

**Meeting of Eltisley Parish Council Meeting Held at The Newton Primary School,
Eltisley on Tuesday 10 November 2009**

Present: Cllrs: Messrs R Pinner (Chairman), M Cropley, D Lee, M Lines, Mrs D Spink and Mrs C Freeman.

In attendance: Cllr Miss M Smith (County), Cllr M Loynes (District), 3 members of the public and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

Comments and observations from members of the public and from the District & County Cllrs

Cllr Mandy Smith reported on the Cotton windfarm application and the Police Neighbourhood Panel meeting.

Cllr Loynes reported on the level of support that SCDC might give to the Cricket Club. Jane Lampshire had indicated some items would not be covered and the Club would need to contribute 50% of the total costs.

Cllr Loynes volunteered to join the Parish Plan Steering Group. This was gratefully accepted.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Mr Pettifor.

Mrs Spink declared an interest in item 7.1 as trustee of the Institute.

2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 8 September 2009

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. (Prop CF, 2nd MC)

3 Matters arising

(3.2) The dog fouling signs have not yet been received.

(4.1) Flag raising – clarification is being sought on the protocol of raising the flag.

(7.3) The advertising banner had been erected on the Green without permission and following the Parish Council's insistence it had finally been removed.

3.1 A428 right turn ban – replies from Andrew Lansley and Highways Agency

Noted. Residents were urged to write to both the Highways Agency and Mr Lansley.

3.2 (7.2) Textile Banks – carried forward

The installation of a textile bank was agreed, to be located adjacent to existing recycling facilities.

3.3 Ditches map – to consider the cost of purchase

SCDC had refused to issue a licence as the ditch data was not in its control and suggested the Environment Agency. A plan of the ditches and land drains had been received from the Environment Agency but at a small scale. It was agreed to increase the budget if a map had to be purchased to approximately £200. Cllr Loynes kindly agreed to ask SCDC if it could print a 1:10000 map centred on the village green free of charge.

4. Members' reports and items

4.1 Parish Plan

A meeting of the steering group was held last week and covered:

- The A428 U-turning.
- Road marking at the Potton End exit.
- Reflector lights – these are to be reported to Dennis Vacher.
- The danger of a concealed exit

- Speeding through the village – to be raised at the Neighbourhood Panel. Traffic is often speeding in the mornings between 8.45 – 9.15 am. Graham Lowe is to be asked to meet again with the Chairman.
- Improvements to the play area, fitness equipment and a swing – to be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- Another notice board was suggested near the bus shelter – agenda item next meeting. The School notice board cannot be read through the perspex.
- Exception sites for affordable housing need to be identified.
- Community Fuel Club – 11 initial orders were placed in October. Information is to be passed to other villages.
- The village was runner up in the Village of the Year Competition and was awarded £250. –

4.2 Footpaths

The footpaths and pavements at Potton End were discussed. Cllr Smith will ask Highways to deal with briars overhanging the B1040 on the left hand side. Overhanging vegetation in Potton End is to be reported to Dennis Vacher and also the overhanging vegetation on the public footpath from St Neots Road to the A428.

4.3 Tree Wardens' meeting

Messrs Cropley and Pinner reported on the meeting they had attended. A representative of the Tree Council attended. The next meeting will be in the New Year and a copy of the papers from the meeting is to be sent to Messrs Pinner and Cropley.

4.4 Report on BBC request to use village green for filming

The Chairman reported on the emergency decision taken between meetings to allow the BBC to film on the village green. £500 had been received from the BBC as a filming fee. The Cricket Club has had some grounds work done free of charge. It was noted that The Cade had not as yet received any money from the BBC for its use and it was agreed if The Cade produced an invoice for the BBC the Parish Council would send it to the BBC requesting payment. It was agreed to consider ring fencing this money and also the £250 received from ACRE towards a plaque at the next meeting when this will be on the agenda under budget considerations. ^(Prop RP, 2nd CF)

4.5 Report on SCDC ASB meeting

Mrs Freeman reported on the meeting that she had attended which had covered anti-social behaviour and its reporting. It was noted that during the BBC filming the Police had pulled over a motorcyclist and some drivers and spoken to them. The Neighbourhood Watch newsletter for South Cambs was showing zero crimes for October but it was thought that there might have been four break-ins. It was agreed to raise this with Sgt Fuller in writing as no-one was available to attend the next Police Panel meeting.

4.6 Christmas Party

The Peace Tree working group is meeting soon to finalise arrangements and will organise the cherry picker for the lights. The Christmas Party will take place on 12 December from 2-4 pm. The WI will provide mince pies. Members will provide prizes for the raffle and the EVGT will cover the cost of the refreshments. Mr Lines will provide music. Children will make Christingles and Mr Cropley will devise a quiz. Invitations will be delivered by Mr Pinner and Mrs Freeman.

5. Finance, procedure and risk assessment

5.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

The finance report was considered and the invoices and bank statements checked. The following payments as listed in the finance report were approved for payment ^(Prop ML, 2nd CF), plus Jerry Course £50 (glass for notice board). As the dog fouling signs have

not yet been received, the payment to Signworks was approved but payment is to be withheld until the signs are received.

Cambridge Water	Water bill	£16.77
LGS Services	Admin Support	£269.88
Signwork Ltd	Dog Fouling signs	£104.65
Moore Stephens	Annual Audit	£166.75
Leader Builders	Refurbish bus shelter	£999.60
Comberton PC	Charles Arnold Baker	£9.84
Grounds by Rounds	Grass cutting	£211.08
LGS Services	Admin Support	£222.13
LG Stoehr	Salary Oct & Nov	£126.46

It was noted that it had not been possible to cut the grass last month. A discretionary bonus was agreed to be paid to P Round as last year. Credits received between meetings were noted.

6. To consider planning applications received since the last meeting

6.1 Planning applications

None received.

6.2 Decisions

None received.

6.3 SCDC LDF Public Participation & Statement of Community Involvement & Supplementary Planning Documents

It was agreed to respond that the Parish Council supports the LDF and welcomes the planning forum meetings. The document should include the role of the District Councillor. The edict from Government in respect of exception sites, that the input of Parish Councils was not needed, was noted.

6.4 Wind farm

It was regretted that no members were able to attend the meeting.

7. To consider correspondence received since the last meeting

7.1 Mrs Childerley – “For Eltisley Parish Council to outline how it came to the conclusion that the village could not support three village halls as outlined in the response to the Village Institute News”

The question and its response were considered and it was agreed to reply that ‘The Parish Council did not undertake a formal financial exercise as that was not its remit. It based its conclusion that the village could not support three halls now not only on the personal knowledge of its members and the joint working group that was set up with the Parochial Church Council it also took into account both the past experience of the Village Institute’s usage over a period of years and also its use in more recent years. While in the past the village did successfully operate three meeting rooms this had changed long before the new school community hall was built. Lack of income in recent years had caused the management committee problems with keeping on top of repairs and running costs and this had resulted in the need for external financial support. The Parish Council also noted that many other villages find themselves in similar positions and also have to rely on external funding to keep running.’

7.2 BT - invitation to adopt your local red telephone kiosk

It was noted that this was a listed building. As mobile reception is poor, the Parish Council wished to keep the kiosk in use and will put forward an argument as to its usefulness. It was agreed to find out from SCDC what the options were for its retention and the implications as this is in a conservation area. BT is to be asked for a time extension for a formal response and this item was carried forward to the next meeting.

- 7.3 Andrew Lansley MP – Broadband speeds
In response to Mr Lansley's letter it was agreed to reply that the broadband speeds were poor and to support the enquiry by placing an article in the newsletter.
- 7.4 Community Engagement Strategy Consultation
The Parish Council supported the objectives of the consultation and expressed appreciation that the County Councillor attends meetings and provides a conduit of information with CCC.
- 7.5 Signatories for S106 agreement indemnities – new SCDC arrangements
Consideration was given to correspondence from James Fisher and the Clerk's report on legislation and procedures. It was agreed that the Parish Council wished to retain the present arrangements of any two members to sign S106 agreements and indemnities, and see no advantage in SCDC's proposed changes, due to potential difficulties and delays in contacting named members when necessary and also potential Code of Conduct implications.
- 7.6 HCV Issues and Countywide Advisory Freight Map
It was noted that this would be circulated when received – carried forward to January meeting.
- 7.7 SCDC Invitation to meet the Cabinet at 7.30 pm on 25 November 2009
Mrs Freeman and Mr Lee will attend. Mr Pinner will attend the CVF meeting on 26 November and report to the next meeting.
- 7.8 NATS update
Noted.
- 7.9 Thanks were received from Angela Weldon for the clearance of the bridle path.
- 7.10 The request for Victim Support is to be considered at the next meeting under the budget.
- 8. Closure of meeting**
There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.09 pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ Date.