

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2016 7:30 PM AT FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Present : Cllrs : Caswell, Dockerill, Grantham, Henderson, Kent (Chairman),
Lee, Pask, Place, West & White.

In Attendance : Mr S Dartford (Clerk), County Cllr Bates & 1 Parishioner.

16.047 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Were received from Cllrs: Dartford, Pryke, Saunderson & District Cllr. Mead.

16.048 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made.

16.049 A14 – UPDATE BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM HIGHWAYS ENGLAND.

Ms Pettit (Highways England) had requested their attendance be postponed until October when more information will be available. In view of the request an invitation has now been extended for Ms Pettit and her colleague to attend the October meeting.

16.050 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14th JULY 2016.

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr. Place **Seconded:** Cllr. Grantham. **Vote:** Carried.

16.051 MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising.

16.052 CORRESPONDENCE & CLERK'S REPORT.

Mr. Riley has requested the Parish Council make a representation to Whippet Coaches concerning the revised timetable. The Clerk has replied to Mr Riley.

Mr Miller a resident of London Road has contacted County Cllr. Bates requesting a reduction in the speed limit on the London Road. County Cllr. Bates has replied to Mr. Miller suggesting that a joint application with Hemingford Grey Parish is submitted under the Local Highway Improvement initiative.

HDC. Information of the grass cutting programme had been distributed to all Members for information.

Fenstanton Village Sports have submitted an application for a financial grant. The matter will considered by the Finance & Constitution Committee at the meeting to be held on 27th October.

CCC. Notification that applications for the Local Highway Improvement initiative must be submitted by 30th November. The meeting agreed to consider the matter at the October meeting of the Parish Council.

CCC. The Highways Service is keen to explore ways to enable community volunteers to carry out work on the public highway. Should the Parish Council be interested in partaking of the scheme a representative from Highways will attend a meeting to discuss the type of volunteering the parish may wish to undertake. The meeting agreed to invite a representative from County Council Highways to a future meeting to appraise Members of the implications of becoming part of the scheme.

Clerk's report.

The meeting was advised that the Clerk has been in discussion with Mr. Milligan (Hinchbrook Country Park Ranger) concerning the condition of the Village pond. Mr Milligan will inspect the pond and advise the Clerk regarding the necessity of arranging a pond cleaning day.

The meeting was advised that Wisser Re-cycling have agreed to undertake a collection of unwanted electrical items on 11th January.

The meeting was advised that the kissing gates on the Hall Green Lane footpath had been stolen. The Police have been advised and crime Nr.CF0394310916 has been given. The gates are the property of the County Council who have been advised of the theft.

Highways England. Notification that two way traffic lights will be in operation on Hilton Road between 8th and 14th September. The lights will be operational during off peak hours.

CCC Highways. Notification that the A1096/A14 junction (26) will be closed over the weekend of 14th / 16th October. This is for remedial measures to be undertaken which include resigning, patching, relining, renewal of road studs, vegetation clearance and drainage works.

Village Hall Trust. Expression of thanks for the use of Clock Tower Green for the Cycle Treasure Hunt.

The meeting was advised that repairs to the safety surface at Headlands Park play area have been completed.

16.053

POLICE REPORT.

To review the list of reported crimes.

A report of crimes for the month of June, the latest available from the Police, was distributed to all Members present. The Meeting was advised of further reported incidents during the month of August. The meeting agreed to invite a Police representative to a future meeting.

16.054

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

16.054.01. General Purposes Committee.

Draft minutes of the meeting held 28th July were distributed to all Members. Supplementary information was given by the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee. The meeting was advised that work has been undertaken in the Clock Tower to provide safe access to the clock winding mechanism.

16.054.02. Planning Committee.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on the meeting held 7th September.

- 16.055 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.**
- 16.055.01. District Councillor's report.**
In the absence of District Cllr. Mead no report was given.
- 16.055.02. County Councillors report.**
County Cllr. Bates appraised the meeting of matters appertaining to the Parish.
- 16.055.03. Other. A14 Parish and Community Forum.** Cllr. Henderson appraised Members of the meeting held 19th July.
- 16.056 A14 COMMUNITY AWARD FUND.**
A Member had produced a comprehensive list of possible projects. The meeting reviewed the list, although at this juncture the sum available or the conditions appertaining are unknown. The meeting felt that the attendance of representatives from Highways England, to the October meeting, will provide the required information. The list is appended to the Minutes for information. The meeting also discussed the possibility of obtaining free surplus materials during the construction of the A14. However, it was agreed the Parish Council did not have the resources to use the materials if they were obtained.
- 16.057 PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR.**
The meeting was advised that no further progress has been made as a location for the siting of the defibrillator continues to be sought.
- 16.058 TO REVIEW THE EFFECTS OF THE DOCTOR'S PRACTICE BEING PLACED IN 'SPECIAL MEASURES'.**
Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council keeps a watching brief on the situation. Cllr. Place agreed to keep the situation under review.
- 16.059 TO REVIEW THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO SUSTRANS.**
The meeting considered the statement forwarded to Sustrans by a Member in his own right and not as a Parish Councillor. The statement brought to the attention of Sustrans the situation concerning the effect the, expected, future, large developments will have on the existing local road network and cycle ways. Following discussion the meeting resolved to support Cllr. Henderson in his endeavours to improve the national and local cycle paths within the Parish and any additional cycle paths that may be required in the future.
Proposed: Cllr. Kent. **Seconded:** Cllr. Caswell. **Vote:** Carried.
- 16.060 FINANCE.**
- 16.060.01. To receive the Financial Report & approve payments.**
The Financial Report had been distributed to Members. It was resolved the payments be approved.
Proposed: Cllr. Kent. **Seconded:** Cllr. Place. **Vote:** Carried.
- A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.
- 16.060.02. To Approve The Transfer Of Funds.**
The RFO recommended a transfer of £3,600 from the Instant Access Business Account to the Current Account to cover expenditure for the month of September.
Proposed: Cllr. Henderson. **Seconded:** Cllr. White. **Vote:** Carried.
- 16.060 CALENDAR OF KNOWN FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.**
Dates of forthcoming meetings had been distributed to Members.

16.061 PARISH MATTERS TO NOTE.

- 1). The meeting was advised of overhanging trees on the Hilton Road. Whilst it was agreed the trees are the responsibility of the landowner the Clerk will contact County Council Highways as they are overhanging the highway.
- 2). A Member suggested that offenders undertaking Community Service could undertake litter picking on the Low Road.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Abbreviations used in these minutes are as follows:-

CCC.	Cambridgeshire County Council.
HDC.	Huntingdonshire District Council.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

_____ (Date)