

GULDEN MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 31 July 2006 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs: J Holroyd (Chairman), B Spall, Mrs D Mitchell and R Murfitt (part of the meeting).

In attendance: Cllr Mrs C Murfitt (District Councillor), Cllr Mrs L Oliver (County Councillor) 4 members of the public and Mrs G. Stoehr (Clerk).

Comments and observations from members of the public

Dr Townsend-Stojic presented her discussion paper title 'Community renewable energy. Opportunities to use renewable energy in street lighting' which resulted from the discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was confirmed that a verbal offer of £500 had been received from the Sustainability Officer at South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC). Cllr Mrs Oliver asked Dr Townsend-Stojic to send her the relevant information to explore this matter further with Cambridge County Council (CCC). This item will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mrs S Corser indicated that she had nothing to add to her letter but that she had the evidence and that she wished to listen to the debate on item 3.1.

1. To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

- 1.1 Satisfactory apologies were received from Cllrs: B Holme (holiday), K Saban (new baby), Mrs J Davis (holiday), K Baker, R Murfitt and J Kennedy (business commitments).
- 1.2 Declarations of interest: None at this point.

2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 26 June (inc confidential minutes)

On a proposition by Cllr Mrs Mitchell, seconded by Cllr Spall the minutes of the 26 June and the confidential minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising to note or carried forward for discussion/decision

- 3.1 (3.2) Troy Corser – proposed diversion to footpath including comments from a parishioner

Further to the last meeting. Correspondence was considered from:

- Mr & Mrs Huckstep - a copy of the Land Registry document for 60 New Road which indicated there is the benefit of rights of way over the track adjacent to the western boundary and leading into New Road but that this is not included in the land and estate comprised in the title.
- The resident at 45 New Road opposing the fencing and diversion
- The Ramblers dated 11 July.
- Mrs Corser, dated 25 July.

On a proposition by Cllr Spall seconded by Cllr Holroyd it was agreed to support the diversion of FP35 around the ménage as the path currently is obstructed and the diversion would enable its continued use. It was also agreed to seek advice from the County Council as to whether an application for a diversion could or indeed should be considered if the land was not owned by the applicant and to also carry this item forward again to the next meeting pending the information on the procedure.

3.2 (3.4) Path between the church & The Bells – update

The letter from G Wesley, South Cambridgeshire Highways stating that the County Council had the responsibility for maintaining the path was noted. Clarification is being sought on the ownership of the path which would decide if the residents needed to pursue their application to have the path added to the definitive map.

3.3 (3.5) Encroachments – path the rear of the cemetery & 1 Ashwell Road – update

These matters were still outstanding pending action or information from the County Council. It was agreed to carry forward these items to the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Oliver offered to look into both matters.

3.4 (5.2) September Show – permission to use the recreation ground and The Craft

A letter from Mrs S Russell dated 5 July 2006 and a copy of the public liability insurance was noted. On a proposition by Cllr Spall seconded by Cllr Holroyd the application was approved as long as there is no glasses taken on to the recreation ground and all litter cleared away.

3.5 The Vineyard – registration completed

It was noted that land registration had been completed and agreed to try to get the title amended to include wording relating to the width which was supported in the Inclosure Award.

3.6 Silver Street – update

At 8.30pm Cllr Holroyd declared an interest in this item and therefore the meeting was not quorate. The meeting was declared reopened at 8.42pm.

Cllr Murfitt arrived during this item.

Cllr Mrs Oliver reported that the Fire Service had undertaken an inspection of the area and that a leaflet is to be sent out to all residents. She also reported that budget cuts might not allow CCC to pursue encroachments. It was agreed that the topic of encroachments should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

4. To consider reports and members items

4.1 County Cllr

Cllr Mrs Oliver reported on:

- Progress at the Mordens – Ashwell Station
- negotiations with the district council on concessionary fares
- the CCC sickness absence rate

4.2 District Cllr

Cllr Mrs Murfitt reported:

- The planning meeting taking place on Wednesday.
- The problem of fly-tipping and the need for people to report offenders.
- SCDC's grant discussions with Phoenix which although not finalised should lead to a substantial grant offer.
- SCDC has been awarded an 'Investment in people Award' and also a 'Well being of People Award'.
- Since moving to Cambourne the absence rate had dropped by 50%.
- Planning and Regulatory Services.
- Training on website information.
- John Hellingsworth has retired.

4.3 Footpaths including the footpaths leaflet

Cllr Murfitt declared an interest in the matter under discussion and left the meeting.

Cllr Spall reported that:

- The footpaths leaflet will be circulated to allow members an opportunity to comment before it is published.
- Church Lane is blocked with a gate.
- On outstanding matters regarding footpaths and encroachments. It was agreed that these should be discussed at the next meeting when other matters of encroachments were considered. That despite an agreed policy on how and when Buxtons Lane should be cut a resident had taken it upon himself to cut Buxtons Lane himself. Cllr Murfitt declared an interest in this item and left the room while this matter was discussed. It was agreed to write a polite but firm letter explaining the policy and asking him to not to cut the path himself.

Cllr Murfitt rejoined the meeting.

4.4 Village hall meeting re project manager etc

Cllr Holroyd's report on his attendance at the village hall meeting was noted. Cllr Mrs Mitchell declared a personal interest at a village hall committee member. It was noted that the committee have a programme of essential maintenance however they had no recourse to take on a larger refurbishment /replacement project however they supported the Parish Council organising this.

Cllr Holroyd proposed that the Parish Council should revisit the survey report and consider how to proceed. It was agreed that Cllr Holroyd would talk to the ACRE Village Halls Advisor. The kind offer of an unbiased report from Cllr J Kennedy's brother in law was noted and it was agreed that the Chairman would pursue this with him further and bring a report to the next meeting.

4.5 Tree monitoring reports

Reports on tree checks undertaken by members were noted. There was no urgent action identified for trees that are the responsibility of the Parish Council. One tree in Potton Road is to be reported to Dennis Vacher, Highway Supervisor for attention. The shrubs at the junction of Dubbs Knoll Road/Trapp Road were brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

4.6 Mobile Warden - proposed charity status

Cllr Mrs Davis' report was considered in her absence. It was agreed that the Parish Council was in support of the proposal and appreciative of the hard work and efforts of the committee. It was agreed that the Council wanted to consider and comment on the proposed trust deed.

5. To consider correspondence/communication received

5.1 Millennium Committee sundial

Nothing had been received.

5.2 J Dellar – encroachment 80 High St & the Vineyard

The letter and photos from J Dellar regarding the Vineyard spraying and alleged encroachment at 80 High Street was noted and considered. It was noted that Mr Vacher had been informed and agreed to wait for his comments. A letter from Miss Flint on the Vineyard will be considered further at the next meeting.

5.3 Jointly Funded Minor Improvements Scheme 2006-2007 bidding round – to consider a bid

It was agreed not to submit a bid this year but to have this as an agenda item at the annual meeting thus allowing plenty of time to consider and plan a bid. It was also agreed to discuss kerbing as a way of defining the highway boundary at the next meeting.

5.4 Cambs Archaeology – project to increase access & participation – survey

Noted.

5.5 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006

Noted.

5.6 National Village Show – Wimpole

Noted.

5.7 Street lighting

Carried forward to the next meeting to allow members to consider Dr Townsend-Stojic's report. The streetlight in Trap Road outside number 5 is not working and is to be reported.

6. Financial, procedural and risk assessment matters

6.1 Finance report and to approve the payment of bills

The financial report was received and considered. Invoices for payment and supporting papers were checked by a member. On a proposition by Cllr Holroyd, seconded by Cllr Spall the following payments were approved for payment:

Buchans Landscapes (grass cutting)	£1408.65
Brignalls Solicitors (land registry)	£218.25
Portland Communications (domain name renewal)	£82.25
LG Stoehr (salary)	£155.11
LGS Services (admin support)	£901.16

7. To consider planning and tree works applications received/considered since the last meeting

7.1 Planning

7.1.1 S/1404/06/F Bell, 67 High Street – vehicular access

On a proposition by Cllr Spall, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mitchell the application was recommended for approval as Guilden Morden Parish Council are supportive of off road parking.

7.1.2 S/1032/06/F M A & C F Paget-Wiles, 99 High Street – garden shed extension (part retrospective)

Noted.

7.2 Tree works

None.

7.3 SCDC decisions

S/1660/05/LB Dr M Greenstein, 53 High Street – approved by SCDC.

8. Councillors' items for the next agenda and closure of meeting

8.1 Sewerage in Trap Road is to be reported.

8.2 Connors Corner was flooded on Thursday 25th July due to a blockage of a land drain was noted. Residents were asked to report this matter to Anglian Water.

9. **Closure of meeting**

There was no further business and the meeting was declared closed at 10.25 pm

Signed _____ dated _____

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