

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21 SEPTEMBER 09 – NOTES

The meeting was attended by 7 Parish Councillors (apologies from Cllr Mrs Townsend – Stojic who was out of the Parish), one member of the public, and District Councillor Cicely Murfitt. In addition, the Parish Council welcomed PCSO John Coppard to the meeting.

County Councillor Linda Oliver sent her apologies as she was unable to attend but reported that there was no change on the Odsey Car park issue.

District Councillor Cicely Murfitt informed the meeting of the following:

- There are changes to the SCDC planning process which would limit the input from parish councils to the process at District Council level, the PC decided to make representations insisting upon the right to represent our parishioners concerning planning matters.

PCSO JOHN COPPARD

After introducing himself to the meeting, the following points were raised:

- There had been a sharp increase in household and garden shed burglaries, the police asked all to review their household security arrangements ensuring sheds, outbuildings and homes were locked and secured properly at all times.
- Everyone should also be aware that bogus callers were impersonating plain clothes police officers – identity should always be requested of all cold callers.
- Please report to the police all occurrences of theft or vandalism – no matter how petty - to the police, either on line, by telephone or through the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.
- All should be aware of a telephone scam currently operating. The caller purports to be from BT and threatens

to disconnect your telephone immediately because your account is in arrears – should you offer to pay details of your payment card, bank etc are revealed!

- There will be a Police Surgery on 27 November between 6pm and 7pm; the van will park near the Village Hall. All are invited to this opportunity to discuss police matters face to face with our beat officers.

Note The village coordinators for Neighbourhood Watch are Cllrs Barry Holme and Joe Holroyd. Street NW representatives are requested to contact either one to confirm contact details. A meeting of all NW representatives will be called in the near future.

After the District Councillor and the PCSO had completed their reports, questions and comments were invited from the public. No comments or questions were received.

Approval of previous meeting minutes; Declarations of Interest; Financial, Procedural and risk assessment matters etc. (The meeting then followed the agenda).

Of general interest the following points are brought to the parish's attention:

- Repainting of the village sign has been approved by the PC.
- Complaints to PC members on any topic should be given in detail – general complaints regarding poor behaviour or adverse impact upon members of the community cannot be taken up without adequate information. (Who, what, where, when).
- All members of the Parish with Public Footpaths, byways and pavements adjoining their properties are reminded that hedges and plants should not be allowed to overgrow the paths. Now is a good time of year to cut back over growth. There are instances of encroachment and planting of verges – offending planting should be removed before the Highways department does it at your cost.
- The repair of the pavement outside the shop will be progressed – again!

- The relocation of the seat now on the High Street near the junction with Church Road to a point round the corner and on Church Road was agreed.
- Cllrs Jane Davis and Joe Holroyd represented the council at an East of England Regional Planning meeting which discussed the EERA Regional plan to 2031. Which may seem a long way in the future but **IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE PUBLIC RESPONDS to the consultation at www.Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/planning** CCC recommends that option 1 which calls for the lowest number of houses to be built by 2031.
- **Planning applications.** An application for alterations to Swan House was recommended for approval.

Members Reports: Members routine reports were then presented to the meeting, which closed at 1040 pm.