the planting of hedge screening at the unofficial layby on the A1096.

Information regarding the proposal had been distributed to all Members. During discussion concern was expressed at the possible long term financial implications in keeping any hedging cut and maintained. The meeting expressed concern at the amount of mud that is brought onto the A1096 from vehicles exiting and that County Council Highways should consider making the layby official with a metalled surface.

Following discussion it was resolved that as the layby is unofficial that no action is taken until such time as it is adopted.

Proposed: Cllr. White. **Seconded:** Cllr. Harlock **Vote:** 8 in favour.
1 against.
1 abstention.

The Chairman did not vote.

It was further resolved to write to County Council Highways requesting that the unofficial layby is either adopted or closed.

Proposed: Cllr. Pask. **Seconded:** Cllr. Peerthy. **Vote:** Carried.

14.137 To consider FPC support for 1. A meeting to restore Speedwatch and 2. The appointment of a representative to attend any proposed meeting between the Police and Speedwatch volunteers to represent the Parish Council's views.

Information on the proposed meeting had been distributed to all Members. Members were advised that, upon information received, it was unlikely that a meeting would be convened. It was, therefore, resolved to take no further action.

Proposed: Cllr. Harlock. **Seconded:** Cllr. Kent. **Vote:** Carried.

14.138 To consider a request from the Village Hall Committee to hold an event on Clock Tower Green on 17th May 2015.

The meeting resolved to grant permission as requested.

Proposed: Cllr. Harlock. **Seconded:** Cllr. Kent. **Vote:** Carried.

14.139 PARISH ACTION PLAN.

Members reviewed the action plan. The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee will be included.

14.140 FINANCE**14.140.01. To receive the Financial Report & approve payments.**

The Financial Report had been distributed to Members. It was resolved the payments be approved.

Proposed: Cllr. Pryke. **Seconded:** Cllr. Kent. **Vote:** Carried.

A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

14.140.02. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.

The RFO recommended a transfer of £ 3,470.00 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of March.

Proposed: Cllr. Pryke.

Seconded: Cllr. Blunt.

Vote: Carried.

14.141 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

14.142 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

- 1). The meeting was advised that a finger post has been erected on footpath 2 at the White Bridge.
- 2). A Member advised the meeting that he had seen evidence that Capability Brown owned the Manor House in Chequer Street.
- 3). It had been observed that cars are now being offered for sale on the Clock Tower. Trading Standards will be advised. A Member felt that Trading Standards should also be advised of the items being offered for sale on the High Street by Swan Gardens

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

HACT
RFO.

Huntingdon Association for Community Transport.
Responsible Financial Officer.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

_____ (Date)