



CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

A meeting of this Council was held at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 1st July 2014

Present:

Cllr S Crocker (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs L Doidge
Cllr P Gavigan
Cllr T Hudson
Cllr S Masters
Cllr C McPhie

Cllr J O'Dwyer
Cllr J Patel
Cllr Mrs R Poulton
Cllr Mrs L Selway
Cllr Dr S Smith

In attendance:

John Vickery Parish Clerk
Liz Pinchen Deputy Parish Clerk

8 members of the Public were in attendance for the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dr G Mehboob and Cllr Mrs P Vaughan.

It was:

RESOLVED that the apologies for absence from Cllr Dr G Mehboob and Cllr Mrs P Vaughan be approved.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the minutes of Council Meeting M124 held on 3rd June 2014 were confirmed as correct and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION for items on the agenda.

Cllr J Patel declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 12 as he is Treasurer of the CYP.

Cllr S Crocker declared a personal non disclosable interest in Item 16.1 as he is Clerk to Caldecote Parish Council.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PSCO David Jackson was unable to attend the meeting and had sent his apologies.

PCSO Jackson had sent a report prior to the meeting and this had been circulated (report attached).

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It was noted that reported crimes had decreased on this time last year. It was also noted that it was still unclear if the report related to all of Bourn Ward or just Cambourne.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chairman and Parish Clerk have been approached by South Cambs District Council to discuss a joined up approach to Community Development.
- The Chairman would like to discuss the writing of a Parish Plan and request that this item is added to a future agenda. If any councillor would like more information on Parish Plans they are invited to contact either the Chairman or the Parish Clerk for more information.

6. HEALTHCARE IN CAMBOURNE

Ian Burns, NHS Property Services was in attendance for this item. Apologies had been received from Dr Koo for being unable to attend the meeting.

Ian Burns reported that he was there to give an update on the progress of the improvements to the building but was unable to comment on NHS funding or GP services.

The original plan was to extend Sackville House as the County Council were using part of the building. Since then the Trading Standards Office has moved out of the building and NHS staff have moved into this space freeing up space in other areas of the building which can then be converted into more offices and clinical space. The first tranche of s106 funding, £165,500 plus indexing, has been received from MCA and is being held by Cambridgeshire County Council. MCA have been reluctant, with our agreement, to release the second tranche of s106 funds but some has now been released enabling the works to go ahead. The improvements are due to start in August to be completed by early winter. An additional GP is due to start work around this time. NHS property services are arranging to purchase or lease the office space (Trading Standards area) from the County Council and this has caused delays.

Some additional NHS staff have moved into the building from other locations. Concern was raised that this will reduce the additional space available for extra clinicians. Ian Burns reported that the reconfiguration should provide enough capacity for additional clinicians.

The effect of the Local Plan is being looked at; the options being a second surgery or an extension to Sackville House. This decision will be made by a separate body once the outcome of the Local Plan is known.

The following concerns and questions were raised:

Q. What size of surgery works best?

A. This depends of many factors such as the size and demography of the population and the range of services being offered.

Q. Can we arrange for Dr Koo to attend a future meeting?

A. This will be arranged, a Special Council Meeting may need to be called.

Concern was raised that the current s106 funding is money that is allocated to Cambourne as it is now and should not be carried forward to be spent on West Cambourne.

The Chairman thanked Ian Burns for his attendance.

It was:

RESOLVED to agree the release of £140,000 of s106 fund to enable the re-configuration of Sackville House and to arrange a meeting with Dr Koo and Ian Burns to discuss to use of the balance of the s106 funds.

16.2 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed to bring this item forward as members of the Cambourne Fishing Club were in attendance for this item.

Brett from the Fishing Club reported that the recent dog training event had been very successful. A petition of signatures was handed to the Parish Council requesting that it be presented to South Cambs District Council to request a Dog Warden for Cambourne. There is also an online petition.

The Fishing Club requested a repeat of the previously received funding (£200) in order that they can run another dog training event. The funds are needed to purchase more quality leads and collars to be given away to dog owners, especially those with smaller dogs.

It was:

RESOLVED to agree in principle to a grant of £200 subject to the receipt of the correct paperwork, to be ratified at the Finance and Policy meeting on 22nd July 2014.

7. RESIDENTS CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Pat Vaughan – Email regarding a charity coffee morning.

The Deputy Parish Clerk reported that Cllr Mrs P Vaughan would like to organise an event in memory of Peter Dare. Due to Cllr Vaughan's absence no further details were available. The Council would support such an event but more details are needed and the charity needs to be one appropriate to Peter Dare.

It was:

Resolved that the email be received and that more information is sought.

Yvonne Brazier – Email regarding the bus stop on Cambridge Road.

The Parish Clerk reported that the final positions of the bus stops have yet to be finalised. The Parish Council does have a statutory power to erect bus stops with the agreement of the Highways Authority. Once the Rural Interchange is installed on the High Street the current bus shelter could be moved to Cambridge Road if MCA are in agreement.

It was:

Resolved that the email be received and that the Parish Clerk will contact MCA regarding the relocation of the bus shelter.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Planning Committee - report from 3rd June 2014 PLN M201 and 17th June 2014 PLN M202.

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Resolved that the Planning Committee report for 3rd June 2014 and 17th June 2014 be received.

8.2 Leisure & Amenities Committee – report from 17th June 2014 LA M57

It was:

Resolved that the Leisure & Amenities Committee report for 17th June 2014 be received.

9. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

No County Councillor was present.

Concern was raised that County Cllr Loynes has not attended a Parish Council for some months or given a written report and that if he is unable to attend a deputy should attend in his place.

Concern was raised that Cambourne does not appear on the County Council gully cleaning list and that this should be taken up with Cllr Loynes.

It was:

Resolved that a letter be sent to Stephen Frost, South Cambridgeshire Conservative Association, Secretary and Election Agent to express the Parish Council's concern at the lack of representation at the County Council and that Cambridgeshire County Council be requested to send another representative if Cllr Loynes is unable to attend the Parish Council meetings.

10. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

District Cllr Alison Elcox was in attendance.

District Cllr Elcox presented a report to the Council (report attached).

It was:

Resolved that the report be received.

11. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

11.1 Schedule of Payments

Queries raised were clarified by the Parish Clerk.

It was:

Resolved that the schedule of payments be received and the payments approved.

11.2 Current Financial Statement

The Parish Clerk reported that spending is inline with expectations. Queries raised were answered by the Parish Clerk.

It was:

Resolved that the report on the Finance Spreadsheet as at 30/5/14 be received

11.3 Bank Reconciliation

It was:

Resolved that the bank reconciliations at 1st June 2014 be received and approved.

12. CYP
Cllr J Patel left the meeting during this item.

The Parish Clerk reported that updated accounts had been received from the CYP. Concern was raised that there are no reserves shown and there is a deficit of income over expenditure.

It was:

Resolved to defer this item to the next Finance and Policy Committee pending receipt of further information.

13. SKATEPARK EXTENSION

The Parish Clerk reported that contrary to initial understanding the quotations received for the extension to the Skatepark did not include the tarmac surface leaving a shortfall in the budget of £24,000. This had been discussed at the Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting on 17th June 2014 and a recommendation was made that the Council should agree to vire the shortfall from Balances into the Repairs and Renewals fund for Open Spaces. The Parish Clerk confirmed that this still leave the Balances within acceptable limits. The Skatepark extension will only go ahead if the £20,000 grant that has been applied for is received from AmeyCespa.

It was:

Resolved that Council confirmed the recommendation of the Leisure & Amenities Committee to vire £24,000 from Balances into the Repairs and Renewals fund for Open Spaces

14. LAND TRANSFERS

The Land Transfer report had been circulated prior to the meeting (report attached)

It was:

Resolved that the report be received.

15. TRAFFIC MATTERS & ROAD SAFETY

15.1 Broad Street junction update

The Parish Clerk reported that the drawings for the Broad Street Junction improvements had been checked by Jon Finney and that Taylor Wimpey have responded to his comments and made the necessary adjustments. The work is planned to take place during the school summer holidays.

It was:

Resolved that the report be received.

15.2 Yellow Line consultation.

The Parish Clerk reported that the request for the yellow lines has gone to the County Council and the legal process is being undertaken. A time line is awaited.

It was:

Resolved that the report be received.

15.3 Crossings

The Parish Clerk reported that the data from the traffic counts had been received but that the County Council have requested it in a different format. This has been requested from company that provided the traffic counts.

It was:

Resolved that the report be received.

15.4 Bus routes

Concern was raised that the buses have difficulty using the High Street and turning from Jeavons Lane onto the High Street due to parked cars causing an obstruction.

It was:

Resolved that the Parish Clerk will speak to PC Murphy regarding this issue.

16. GENERAL CORRESPONDANCE

Steve Jones – Bourn Parish Council

Email regarding Coalition of Parish Councils.

At a recent meeting of local Parish councils a Coalition Statement opposing the proposed development at Bourn Airfield and West Cambourne was produced. Bourn Parish Council are requesting support from Cambourne Parish Council and 14 other local Parish Councils for the Coalition Statement. Also proposed is the hiring of specialist advisors to critique the transport strategy for the Local Plan and produce evidence to support the rejection of Bourn Airfield and West Cambourne from the Local Plan. To do this a fighting fund is being set up and the local Parish Councils asked to contribute.

It was:

Resolved that Cambourne Parish Council support the Coalition of Parish Council's statement to object at the Local Plan hearings.

It was:

Proposed that Cambourne Parish Council support the hiring of specialist advisors to critique the transport strategy.

5 votes in favour, 6 votes against. Motion not carried.

Arts & Minds

Email regarding programme recently run in Cambourne

The Deputy Parish Clerk reported that she had attended an exhibition of work produced by the participants of the Arts & Minds programme. The feedback from the event was that the programme had been a success and there may be a need to run the programme again in the Autumn.

It was:

Resolved that the letter be received.

Steve Dighton – Service Manager, Cambridgeshire County Council

Email Local Highway Improvements Initiative 2014

The Chairman suggested the Highways Initiative could be used to improve the cross over point for the cycle path on Monkfield Lane near the junction with

Priory Walk. At present this looks like a crossing but isn't a crossing and funds could be used to either turn it into a proper crossing or to re-landscape the area to make it clear it is not a crossing. It was also suggested that a School Crossing sign could be installed

It was:

Resolved to defer this item to the September Parish Council meeting.

Emma Glover –Marketing Communications Executive, NRS Healthcare

Email regarding promotional support for Safe and Well Service.

It was felt that this service should be supported.

It was:

Resolved that the flyers be displayed and that the free use of The Hub be offered subject to a suitable date.

Jasmin Adams – Information Advisor, Youth Support Service, Cambridgeshire County Council

Email regarding funding for a young resident.

The Parish Clerk reported that the Parish Council has no statutory power to give donations to individuals.

It was:

Resolved that the email be received and a reply sent to Jasmin Adams.

17. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Exclusion of the press and the public.

MOVE: that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the Meeting.

18. PARISH ENERGY FUND

The Parish Clerk reported on the Parish Energy Fund

It was:

Resolved that the report be received and the recommended actions be taken.

19. COMPLAINT

The Parish Clerk reported on a complaint received by the Council.

It was:

Resolved that the report be received and the proposed actions be taken.

20. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC.

MOVE: that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 5th August 2014

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Police Report

June 2014

I have made a review of the reported incidents for the period between the 3rd June and 27th June, there were 136 incidents reported for the area with 110 in Cambourne last year compared to 171 with 91 in Cambourne for the same period this year.

The most frequent calls for Cambourne were as follows:-

16 Concern – examples would be welfare of son, threat of suicide, no contact with partner, children not arriving at school

10 Domestic disputes – no direct link to World Cup

5 Rowdy nuisances – examples are abusive parent at school, fire in play park, kids camping near woods

5 Neighbour disputes

5 Vehicle nuisances

In relation to crime there were 36 crimes reported for the area with 25 in Cambourne last year, compared with 22 reports for the area with 10 in Cambourne this year:

Most frequent reports were:-

2 Thefts from machine

2 thefts of pedal cycles

Six of the above have been detected and sixteen are still being investigated.

Speed checks have been carried out on Back Lane at different times of the day and night with one driver advised about being close to the limit.

Our next Cuppa with a Copper session at Greens will be on Saturday 5th July between 10.30 and 11.30

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District Council report from Cllr Alison Elcox

The most important development this month has been to allow 150 houses on appeal in Waterbeach. The interesting thing is that they cited not only not having a 5 year land supply but also not enough houses in the upcoming local plan likely to add to the 5 year land supply. So I'm waiting to hear officially that more houses need to be consulted on. I am of course trying to get us to consult on double the number of houses so we can take out Bourn Airfield and West Cambourne. I am an optimist!

I have renewed my licensing training and planning training this month and spent the day at the park life event in Milton last Saturday. The morning was very well attended with all the events booked out but then the heavens opened and we had to shut down with so much water trees and lightening around.

A couple of my Bourn residents are complaining again about opening up the bus route to the Broadway but are being placated by Bourn parish having a ransom strip when it is finally signed over. They are ok with it being emergency and bus only but see it as the beginning of the end. I haven't heard anything about this recently and wonder if you have?

Several social housing residents still seem to think that I have a say in allocation on the home link system. Could I reiterate that the only thing I can do is to make sure all the details held by south cambs are correct. Everybody seems to want to move to Cambourne so you are doing something right.

At our next full council both David and me and probably Mervyn will be voting against the aims and approaches of the council, which is the councils manifesto. It has in it a desire to bring forward Bourn airfield. David noticed this so I can't take the credit.

David and me will be seeing the developers for Bourn Airfield next month for an update.

I have a scrutiny meeting this week when we are setting the timetable for the next 6 months scrutiny topics. Is there anything you would like us to scrutinise? It has to be something that we have direct control over and can therefore change. For instance the doctors waiting times at the Monkfield practice are out of our remit.

Regards
Alison

Signed

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Land Transfer report

Please find below details of the current position on the ongoing transactions involving the Parish Council from Mills and Reeve Solicitors:-

Dear John,

Please find below details of the current position on the ongoing transactions involving the Parish Council:-

1. Various parcels of Public Open Space - Bovis Homes (0020)

I regret that I have no progress to report.

2. Smithy Way LAP - Persimmon Homes (0052)

The draft Transfer has been issued.

Daryl Kirkland has asked us to make a couple of initial amendments, thus a further draft will be issued incorporating the same.

3. GC26 LAP - Metropolitan Housing Trust (0056)

I await confirmation that the draft Transfer is approved.

4. DRT Layby Licence, High Street (0055)

I await further instructions in relation to this transaction, there being no progress to report.

5. Taylor Wimpey - various POS parcels (0051)

As to the Transfer which is being dealt with in-house, I look forward to hearing from you when convenient in response to my letter of the 12th June. (these have been resolved and instructions given)

Once I am in a position to progress the in-house Transfer, I will utilise the same basic form of Transfer for the land parcels being dealt with by Wragges.

Allison Hopkins

Signed

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