

GULDEN MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall
on Monday 20 July 2009 at 7.30 pm.**

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

In attendance: Catherine Shilton (Cambridgeshire ACRE), Andy Chapman (Luminus Group), Cllr Mrs C Murfitt (District) and Mrs G Stoehr (Clerk)

Comments and observations from members of the public and from the County and District Councillors

Jane Davis, as Chairman of the Mobile Warden Scheme, expanded on her request for additional financial support. Fundraising will be undertaken at the end of the year.

A resident, Mrs Waldock, complained about the clearing of vegetation in the Twitchell area and alleged property damage by the probation team, citing poor communication and a compromise of privacy and impact on wildlife.

Mr and Mrs Wood, residents, expanded on their letter requesting the relocation of the bench on Connors Corner (item 6.1).

On a proposition by the Chairman it was agreed to vary the order of business to take the following items next.

3.6 Clearing footpaths in the village – hire of another skip

Disappointment was expressed at receiving a complaint about The Twitchell as all other work was felt to have been undertaken very well by the Probation Team. It was agreed that the work should cease and the probation team should not be employed within the village but only at outside sites such as the Ruddery Pit and the Vineyard (JT-S, AH carried with four votes in favour and two against)

In response to the request for reimbursement for the second skip which had been ordered by a member against the advice of the Clerk it was agreed that the Parish Council would cover the cost of £172.50^(JT-S, TO one abstention).

The reply to Mrs Waldock's letter is to be carried forward to the next meeting to allow members time to consider her email which as yet had not been received.

6.1 Mrs Wood – bench on Connors Corner

In response to the request from Mrs Wood it was agreed to relocate the bench 3-4 metres towards to the pub. John Dellar was thanked for his work to date and for also kindly agreeing to re-site the bench. It was also agreed to ask Mr Wood to assist with the relocation and the use of his concrete mixer.

Comments and observations continued

Mr John Dellar asked the Council to look into maintenance of paths and hedges at its next meeting:

- Trap Road to Church Lane path
- Hedge to Thompsons Meadow to be cut 6-8 inches
- Church path to Parish Pump – the positioning of fence leaves only approximately two feet of path across the Churchyard
- Church Lane footpath clearance

He also requested that the Parish Council discuss again the inclusion of the path by the Church on the definitive map.

Catherine Shilton of Cambridgeshire ACRE and Andy Chapman of Luminus Group expanded on the housing needs survey sent to the Parish Council earlier today. Sites identified include 3 acres off Swan Lane and Town Farm Meadow. Cllrs Holme, Davis and Holroyd are to consider options and the implications for the Parish Council, meet with Schuyler Newstead and the SCDC Planning Officer, and bring a recommendation to the September meeting.

Cllr Mrs Murfitt reported on:

- SCDC magazine
- Proposed Gypsy and Traveller Sites
- Housing stock is to remain with SCDC
- The recent move to remove the SCDC Leader
- Cambridge Sport Lakes
- Trust funding

It was noted that there had been a recurrence of sewage flooding by the pumping station and that the resident had reported this to the Environment Agency and Anglian Water. Cllr Mrs Murfitt undertook to inform Cllr Mrs Oliver.

Parking problems in Silver Street and New Road were raised and Cllr Mrs Murfitt will take up the New Road problems with SCDC.

1. **To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies were noted from Cllr Holme and Cllr Bartlett. (out of parish). ¹²

Cllr Hoad declared a personal interest in the tree works application at ~~£~~ Pound Green as a friend of the applicant.

Cllr Davis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 6.3 as Chairman of the Mobile Warden Scheme.

Cllr Mitchell declared a personal interest in item 6.3 as a member of the Mobile Warden Scheme.

2. **To approve the minutes of the last meetings on 18 May 2009 and 15 June 2009**

On a proposition by Cllr Townsend-Stojic, seconded by Cllr Oakes, the minutes of the previous meetings were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, after amendment of item 1.4 of 18 May to read "Mr Stojic".

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

3.1 **(1.2) Co-option to fill Casual Vacancy**

Carried forward to the September meeting.

3.2 **(4.1) Broadband Access**

This item is to be removed from the agenda.

3.3 **(4.2) Mordens Bus**

Cllr Oakes declared a personal interest as his wife used the bus.

A letter from Steeple Morden Parish Council withdrawing from the scheme was noted. It was agreed not to subsidise the bus after the end of the trial and instead to investigate alternatives. Cambs County Council (CCC) is to be notified. ^(JT-S, JD)

Cllr Bartlett is to be asked to look into alternatives.

3.4 **(5.4) Tree monitoring report to allocate areas to members**

Carried forward.

3.5 **(5.6) Village sign – to consider quotations received**

Deferred to the next meeting to allow time to look at the sign and consider if it requires refurbishment.

- 3.6 (6.2) Clearing footpaths in the village – hire of another skip
Taken earlier.

- 3.7 (6.1) 20 mph Speed Limit

Cllr Townsend-Stojic reported on a meeting with Steven Thulborn, also attended by Cllr Bartlett. It was noted that Guilden Morden does not qualify but members were urged to complete the consultation on the CCC website. The matter is now closed.

4. Financial, procedural and risk assessment matters

- 4.1 To receive the 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. It was agreed that the payments as listed in the financial report should be paid^(TO, JT-S), plus J Golab (Village Hall architect) £2000 and Guilden Morden Village Hall £132.40 (Room Hire). Buchans are to be reminded to contact members when the invoice is released.

Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA)	£131.10
Buchans (Grasscutting)	£1644.28
LGS Services (admin support)	£566.77
NALC (QC application folder)	£7.19
LGS Services (admin support)	£453.41
L G Stoehr (Salary)	£252.92
Universal Fencing (Fence repair)	£230.45
Buchans (Grasscutting)	£1220.59

- 4.2 RoSPA report

The play equipment supplier had already been asked to attend to the wobbly gate and gap by the safety surfacing under guarantee. There were no other high or medium risk matters.

- 4.3 Clerk review (Confidential item)

Carried forward to the next meeting.

5. Members items for discussion and decision

- 5.1 Multiple tree works applications

The piecemeal removal of trees and consequent impact on the village was considered. It was agreed to consider if any other trees in the village require Tree Preservation Orders to protect them. It was noted that consents indicate Parish Council and SCDC requirements for replacement trees to be planted.

- 5.2 New Village Hall progress report and Stage 2

The final plan including the relocation of the disabled toilet was approved as was the commencement of the next stages D-H and the payments that will be released in accordance with the tender dated January 2009

- £2000 at planning application submission - stage D
- £2500 at submission of the application for building regulations approval - stages E&F
- £2,500 at dispatch of the tenders - stages G&H.^(TO, JH)

The Parish Council was mindful of the requirements of final stage £4000 which will be considered further at a future meeting.

- 5.3 Recreation Ground report

Cllr Holme's report was noted in his absence.

5.4 Allotments tenancy agreement and rent review

Cllr Hoad's report on the recent meeting with the tenants was considered. Cllrs Holroyd, Townsend-Stojic and Hoad are to undertake a review of rents for introduction at Michaelmas 2011.

Buchans are to be asked to quote for work to the sycamore trees. Concern was expressed at dog fouling on the Craft and a notice is to be put up at the entrance to the Craft and also in Contact by Cllr Hoad. The regulations for dogs on The Craft is to be checked and this is to be an agenda item for the next meeting. .

6. **To consider correspondence/communications received**

6.2 SCDC Gypsy & Traveller DPD Consultation

The forthcoming meeting to discuss the proposed site at Bassingbourn was noted. Carried forward to the September meeting.

6.3 Mobile Warden Scheme – request for donation

Cllr Davis, having declared an interest in this item, left the meeting. In response to the request from the Mobile Warden Scheme and in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, it was agreed that the Council donate an additional £400 to the Mordens and Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme which, in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants^(TO, JT-S). Cllr Davis rejoined the meeting.

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

7.1 Planning applications received

7.1.1 S/0856/09/F 75 – Odsey Grange, Baldock Road – Garage and Store

On a proposition by Cllr Oakes, seconded by Cllr Townsend-Stojic, the Parish Council recommend approval for the same reasons as previously given.

7.1.2 Tree work applications – 7 Church Street, 38 Church Street and 6 Pound Green

Noted that all had been approved by the Parish Council.

7.2 SCDC Decisions and notifications

None received

8. **To consider reports for information only**

8.1 Police and NHW

Cllr Holroyd reported that the Police Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator had been in touch. Cllrs Holroyd and Holme are to look at the village NHW co-ordinator list and publish it in Gamut. It was noted that the theft of mesh from an allotment had been reported to the Police.

8.2 Transport - Carried forward.

8.3 Allotments and the Craft - Nothing further to report.

8.4 CALC and Cambs ACRE - Not required on future agenda.

8.5 Ruddery Pit and Vineyard

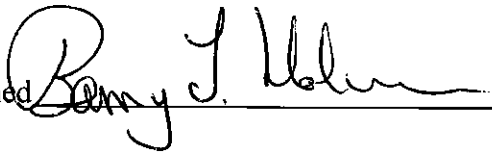
Cllr Townsend-Stojic is to look at the Vineyard and if necessary Steve Scott is to be contracted to cut. Cllr Townsend-Stojic has received a report from the Wildlife Trust which is to be discussed with Rob Mongovan, SCDC Ecology officer who had made an enquiry about the pit's maintenance.

8.6 Village Hall inc Village Hall Project Group

Despite requests a copy of the Village Hall's insurance policy had not as yet been received. Cllr Oakes is to follow this up

- 8.7 Welfare and Mobile Warden Scheme - To be deleted from future agendas as a standing item.
- 8.8 Highways and footpaths
Letters are to be sent to two residents in Trap Road requesting that their hedge be cut to clear the public right of way.
- 8.9 Burial Grounds - Nothing to report.
- 8.10 Recreation Ground - Taken above.
- 8.11 Parish Plan
There will be a stand at the September Show and a prize for completing the draft questionnaire. A notice is to be placed in Gamut about using the start up grant.
- 8.12 Website - Proceeding well. Cemetery fees are to go be sent to the Webmaster.
- 8.13 School – Nothing to report.
- 8.14 Cllr Holroyd reported on his site meeting with Stephen Conrad of County Farms about Trap Road site.
9. **Closure of meeting**
There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.17 pm.

Signed



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