

LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at The Barn on Monday 16th April 2018 at 6.45 pm

PRESENT: Councillor C Ambrose Smith
Councillor D Ambrose Smith
Councillor F Brown
Councillor P Cox
Councillor S Green
Councillor L Malkin
Councillor D Murfitt
Councillor G Norman
Councillor E Dos Santos
Councillor C Webber – Chair
Councillor J Webber

Members of the Public: 5 – Littleport Judo Club
Also present the Clerk and the Clerk Emeritus.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Stuart Aldous updated those present with the background and current status of Littleport Judo Club. A copy of his presentation is appended to these Minutes for information.

The Judo Club are looking for financial assistance to enable some coaches to progress to Level 3. The District Councillors present offered to assist the Club with applications to ECDC for funding in addition to applying for a Parish Council Section 137 grant in October 2018.

17/18.138 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

17/18.139 APOLOGIES & ABSENCES:

Cllrs Jordan, Lee, Wright – apologies. Cllr S Kerridge – absent.

17/18.140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

17/18.141 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting of 19th March 2018 and the Minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee of 3rd April 2018 were signed by the Chairman as a true representation of business transacted.

17/18.142 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chairman announced that the Clerk Emeritus, Lynda Clarke-Jones, had taken the decision to retire from the Parish Council upon the appointment of a new Deputy Clerk. She will continue with her roles as Clerk to Littleport Town Lands Charity and Marshalls Charity. Grateful thanks were conveyed to Lynda for her sterling service to the Parish Council over many years.

An announcement will be made in due course as to the date when Lynda will cease her Clerk Emeritus role.

17/18.143 PARKING ISSUES

This item had been carried forward from the previous meeting.

Cllr Brown again highlighted the issue of persistent offenders disregarding parking restrictions along Main Street, Granby Street, Hitches Street and Globe Lane. There is a blatant disregard for the 30 minute restriction and despite pleas to the Police to issue parking tickets the situation had not improved.

Cllr C Webber informed those present that a meeting had taken place with both the Police and the two schools over parking issues in those areas as well.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary have altered their working practices from 1st April 2018 to a reactionary force as opposed to the community based teams as had been in place. This in effect means that the village no longer has a dedicated PC although there is still a PCSO assigned to the village.

Discussion took place about what actions the Parish Council could take to discourage persistent offenders including looking at the possibility of hiring a private company to issue tickets/collect fines. It was unclear whether this would be permissible as the Constabulary had not 'decriminalised' parking at this time. The Clerk undertook to make some enquiries. It was agreed that the new Sergeant, Mark Rabel, be invited to the Annual Village Meeting/Annual General Meeting in order to answer queries that Councillors have.

17/18.144 SELECTION OF 2018 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

A total of four residents were nominated to receive the 2018 Citizen of the Year award and, following a vote, it was AGREED that Mrs Maureen Scott be awarded in recognition of the invaluable work that she has done in regard to the Littleport Society.

The award will be presented at the Annual Village Meeting on Monday 21st May 2018.

17/18.145 FINANCE:

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

145.2 The following payments were made out of meeting from 20th March 2018 to 15th April 2018:

Cheque/DD	Payee	Amount
104352	Branching Out	59.57
104353	Littleport Village Hall	50.00
104354	Copier Warehouse	25.06
DD	Anglian Water	16.96
DD	Anglian Water	84.21
DD	Anglian Water	45.58
DD	Screwfix	56.14
DD	Fuel Card	21.00
DD	E.on	26.30
DD	E.on	8.17
DD	Fuel Card	30.00
DD	CNG	104.08
DD	BT	52.68
DD	Fuel Card	20.99
DD	BT	563.36
DD	British Gas	52.12
DD	Barclays Bank	5342.29
DD	NEST	45.16

145.3 The following orders for payments were duly authorised:

Cheque/DD	Payee	Amount
104355	ACRE	55.50
104356	Allen's Skip Hire	70.80

104357	Anglian Water	109.84
104358	CGM	132.00
104359	Village Hall	50.00
104360	Littleport Leisure	182.40
104361	G Murfet	88.00
104362	G & J Peck	47.23
104363	SLCC	208.00
104364	Swarco	1320.00
104365	ECDC rates Cemetery & High Street Store Cheque cancelled – incorrect amount	881.90
104366	ECDC rates Cemetery & High Street Store	882.50

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

17/18.146 FOLLOW UP DIARY

Councillors asked the Clerk what the position currently is in respect of the new GDPR regulations coming into force on 28th May 2018 (Data Protection Regulations). CAPALC (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils) had indicated that this was something that may be provided to all parish councils, for payment of a fee, but no further information had been received at the date of the meeting and this would be followed up. Under the new legislation neither Clerk was allowed to be appointed as the Data Protection Officer and it was currently unclear as to whether a Councillor could be appointed. It is possible that a completely independent person would require to be appointed at an additional cost to the Parish Council. NALC (National Association of Local Councils) are currently in discussions with central government over the new legislation as they feel the requirements of the new legislation are at odds with the legislation/responsibilities of local authorities. A further update is expected soon.

17/18.147 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Waste has now returned in-house and it is anticipated that the street cleansing regime will improve once the changes have had time to settle.

17/18.148 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

DAS updated the meeting about the decision by the Combined Authority (The Mayor's Office) to award Littleport a substantial grant to enable the Parish Council/District Council to revisit the Town Centre Masterplan which will be carried out with consultants. The grant will be paid to ECDC and not directly to the Parish.

In respect of the Ely Bypass, DAS provided the meeting with facts and information following misinformation being published on social media.

- The £13m additional cost is a 36% increase on the original target cost - £36m up to £49m.
- The cost of the bypass is being funded as follows:
 - £22m Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Fund
 - £5m Network Rail
 - £1m East Cambridgeshire District Council (from CIL receipts)
 - £21m Cambridgeshire County Council (from borrowing)
- In 2011 the County Council agreed to fund 100% of the cost of the bypass through borrowing. At that time the cost was anticipated to be £28.7m. The actual amount that will now be borrowed by CCC will be £21m (based on current expected costs), **so £7.7m less than originally agreed.**
- CCC chose a type of contract that meant we could get onto site as quickly as possible. If the Council had chosen a traditional fixed price contract, the cost would still have been £49m (that is the cost of building the type of bridge/road that has

been built and it would still have been £49m if we had gone for a fixed price contract where the full design had been worked up in advance), but it would have taken 12 to 18 months more to get going – in fact, that means that the cost could have increased beyond the £49m due to inflation during the 12 to 18 month delay in starting.

- The road is being built in incredibly difficult conditions and we had to build a “low” bridge in order to get planning permission because of English Heritage’s objections.
- This road is necessary for Ely and the surrounding area, to divert traffic away from the City centre and the utterly outdated rail crossing. The cost to the economy in lost economic benefit to the area dwarfs the cost of delivering the road.

All present expressed their thanks to both the County Council and ECDC for having, at long last, got the bypass started and it’s official opening is eagerly awaited.

ITEMS FOR ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 21st MAY 2018

Presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award

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

Signed:

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Chairman

Dated:

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Monday the 16th April 2018

LITTLEPORT JUDO CLUB

A BRIEF PRESENTATION FOR LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you for letting me attend your parish meeting today. My name is Stuart Aldous and I am one of the coach's from Littleport Judo Club and I am also the clubs current vice chairman. With me today are Ros Edwards the club's secretary and coach and Ray Taylor the club's chairman and head coach. + JULE DOOLE THE WELFARE OFFICER AND ELSE AND I (COMMITTEE MEMBER)

Our Judo Club was founded in 1974 and was originally based in Feltwell before moving to Littleport in 1994 when the Leisure Centre was first opened and becoming Littleport Judo Club.

Littleport Judo Club has always been run as a member's club and has always been managed by a committee of members for the benefit of all the members and not for financial gain or profit. Any funds the club has raised have always been reinvested in the club and its members. The club is affiliated to The British Judo Association who are the governing body for judo in the United Kingdom. The British Judo Association organise all the insurance for the club's members and coach's as well as ensuring that the club is managed correctly and meets all the correct criteria as required by them as the governing body.

The committee and coach's at Littleport Judo Club have always worked hard to keep the club running for its members and faced with the move to the new Leisure Centre last year the club realised it had to change and adapt to continue to be viable in the new building - in particular to meet the higher financial costs it would be facing for using the new building.

The club ran free taster sessions last summer and recruited more members running a series of beginner's courses and the club also recruited and trained additional coach's. This grew the club's membership and allowed the club to restructure its classes into three age bands for the move into the new leisure centre. Since the move the club has continued to grow and now holds a membership of over 50 young people and adults who attend the club weekly. Our members come from all areas of the local community and form a wide cross section of people from different social and ethnic backgrounds.

At our club, judo is primarily a great form of physical exercise for our members. Particularly for our younger members who get huge physical educational benefit from attending weekly judo training sessions.

Judo also has a very strong moral code grounded in mutual respect that is also a very important lesson for our members. There are also all the additional benefits our members get of belonging to a community based club that is run by volunteers and not driven by profit.

The club also host judo events, competitions, grading's and masterclasses in Littleport. When we moved in to the new sports centre we were visited by Olympic Judo Medallist and Superstars Champion Mr Brian Jacks who official opened the club and held a masterclass for our members and guests. The last junior judo competition we ran at the Leisure Centre in February 2018 was attended by over 130 young judokas from 26 different Judo Clubs from all around the country. We have planned a further three events this year including a masterclass from Ashley McKenzie who was on the Olympic team at London 2012, Rio 2016 and is currently training for Tokyo 2020.

Some of our members have achieved a great level of success with their competition judo and the club have members regularly competing at local, area and national level judo events. The club also has a young member completing an Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence as part of the England Player Development scheme that sees him attend England National Training sessions. The club's current chairman is also a national referee and he travels the country refereeing at judo events whilst the club's secretary was awarded by The British Judo Association as 'Events Volunteer of The Year 2017' for her work as a table official at judo events.

Littleport Judo Club is currently working with the Leisure Centre management to move into one of the main halls for our weekly training so the club can continue to grow and accommodate additional members. The club have 20 young people on a waiting list who are interested in joining and becoming members and we hope to accommodate them in the bigger room.

Littleport Judo Club support our members with a strong coach education strategy and the club currently have 3 active UKCC Judo Level 2 qualified coach's and 2 active Judo Level 1 qualified coach's along with a number of qualified first aiders. To match the planned growth of the club we are looking to fund a coach to attend the UKCC Judo Level 3 course and to upgrade the level 1 coach's education to level 2 as well as recruit an additional level 1 coach. We know that our members benefit greatly from properly qualified sports coach's and we are committed to supporting our volunteers in their roles.

Whilst we do celebrate the success of our members who do chose to compete in competition judo we also pay attention and encourage all our members who do not chose to compete but who enjoy training judo with their friends at the club. As they are the back bone of our club and equally important as members.

The clubs guiding principal has always been 'judo for all' and we enjoy having members from all walks of life attend our club. We take pride in being a true community club run for the benefit of all its members. The founder of judo Mr Jigoro Kano was a great educationalist and he developed judo to be a great physical and moral education and this is the underlying lessons to all the classes we run at Littleport Judo Club.

The reason for my presentation to you today as the Parish Council was to firstly give you all an update and a clear picture of Littleport Judo Club in 2018 and what we have achieved and how we are growing.

Secondly my reason was to enquire if the Parish Council had or knew of any funding sources that may help the club with its current coach education strategy? In particular with the upcoming funding of a level 3 coaching award and two level 2 coaching awards. The cost of these courses combined is £1350 after a reduction in the level 3 course by The British Judo Association.

I would like to thank you all for your time today - I understand how busy you all must be. If you have any questions for me then I would be happy to answer them.

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