

ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall

Present: Terry Sadler (Chairman), Michael Robinson, Tim Pavelin, Kern Roberts, Liz Gibson, Lewis Duke, Susan Clew, Liz Goddard, Jocelyn Flitton (Parish Clerk, Cllr Mick Martin (District), Sharon Bridgeman (representing Neil Blair of Vantix Ltd.), David Lilley, Ray Olds and Julia Hawkins

234/12 Apologies for absence: Cllr Timothy Stone (County), Sian Wombwell

235/12 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2012: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

236/12 Adjournment for questions from members of the public: David Lilley wished his continued opposition to the proposed 20mph Speed Limit to be noted. Ray Olds asked why it was taking so long for the 20mph speed limit to be implemented. The Chairman explained what had been happening since the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

The Chairman said he was bringing the following 3 items forward on the Agenda as he felt they all interlinked with one another:

250/12 Request for footpath/pavement between Abbey Barns Business Park and Abbey Street: Lewis Duke declared an interest. The Clerk had received a request from Dr Neil Blair (Operations Manager) of Vantix Ltd. Unit 4 Abbey Barns, for a footpath/pavement between Abbey Barns and Abbey Street due to safety issues of walking on the road verges and the speed of cars through the village. The buildings had been in existence only since 2000 and this proposition had not previously been put to or discussed by the Parish Council. Sharon Bridgeman presented some documentation for the Councillors to consider. After discussion, it was agreed to ask CCC Highways what their attitude would be concerning such a footpath, if they would fund it, and what the possibility was of linking it up with the proposed cycle path from Duxford to Ickleton (it would be interesting to learn the current state of progress of this). Such a footpath could be a useful link to the public footpath which heads east off by the old Windmill in Duxford Road. The potential cost was likely beyond the ability of the Parish Council to fund. The firms located in Abbey Barns might consider if they were able to make any contribution. **Action: TS**

237/12 Matters Arising: 026/12 - Proposed 20mph Speed Limit/ HCVs and

249/12 CCC Minor Highways Improvements Scheme – 10% contribution at least – bid to be submitted by 21/12/12: The Chairman said that our proposed bid for the Highways Improvements Scheme was linked to the proposed 20mph Speed Limit. The Chairman gave a resume of the situation past and present. CCC contribution will be up to £10,000 per applicant and the Parish Council would be asked to make a minimum contribution of £1,000. The Chairman and Kern Roberts (who represents the Focus Group) had met with Brian Stinton (CCC) and following the positive tone of the discussion it was suggested that a bid for priority give-way traffic islands near the current 30mph speed limit signs at Frogge Street and Duxford Road be submitted. Lewis Duke felt we should ask Duxford Parish Council and CCC if the traffic islands at Duxford had slowed down the traffic. The Chairman confirmed that the possibility of introducing a weight limit to deter HCVs from using the village as a transit route would also be pursued. Councillors decided unanimously to ask for the 20mph speed limit. Regarding the bid requesting traffic islands, 5 Councillors were For, 1 Against and 2 Abstained.

The immediate next step in seeking a 20mph speed limit was to write to the bodies (mainly Police and Emergency Services), which the Parish Council was required by law to consult. While that was going on further publicity would be given to the Councillors decision via Icene so that residents would have ample opportunity to express their views if they wished. Kern Roberts confirmed that to date indications were that an overwhelming majority supported the lower speed limit.

Action: TS/KR

237/12 Matters arising:

028/07 Proposed Tennis Courts – The Chairman would reply to Stella Parker in the New Year. Kern Roberts reported that Ickleton Tennis Club had now been formed. James Macdonald was elected Chairman, Scott Wentzell elected Treasurer and Catherine Cocks elected Secretary. They will have a written constitution, will open bank accounts and obtain grants. They intend to build the club up from the bottom age group and will be holding mini tennis in April in the Village Hall. Councillors welcomed the formation of the Tennis Club. **Action: TS/KR**

168/11 Queen Elizabeth II Fields – Deed of Dedication/Land Registry – The Clerk had now sent these documents to be lodged with Adams Harrison in Saffron Walden following their receipt from the Land Registry.

Plaque – Charles Frankau had yet to fix the plaque on the Village Hall. **Action: Clerk**

Royal Oak Sapling – This small sapling had been given to Sian Wombwell who has offered to care for it until it is ready for planting.

054/12 Additional litterbins and dog fouling notices inc. no dog sign for Play Area - The Chairman is communicating with SCDC with regard to purchasing litter and dog bins, which will be sited in the Recreation Ground. **Action: TS**

082/12 CCC Definitive Map Modification Order 2011 (Footpaths 7, 4 and 12) – The Planning Inspectorate – The Chairman had sent round a copy of the draft letter he intends to send. The Councillors had no comments or amendments they wished to be made. It was agreed to publish in Icene that we hold all the documentation should anyone wish to inspect it. **Action: TS/Clerk**

Ray Olds and Julia Hawkins left the meeting.

171/12 CAPALC Training Courses – All 8 Councillors present said they could attend the courses on 23 January, 6 and 13 February. The Clerk will contact Sian Wombwell to see if she can also attend. The Clerk will then notify Jo Keeler, the Parish Clerk at Sawston and Tina Webb at CAPALC. E-mail will be sent to the Parish Clerk at Duxford informing him of the course. **Action: ALL**

221/12 Village Maintenance Plan and 3 years back pay (£2,544.23) from CCC for grass cutting – Mike Cooper (CCC Highways) had put a copy of the plan through the Clerk's door and she had obtained a note as to what the colour coding meant. Three invoices had been sent to CCC for the 3 years back pay.

222/12 HM Revenue & Customs – Real Time Information requirements for PAYE from April 2013 – This item is outstanding with the Clerk.

238/12 Youth Representation: None

239/12 Reports from District and County Councillors:

Appendix I - District Councillor's Report
Appendix II - County Councillor's Report

240/12 Correspondence received:

CAPALC	-	e-Bulletin Nov 2012/Training Courses
	-	Area Joint Committees disbanded
	-	Localising Support for Council Tax
	-	LCTS Communications Update
CCC	-	Passenger Transport/Older People's Newsletter
CCC (M Cooper)	-	Potholes/Possibility of installing bollard o/s 1 Abbey St
	-	Village Plan
CCC (Cllr T Stone)	-	Cycleways and pavements
SCDC (J Minutolo)	-	Grant Review Update and Consultation
SCDC (H Duffett)	-	Litter and Dog Bins
SCDC (F McMillan)	-	Register of Parish Member Interests (Liz Goddard)
NALC	-	LCR Online
Came & Co.	-	Increased Frequency in Public Liability Claims
East of England Local Gov. Assoc.	-	Affiliate Membership
HM Revenue & Customs	-	PAYE payment overdue

Cambs. Acre	-	HMRC Real Time Information
Dr N Blair (Vantix Ltd.)	-	Possibility of footpath between Abbey Barns & Abbey St
Neil Wilmer (RDF Television West)	-	ITV1's Secret Dealers
CPRE	-	E-mail Bulletin/Field Work Winter 2012
Drew Pest Control Ltd.	-	Pest Control Services
Wellcome Trust	-	Minutes Liaison Meeting 21 September 2012
LCR	-	Magazine Winter 2012
Online playgrounds	-	Brochure
Luminus Group	-	Calendar
Norse	-	Landscape Development
Various e-mails	-	Circulated to Councillors
South West Play	-	Scrambling Net
Leaf & Lawn	-	Offering Strimming services
DG Pallett	-	Maintenance Schedule for Cemetery
S Stothard	-	Skateboard quotation
SYD Box Office	-	Autumn Newsletter
Pam Fearn	-	Proposed Speed Limit
Clare Driver	-	Proposed Speed Limit
Victoria Hoskins	-	Proposed Speed Limit
Sophie McKibbin	-	Proposed Speed Limit
Sarah Blackaby	-	Proposed Speed Limit
Richard Herbert	-	Proposed Speed Limit
Penny Fletcher	-	Proposed Speed Limit
Correspondence sent:		
Various e-mails	-	In response to those received
Adams Harrison	-	Deed of Dedication re. Recreation Ground
Land Registry	-	Queen Elizabeth II Field

241/12 Planning application(s) received from SCDC: Declarations of Interest to be declared.
S/2309/12/FL – Erection of timber boundary fence & removal of remaining section of existing wall (flint) – Norman Hall, 21 Church Street – Mr J Owen. The Chairman read out a Decision Notice refusing permission when a similar application was made in 2003. It was felt that the comments made then were still very relevant now. **Recommendation: Refuse** **Action: Clerk**

Application considered by the SCDC Planning Committee at its meeting on 5th December 2012:
S/1726/12/FL - Development of new facilities for Welch's Transport Group incorporating storage & distribution building, vehicle sales, service, MOT and repair building, associated offices, customer car, staff car, truck and crane parking - Moorfield Road, Duxford, Cambs, CB22 4PP – Welch's Group Holdings Ltd. Cllr Martin had attended the meeting and gave a report. There will be binding legal agreements preventing lorries going through Duxford, Ickleton and Whittlesford. **SCDC granted this application.**
The Planning Inspectorate – Appeal Ref: APP/W0530/A/12/2176129 – Land west of 20 Church Street, Ickleton – Appeal Dismissed. The Planning Inspector focused solely on the amenity of 10 Butcher's Hill. The Conservation Area and impact on Gurner House arguments were dismissed.

Meeting with Head of Planning – Implications of refusal at Land west of 20 Church Street, Ickleton. Cllr Martin will go back to Lorraine Casey as it was agreed a meeting should take place and Councillors were happy for the meeting to take place in Cambourne. **Action: Cllr Martin**

Construction of garage 33 Church Street – Cllr Martin had still not received any further response. He will continue to pursue this. **Action: Cllr Martin**
 Cllr Martin, David Lilley and Sharon Bridgeman left the meeting.

242/12 Reports from Councillors:
Kern Roberts had received comments about the poor and muddy state of Back Lane. As this is an unadopted road, the Parish Council has no responsibility for its maintenance.

243/12 Finance (Bank Balances) including payments to:

Cambs County Council (Street Lighting Oct 12-Sept 13) - £391.14

CostCutter (Drinks-Presentation) - £15.88

Harts (Nov) - £82.80

Cambridgeshire Acre (Subscription) - £30.00. Tim Pavelin proposed and it was agreed to renew for a five-year membership at a cost of £120.00.

Money received: Judith Wright (Icene Advert.) - £5.00

Donations – Magpas – it was agreed to donate £50 to this cause. Payment to a charity nominated by Chris Saunders in return for marking the cemetery gates was left until known.

Bank Balances:

Community Account - £1,524.63

Business Base Rate Tracker Account - £43,372.56 (inc. Section 106 £7,357.69)

Barclays Bank – Business Credit Card – It was agreed to keep the letter on file with no action taken.

Precept discussions: The Clerk will send out dates for the Finance Committee to meet hopefully in the w/c 2 January 2013. **Action: Clerk**

244/12 Recreation Field and Play Area:

Assault Course (Scrambling) Net – The Chairman thanked Tim Pavelin for dismantling the net. The Clerk had boxed and packed the net, which was due to be collected today between 8.30am and 5.30pm. This did not happen. The Clerk has notified South West Play. **Action: Clerk**

Skate Park – Revised quotation accepted by GA Woodcock – They hope to do the work in the New Year, weather permitting. **Action: Clerk**

Rubber Matting under swings – this is still outstanding with C Frankau. **Action: Clerk**

Broken benches (rear of R Herbert's garden) – this is still outstanding with C Frankau **Action: Clerk**

Ickleton Cricket Club – They had spoken with SCDC and could complete a pre-application planning advice form together with rough drawings and measurements and the Council will let them know if they have to submit a proper planning application. This is free of charge. A container would need planning permission. The Parish Council agreed that ICC should submit the pre-application form having consulted with Ickleton Football Club. **Action: KR/MR/TP**

245/12 Cemetery - Chapel – Condition to be kept under Review

Repair of Bell Tower on Chapel roof by G A Woodcock - using tiles – In view of the dark days and the fact that they will need to take down the scaffolding every day (in case of theft) this job will be done in the New Year. **Action: Clerk**

Insurance claim with AON – The Clerk will write to the Insurance Company explaining the situation.

Action: Clerk

Cemetery gates – In Sian Wombwell's absence, it is not known if the gates have been marked. The donation to a charity of Chris Saunders choice will then be made. **Action: SW**

Cemetery Guidelines – draft version – It was proposed, seconded and all approved to adopt these guidelines. The Clerk was asked to contact D Skeates to see if he would let us know if there were any queries to be made by funeral directors. Once he has replied, these will then be published. **Action: Clerk**

Application for kerbing – Leslie & Ruby Lilley memorial - The Clerk will contact Mr & Mrs Lilley with an update of the situation. **Action: Clerk**

Cull of Rabbits – Michael Robinson has suggested the Clerk contact Peter Vincent. **Action: Clerk**

Maintenance Schedule – D G Pallett – The maintenance schedule prepared by Dominic Pallett for £400 was proposed, seconded and approved by all. **Action: Clerk**

246/12 Churchyard

Contacting 3 specialists in repairing Flint Walls – This was still outstanding with the Chairman.

Action: TS

247/12 Flooding

Land adj. Stumps Cross - Extension granted until 30 September 2013 – Nothing to report
Abbey Street opp. Methodist Chapel – Lewis Duke reported that in his plans for the old Methodist Chapel it is the intention to reinstate the drainage at the side of the building.

248/12 SCDC Standards Committee – Localism Act 2011

Register of Parish Members' Financial and other Interests form – due by 28th July/ publish on Parish Council Website / 6 Original forms returned to Monitoring Officer at SCDC - 3 Outstanding – Liz Goddard had now submitted her form to SCDC. This now left forms from Tim Pavelin and Sian Wombwell outstanding.
Action: TP/SW/Clerk

251/12 Village Website – Future plans: Susan Clew and Liz Gibson will now pursue Andrew Shepperd who is back from his holiday.
Action: SC/Liz Gibson

252/12 Memorial to Sheila Birch – The Chairman has spoken to Laura Osborne of the Wildlife Trust who has resources to help with a proposed notice board. He will continue to liaise. **Action: TS**
Responsibility for War Memorial and Coploe Pit – Gerry Birch had kindly offered to continue to look after them. Michael Robinson said he was happy to assist with Coploe Pit and would contact Gerry Birch.

253/12 Trees blown across roads 22 November/Local Burglaries: The Parish Council wished to thank Lewis Duke, William Wombwell and another unknown person who helped clear up the tree that had blown across Butcher's Hill. Also those who tried to remove the tree from the road between Cemetery corner and the railway crossing. Duncan Fraser removed the tree the following morning. The Parish Council appreciated the help received. It was noted via e-cops that a number of burglaries had taken place not only in Ickleton but also in nearby villages. An article will be put in Icene mentioning that any suspected criminal activities in or around the village should be reported to the police. It will also remind residents that anyone wishing to know more about the criminal activities that police are investigating can join e-cops by visiting <http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/myneighbourhood/ecops/> - this is free for anyone to join and keeps you in the picture. The number of local burglaries will be mentioned at the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting with the suggestion that the police prioritise and target vans/large vehicles that are around at strange times.
Action: LD/Clerk

254/12 Icene – Guidelines for contributors – A discussion was held as to what warrants an advertisement fee and what does not. Any organisation that is looking to make a profit should pay for an advertisement.

255/12 Adjournment for questions from members of the public: None

256/12 Date and time of next meeting - 16 January 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm

Chairman

Date

SCDC Grants

The Council has been reviewing its current grants and funding programmes. The Council wants to make its grants programme simpler, increase accountability, make sure funding is linked to the Council's priorities and be able to show what difference the grants have made.

Earlier this year the Council asked parish councils and other organisations who receive grants from us, what their priorities are:

Top Priority

- Support independent living; provide advice services; develop and support community transport

Medium Priority

- Support local community activities and amenities, parish councils and young people

Lower Priority

- Sustain and support the local environment, local business and tourism.

Proposal:

In recent years the Council has made £4 million of efficiency savings, but in light of national austerity measures now needs to save between £1.1 - £1.3m and it is looking to save £300K from the current grants programme of £800K.

To make this saving we are proposing to:

- Cut all the Council's capital grants programme (sports, community and arts facilities and historic buildings)
- Reduce the funding to Citizens' Advice Bureaux
- Withdraw the Council's contribution to the Arts Development Manager (ADM) posts and their budgets from July 2013.

Other grants will remain the same and the Community Chest grants are proposed to increase. The Council now has 'grant finder' available to help groups find funding from other places (the form can be downloaded from: <http://www.scambs.gov.uk/CommunityandLiving/CommunityGrants/default.htm> or call the Resource Officer on 01954 713359.

Next Steps:

We are consulting on the above proposals, and would like to have your views.

We will be meeting with Village College Principals and other organisations that currently receive grants from us, and will also be asking young people for their views, as well as consulting with Parish Councils.

The final decision will be made at the Leader's Portfolio Holder meeting on 1 February 2012.

A copy of the full report about the Grants Review can be found at: <http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI=883&Mid=5946>

We really want to have your thoughts on our grants so please take a few moments to complete our Survey – which closes on 20 December 2012

Superfast Broadband

Registration for Superfast Broadband continues. At present 122 out of a potential 318 premises have been registered in Ickleton. This represents 38.4%.

Companies interested in supplying superfast broadband in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough were asked to submit their bids by today. The County will now starting negotiations to choose a single supplier. It is on track to conclude the complex procurement process in the New Year. The contract award is due to be made in the early months of 2013, with the roll-out plan to follow.

Meanwhile the government has received EU permission to provide financial help for broadband projects in rural areas through Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK). This is a great step forward and should unlock the £6.75 million allocated for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. BDUK needed to demonstrate to the EU that a subsidy is necessary if superfast broadband is to be delivered in rural areas.

I have found that knocking on people's doors gets a pretty good response. I should welcome some assistance as the County has decided that it will keep registration open until the end of December.

A reminder that the website is at : www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/

Residual Capital Funding

I asked you last month for your support me in asking the project for a cycleway along the A505 from the Sawston roundabout to the Abington slip road.

Granta Park have been particularly helpful and are now in negotiation with the County on how the project could be realised. Separately The Babraham Institute has met County Council officers but with a particular view to getting the cycleway from Wandlebury completed. They have offered significant advantages.

County officers tell me that the political reality is that we won't get two new cycleways out of the Residual Funding for one County Division. I have responded by challenging them to produce a scoring matrix for projects.

Meanwhile an announcement has been made that an additional £20million is to be made available for cycleways. This is government money so I asked if we could get some of that for us. Sadly the answer is no because all the money will go to projects already identified by Sustrans.

That has caused me to ask in Full Council yesterday that when the County Council announces projects like this they should also say where the money is coming from. Far too often the cash is ring-fenced or is windfall. People reading these announcements can get the impression that money grows on trees and they want their bit, too.