FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10th MARCH 2016 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Present: Cllrs: Dartford, Henderson, Kent (Chairman), Lee, Pask, Place, Pryke,

Saunderson, West & White.

In Attendance: Mr S Dartford (Clerk), 3 Parishioners.

15.123 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from Cllr. Caswell & District Cllr. Mead.

15.124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr. Kent declared a personal interest in Planning application 16/00357/HHFUL.

15.125 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11th FEBRUARY 2016.

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed:** Cllr. West. **Seconded:** Cllr. Pryke. **Vote:** Carried.

15.126 MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising.

15.127 TO CONSIDER PROVIDING A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND IF AGREED AN APPROPRIATE SUM TOWARDS AN AFTERNOON TEA FOR PARISHIONERS TO CELEBRATE THE QUEENS BIRTHDAY.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:35 to allow representatives of the organising group to address the meeting. The meeting was advised that it is the intention to provide a Cream Tea on 21st April for Parishioners to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting at 19:40.

Following discussion it was resolved to provide a sum of £200 for the event and the decision to contribute towards any shortfall will be made by the Finance and Constitution Committee when it meets to consider all grant applications in October.

Proposed: Cllr. Kent. **Seconded:** Cllr. Pryke. **Vote:** Carried. The meeting further requested that any promotional material states that the event is sponsored by the Parish Council.

15.128 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has completed its review of Cambridgeshire County Council.

Clerk's report.

The meeting was advised that Fenstanton Parish Council has been unsuccessful in obtaining a grant under the Local Highway Initiative for the application of double yellow lines on the A14 east bound slip road.

The Clerk had been advised that a Fenland Parish Council had taken action to combat dog fouling by spray painting dog excrement on footpaths. The meeting was advised such an act is unlawful.

Notification has been received from the County Council that the street lighting will be switched off between the hours of 2am and 6am in Maytrees, Elizabeth Court and Greenfields, lighting on the Low Road will be dimmed during the same period. This becomes effective from 1st April 2016.

15.129 POLICE REPORT.

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 present for information. A copy of the report is appended to the minutes for information.

15.130 COMMITTEE REPORTS.

15.130.01. Finance & Constitution Committee.

Draft minutes of the meeting held 18th February had been included with Member's papers. The Chairman of the Committee provided supplementary information to Members.

15.130.02. Burial Board.

Draft minutes of the meeting held 25th February had been included with Member's papers. The Chairman of the Burial Board provided supplementary information to the meeting.

15.130.03. Planning Committee.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee appraised the meeting of planning matters which had arisen since the last meeting.

15.131 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.

15.131.01. District Councillor's report.

In the absence of District Cllr. Mead no report was given.

15.131.02. County Councillors report.

In the absence of County Cllr. Bates no report was given.

15.131.03. Other.

The Parish Council's representative reported on the St Ives Road Safety Committee meeting which was held on 8th March 2016.

15.132 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HUNTINGDONSHIRE – CONSULTATION.

The meeting was advised that the proposals will have no effect on the Parish. Following discussion it was agreed not to comment on the proposals.

15.132 PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS - UPDATE.

Cllr. Pask advised the meeting that the possible cost of obtaining a suitable defibrillator would be £1500 although other costs would be incurred as the equipment would need to be connected to an electrical supply and the cost of electricity is estimated at £50.00 per year. The East Anglian Ambulance Service had been consulted and felt that one defibrillator in the Village would be sufficient and a suitable location would be in the vicinity of the Clock Tower. The meeting was advised that the Clock Tower is a listed building. Following considerable discussion the meeting concurred further information was required before a decision could be made. It was agreed to defer the matter until the next meeting, when more information will be available and a decision will be made at that time.

15.133 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH TO HOLD THE ANNUAL HOBBIES DAY ON CHAPEL GREEN.

During discussion a Member suggested that the Parish Council should consider charging for events to be held on Parish Council land and made a proposition to that effect. Following discussion it was agreed to consider the proposition separately to the request from the United Reformed Church. It was resolved to grant permission for the United Reformed Church to hold the Annual Hobbies Day on Chapel Green on 17th September. Should any damage to the green occur the United Reformed Church will be responsible for undertaking the necessary repairs.

Proposed: Cllr. White. **Seconded:** Cllr. Henderson. **Vote:** Carried.

It was proposed that the Finance and Constitution Committee consider levying a charge for events held on Parish Council land at its next meeting.

Proposed: Cllr. White. **Seconded:** Cllr. Dartford. **Vote:** 5 for.

5 against.

The Chairman used his casting vote in favour of the proposition which was, therefore, carried.

15.134 PARISH ACTION PLAN.

There were no further actions.

15.135 FINANCE

15.135.01. To receive the Financial Report & approve payments.

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

Proposed: Cllr. Henderson. Seconded: Cllr. Pryke. Vote: Carried.

A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

15.135.02. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.

The RFO recommended a transfer of £4,500 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of March.

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

15.136 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

15.137 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

- 1). The meeting was advised that the Village Hall Committee wished to hold an event on Clock Tower and promote it in Spectrum but due to an oversight had failed to advise the Parish Council. It was necessary to include the item in this month's magazine and the Committee sought the indulgence of the Parish Council to grant permission. The meeting felt there was no reason to object in principle.
- 2). A Member advised the meeting that flooding had occurred in Bell Lane.
- 3). A Member had observed overgrowing vegetation on the west bound slip road of the A14.
- 4). It had come to the notice of a Member that the District Council are considering levying a charge of £250 to empty Parish and Town Council waste bins. The matter will be considered by the Parish Council once the full details are confirmed.

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- 5). A Member had read a letter in the Hunts Post concerning parking in Fenstanton. The opinion was that the increased number of vehicles parking in the Village is as a result of the charge being levied at the Park & Ride site in St Ives and that rather than pay the charge travellers are using the bus from the Village.
- 6). It had been observed that the grass verge between 7 Bell Lane and The Limes has been severely damaged by contractors. The Clerk will contact the developer to ensure necessary repairs are undertaken.

	There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10 pm.	
	Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-	
RFO.	Responsible Financial Officer.	
Signed	(Chairman)	(Date)