

LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Black Horse Drove Community Centre on Monday 18th September 2017 at 7 pm

PRESENT: Councillor C Ambrose Smith
Councillor D Ambrose Smith
Councillor P Cox
Councillor S Green
Councillor J Lee
Councillor L Malkin
Councillor D Murfitt
Councillor E Dos Santos
Councillor C W Webber
Councillor A Wright

Members of the Public: 0
Also present the Clerk and the Clerk Emeritus

PUBLIC FORUM

None

17/18.038 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

17/18.039 APOLOGIES & ABSENCES:

Cllrs Brown, Jordan, Kerridge, Norman and J Webber – Apologies.

17/18.040 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

17/18.041 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Planning Committees which took place on 10th July, 21st August and 11th September, Full Council which took place on 17th July and the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting which took place on 30th August were signed as a correct record.

17/18.042 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

17/18.043 FINANCE

043.1 The Financial Statements of the Parish Council were signed by the Chairman as a true representation of the accounts held by the Parish Council.

043.2 The following payments were made out of meeting from 17th July to 17th September 2017:

Cheque/DD	Payee	Amount
DD	Fuel Card	58.50
DD	E.on	8.44
DD	Fuel Card	53.31
DD	BT	55.42
DD	B Gas	68.90
DD	Barclays Bank	6659.77
DD	Fuel Card	34.53
DD	Screwfix	15.28

DD	E.on	42.05
DD	Fuel Card	91.78
DD	Fuel Card	23.07
DD	PWLB	4219.95
DD	E.on	8.17
DD	BT	51.11
DD	Fuel Card	46.01
DD	B Gas	49.56
DD	NEST	331.78
DD	NEST	58.86
DD	Barclays Bank	6666.31
DD	Fuel Card	61.62
DD	E.on	29.23
104221	SFD (Bollard)	57.00
104222	C E Fuller (refund)	400.00
104223	AC Tree & Garden	312.00
104224	Cancelled	00.00
104225	Clearview	334.80
104226	Copier Warehouse	33.25
104227	Ernest Doe	64.48
104228	Gordon Harrison	48.00
104229	Littleport Leisure	304.00
104230	G Murfet	88.00
104231	Thurlow Nunn Standen	105.93
104232	Travis Perkins	273.32
104233	G Murfet	88.00
104234	G & J Peck	80.48
104235	CGM	129.90
104236	SAGE	345.60
104237	Andy Knott Construction	23232.84
104238	Central Source Ltd	81.60
104239	SAGE	1519.20
104240	CGM	670.86

043.3 The following orders for payments were duly authorised:

Cheque/DD	Payee	Amount
104241	Street Art	1350.00
104242	2Commune	480.00
104243	AFNetworks	171.00
104244	Allen's Skip Hire	70.80
104245	Branching Out	265.30
104246	Cambridgeshire C C LHI	372.59
104247	CGM	342.64
104248	Ely & District Training Group	62.40
104249	James Lee Electrical Ltd	180.00
104250	Littleport Leisure	379.98
104251	Thurlow Nunn Standen	27.20
104252	University of Cambridge	6506.58
104253	Travis Perkins	990.97
104254	Zurich Municipal	2852.26
104255	Philip Howe refund of Pension Contributions	68.50
104256	Gordon Harrison	48.00

043.4 The Chairman authorised the BACS payments to be made to staff.

17/18.044 S137 GRANT APPLICATIONS

044.1 An application had been received by Littleport Parkrun for grant funding to establish a regular park run at the Littleport Leisure Centre.

JL explained to those present what the concept of Parkrun is about. It is a 5k organised run every week which commences at 8am. It is totally free to participants and it is stressed that it is a run not a race. All ages take part, from 6 to 70+.

AGREED to grant the sum of £1,500 towards the creation of Littleport Parkrun.

17/18.045 CLERK'S FOLLOW UP DIARY

Nothing to report.

17/18.046 PC S GILBEY – SKATE BOWL

PC Gilbey had sent his apologies for this meeting due to covering a shift but has provided a report on the skate bowl which was circulated to those present.

PC Gilbey, within the report, voiced his concerns over some of the anti social behaviour issues that have, and are, arisen at the bowl including graffiti, litter and rubbish, fly tipping of bikes in the ditch, evidence of drugs use and criminal damage to the litter bins. DAS asked whether this area, along with the other play areas around the village, could be included within the newly granted PSPO and it was AGREED that this be investigated by the Clerk via the District Council and Police.

It was also AGREED by those present that it was an issue for the Amenities Sub-Committee to discuss with a view to possibly moving the location of the bowl once the ownership of the Paddocks had been resolved with the District Council.

The Clerk was instructed to email PC Gilbey with the Parish Council's views and confirm that the issue would be kept under review.

17/18.047 ADIZONE – REPAIRS QUOTATION

The surface of the Adizone is in need of repair and the Clerk had approached Wicksteeds who had been out to the equipment and provided a quotation of £1,200 plus VAT to repair the ripped areas.

Members were asked to consider whether this quotation was acceptable.

Discussion ensued concerning the practicalities of keeping the Adizone in its current location especially as the old leisure centre is due to be demolished in the near future. It was considered that its current location was possibly too remote from the new leisure centre which may cause issues with its supervision etc.

It was AGREED that the Grounds Maintenance staff be requested to post signs at the Adizone informing residents that the apparatus would be closed to the public whilst the demolition of the old leisure centre took place and Morgan Sindall be requested to Harris fence the area off from the public to ensure safety. The location of the Adizone to be placed on the agenda of the next Amenities Sub-Committee when a decision would then be taken as to whether to relocate the Adizone.

17/18.048 GRANGE LANE DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Parish Council have been informed by the District Council that the developers of the proposed new development off of Grange Lane have offered a community centre as part of their proposals.

CW reported that JW had spoken to the Senior Planner at ECDC in respect of this offer. The Senior Planner had confirmed that the funding being offered (between £750k and £900k) by the developer would not be able to be used at another site within the village.

Other organisations had voiced their expression of interest in using part of any new provision and this would be investigated further.

Following a short discussion it was AGREED that the Parish Council would prefer to work with the developer to help develop the design of the new community centre. It was considered that it would be more beneficial for the developer to build the centre and this information to be passed to the Senior Planner.

17/18.049 LAND REGISTRY – REQUEST FOR COMMENTS RE REGISTRATION OF A PERSON IN ADVERSE POSSESSION (LAND ADJOINING RIJON, PADNAL)

A resident had provided the Parish Council with a letter stating why they and other signatories to the letter (in petition form) were opposed to this application citing their reasons.

Those present also believed that this application was spurious and instructed the Clerk to make enquiries of ECDC as previous planning applications had been lodged for the site and it was acknowledged that any application would show the owner's name indicating that the site, whilst unregistered, was lawfully owned by another.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Land Registry outlining this course of action and stating the Parish Council's objection to this application.

The Clerk was also instructed to request information from the IDB as to whether any rights were attributed to any person(s) to lawfully discharge water from the site.

17/18.050 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

CAS – The PSPO had been agreed by Community Services Committee last week and she informed the meeting that the comments received had been disconcerting, highlighting anti-social behaviour and damage that had been caused in the areas. The new PSPO now gives the Police more power in relation to any future anti-social behaviour in the area covered. Copies of the comments were given to the Clerk if any Member wished to read them.

DAS – Could the other play areas within the village be included within this new PSPO? The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries of ECDC.

PC – Lots of planning applications had been received by the District Council necessitating an increase in frequency of their meetings. It was believed that this had occurred due to the Local Plan due to be published on the ECDC website on 28th September prior to it being considered by full Council on 5th October.

17/18.051 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The A10 to King's Lynn road review is due to be completed within the next three months. The stretch from Ely to King's Lynn has been completed and the review focused on the roundabouts.

The Library Service had been holding informal consultation workshops to gauge the public's views on how they see the service growing in the future.

In respect of public transport, Whippet Coaches had indicated that they would have to reduce routes due to funding so CCC awarded them a grant to keep the full service for the next 12 months. A full public transport review is now going to take place.

AW asked whether the Wisbech Road work had now been completed and what was happening in respect of Camel Road near to Sharmans – the road was now almost impassable due to subsidence. The Clerk would make enquiries on the Council's behalf.

DAS commented that he had, on a number of occasions, reported various issues through the County Council website. He had been disappointed with the response received and in once instance had been advised to read a 123 page policy document where he was informed he may find the answers. DAS reiterated his concerns over the service purportedly provided by this department and would continue with his efforts to get this improved.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55 pm

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Chairman

Dated:

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