

GULDEN MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall
on Monday 16 March 2009 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs: T Bartlett, A Hoad, B Holme (Chairman), J Holroyd, D Mitchell, T Oakes and J Townsend-Stojic.

In attendance: Cllr Mrs L Oliver (County Cllr), Cllr Mrs C Murfitt (District Cllr), Mrs G Stoehr (Clerk) and one member of the public,

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

Cllr Mrs Oliver requested an amendment to the minutes and reported on:

- NATS consultation and overflying
- Odsey parking – a questionnaire is being prepared. In response to a query, Cllr Mrs Oliver dismissed the rumour that the station was closing.
- A505 – safety improvements and improved signage. The Parish Council expressed disappointment that it had not been invited to attend the recent site meeting. Cllr Mrs Oliver undertook to invite the Parish Council to future meetings.
- The economic situation – the Weather the Storm website, including a fuel purchase scheme.

In response to an enquiry about the Morden's bus she reported that the service commenced on 4 March and data will be received at the end of the first month.

Cllr Mrs Murfitt reported on:

- SCDC involvement in the Weather the Storm website.
- Biodiversity and listed buildings.
- Housing shortfall in South Cambridgeshire.
- Housing futures and the forthcoming road show in Steeple Morden and officer visits.
- Standards Committee – members have to inform the legal department that they wish to be notified of any complaints against them but cannot be told the detail of the complaint.
- The small Council Tax.

In response to a query about broadband access, Cllr Mrs Oliver advised that Andrew Lansley was following this up and that there are presently no plans for fibre optics. Carried forward to the next meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Davis (out of parish).

2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 19 January 2009

On a proposition by Cllr Holroyd, seconded by Cllr Bartlett, the minutes of the meeting on 19 January 2009 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. The £260 for the bus was noted as an update.

3. Matters arising from last or previous meetings carried forward for discussion/decision

3.1 Station Parking – meeting on 29 January. A questionnaire is being prepared by Cllr Spall on behalf of Steeple Morden Parish Council, which was seen by Guilden Morden Parish Council's representatives prior to its circulation.

3.2 (3.03) Mordens bus – it was agreed that a new letter should be sent to CCC regarding the revised contribution of £260 for the six month's trial. User data was considered

and it was noted that the Parish Council had received the data for Ashwell only. The operator is happy to drop off at either the War Memorial or the Post Office in Ashwell. Cllr Mrs Oliver agreed to email the timings of the Ashwell link bus to Cllr Oakes.

- 3.3 (3.1) Ruddy Pit –The Wildlife Trust have confirmed that the pit’s designation as a County Wildlife Site (CWS’s) would place no further obligations on the Parish Council.
- 3.4 (4.4) Footpath 4/6 and Millennium Wood – meeting with Andrew Stimpson on 29 January. Cllr Holroyd reported on his meeting and that both ends of the footpath would be cleared. The Millennium Wood footpath was carried forward to the next meeting.
- 3.5 (8.1) Police and NHW – member appointment. Cllrs Holme and Holroyd took on the interim appointment until a new member can be appointed – carried forward.
- 3.6 (8.6) Village Hall – appointment of architect. Cllr Oakes reported on the Tender Adjudication dated February 2009 from Architecture Services, and clarification received from Mr Golab. On a proposition by Cllr Oakes, seconded by Cllr Bartlett, the Parish Council agreed, with one abstention, to appoint Jan Golab for the project and instruct him to proceed to the first stage. Under a grant funding partnership with the Village Hall committee grants are being applied for on the Parish Council’s behalf with the aim that the Village Hall should be self-funding.
- 3.7 (9.0) Flooding from the pumping station. Cllr Holme reported on the problems. Thanks were extended to the Environment Agency for making Anglian Water seal the manhole and ensuring Anglian Water cleared the effluent in the ditch. An on-site meeting is to be arranged with the Environment Agency and Anglian Water.
- The Chairman reported on his attendance at the Sustainable Drainage System meeting with the City Council. In response to an enquiry, Cllr Mrs Oliver reported that CCC and SCDC completed this project two years ago and the City Council was now following their example.
- 3.8 (9.3) Trap Road land – reply from CCC. It was noted that the sale had not been given priority in the current climate. Concerns were expressed regarding Health and Safety. Cllr Mrs Oliver undertook to check with officers and request complete clearance of the site.
- 3.9 Quote for fencing of recreation ground – carried forward.
Refurbishment of the village sign – a quote has been requested. Carried forward.

4. Financial, procedural and risk assessment matters

4.1 Finance report and to approve the payment of bills

The financial report was received and considered and checked by a member against the invoices and statements before the cheques were signed. On a proposition by Cllr Oakes, seconded by Cllr Hoad, it was agreed that the payments as listed in the financial report should be paid, plus: M Fathers £150 and Cambridge Water £44.45.

Comberton Parish Council (SLCC)	£23.22
M Fathers (lime tree crowns)	£600.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£428.83
LG Stoehr (Salary)	£229.01
Cambs ACRE (Affiliation fee)	£25.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£492.42

Credits received since the last meeting including: HMRC vat reclaim £15556.47, COIF (Worboys Grave Fund) £64.06, Phoenix (Bank balance) £217.63, and the Townlands Charity £1787.14, were noted.

The tree inspection reports were received.

5. Members item for discussion and decision

5.1 Parish Plan meeting report.

The report of the meeting on 26 February was noted. One questionnaire had been returned. Traffic management and environmental sustainability had been discussed. An outline of the Parish Plan will be available at the September Show. This is to be an agenda item for the July meeting.

6. To consider correspondence/communications received

6.1 September Show request to use the recreation ground and also the Craft

On a proposition by Cllr Oakes, seconded by Cllr Holroyd, the request to hold the Village Show on the recreation ground and to use the Craft for parking was approved by the Parish Council.

6.2 CPALC – Power of Well-being

It was felt that insufficient information had been received from CPALC to inform the discussion.

6.3 Natural England – Derogation request PCC parking June 09

The response from Natural England was noted. Cllr Townsend-Stojic declared a personal interest. On a proposition by Cllr Holroyd, seconded by Cllr Oakes, the use of the Village Hall car park and part of the recreation ground adjacent to the car park was approved by the Parish Council, on the proviso that no cricket or pre-arranged fixtures were being held on that day, and that the area was marked out in consultation with Cllr ~~Holroyd~~ *Holme*.

7. To consider planning and tree works applications and decision notices received since the last meeting

7.1 Planning applications received

LDF Biodiversity and Listed Buildings and North West Fringe proposals were circulated by Cllr Holroyd to all members so that a response can be submitted by the Clerk before the next meeting.

7.2 Decisions

7.2.1 Tree works 35 Pound Green – Approved - Noted.

8. To consider reports for info only

8.1 Police & NHW

The Police report was noted, including the change of date for the Neighbourhood Panel Meeting to 20 April.

8.2 Transport

Nothing further to report.

8.3 Allotments and the Craft *Holme*

Cllr ~~Holroyd~~ declared an interest. There is a waiting list for allotments. An allotment meeting is to be held prior to Michaelmas.

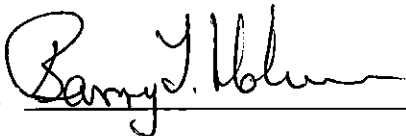
8.4 CALC & Cambs Acre

Nothing further to report at this time.

8.5 Ruddery Pit & Vineyard

The rabbit catcher has the Vineyard in hand and the Ashwell farmer is controlling rabbits. It was agreed that Tim Kinns can use ferrets but no shooting is permitted. It was noted that the Probation Services could be used for work at the Vineyard. Ruddery Pit -- it was agreed that Tim Kinns could repair the fencing using available materials.

- 8.6 Village Hall inc Village Hall Project Group
All tasks in the maintenance programme have been carried out.
- 8.7 Welfare & Mobile Warden Scheme
Nothing to report.
- 8.8 Highways and Footpaths
Cllr Holroyd reported that Ashwell Road was littered, including 50 bottles found in a drainage gully. It was agreed to ask SCDC to undertake a litter pick along Ashwell Road. Part of a car had been left at the Fox Hill corner junction. Fly tipping has occurred at Dubbs Knoll Road. Any potholes in the village are to be reported to Cllr Holroyd so that he may pass these on to Dennis Vacher.
- 8.9 Burial Grounds
Spoil remains outstanding. A list of plots requiring letters is to be drawn up so that the Clerk may send these out.
- 8.10 Recreation Grounds
Cllr Holme reported on:
 - o His meeting with Buchans to discuss the bins that need emptying, cost implications for grass cutting by the new play area, week treatment.
 - o That he would be meeting with Rebekah Dolby to compile a list of photographs to accompany the assets list.
 - o The condition of the recreation ground goals and that he is in the process of arranging a meeting with the sports clubs.
- 8.11 Parish Plan
Taken above under item 5.1.
- 8.12 Website
It was noted that this is progressing well. Information is to be passed to Cllr Hoad for inclusion on the website.
9. **Councillors' items for the next agenda and closure of meeting**
- 9.1 Annual Parish Meeting – Minibus reports are to be emailed to the Clerk.
- 9.2 Cllr Hoad reported on the school art work project which would be situated at the front of the school.
There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Signed  dated 18 - 05 - 09