

LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Report of a Parish Council Meeting held in The Barn on Monday 14th April 2003 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillor D T Murfitt
Councillor F J Brown
Councillor L Cooper
Councillor P M Cox
Councillor J H Crane
Councillor S Green
Councillor B W Hayes
Councillor J M Howard
Councillor L E J Murfitt
Councillor G Norman
Councillor J M Peachey
Councillor M Pyrah
Councillor A N Wright

1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a] Letter from Andrew Baxter Director of Education re: Future Primary School requirements. Agenda Item in May
- b] Letter from Littleport Harley 2003. Agenda item in May
- c] Rural Housing Enabler appointed by ACRE. Agreed to invite to a future meeting
- d] Letters of thanks fro grants from Air Ambulance and CAB
- e] Following Publications available from the Clerk
HRCC Project Update – East Cambridgeshire Urban Capacity Study – Local Agenda 21 Newsletter – hlec News – Countryside Agency Parish Plans Guidance - Norwich to Peterborough Multi-Modal Study, Bank Holiday Bus timetable
- f] Royal British Legion is appealing for helpers
- g] The Chairman thanked all the retiring Councillors for contributions over the years.

2. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Kerridge and County Councillor Bailey

3. MINUTES:

The reports of the Finance and Parish Council meetings held on 17th March 2003 and the Planning Committee Meeting held on 31st March 2003 were confirmed.

Councillor Wright was concerned that the Parish Council is not kept abreast of new planning legislation. Agreed a letter be sent asking for updated guidelines for the Planning Committee.

The delays in the Highfield development were also cause for concern and the Clerk was asked to find out if a recent refusal notice to extend the reserved matters application was a committee decision or officer.

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Clerk invited Councillors invited questions on the Income and Expenditure figures for the year ended 31st March 2003.

5. FOLLOW UP DIARY:

The Clerk reported:

- a] Skate Park – No planning permission is required. Grants totalling £40,000 have been applied for from WREN, Vital Villages and the District Council.
- b] Community Support Officers – Cecilia Tredget will be arranging a forum
- c] Precept 2003/04 only two parishioners have been in contact
- d] No further quotes have been received on the Cemetery trees
- e] Flashing 30mph signs for Wisbech Road and Station Road are still on order

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Wright was concerned that planners were not properly consulting local members

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report

8. TOWN LANDS CHARITY:

Councillor Mrs Howard was reappointed as a representative Trustee to Littleport Town Lands Charity for a further four year term

9. JOINT HANGING BASKET SCHEME:

East Cambridgeshire District Council had written to ask if Littleport Parish Council was interested in joining a Hanging Basket scheme with Ely and Soham. The contributions expected from the Parishes were not even handed across the District and once again favouring Ely. Agreed this council to stick with their policy of having planters. The Clerk to ask about grants for additional planters in view of the £3754 put up by District for the Ely/Soham Hanging baskets. This scheme may not come to fruition due to difficulties with the watering of the baskets.

10. EXTINGUISHMENT OF FOOTPATH 11 (PART):

The County Council invited comments on the extinguishment of part of Footpath 11 which runs down the boundary of No 18 Sandhill.

On a show of hands it was agreed the footpath be extinguished by 7 votes to 4 with Councillor Miss Peachey abstaining.

11. PLAY EQUIPMENT – PARSONS LANE:

In pursuance of a request from Councillor Mrs Kerridge to ascertain when the new play equipment for the playing field was to be installed. The Clerk had been informed by Lindum Construction that the equipment was in the country and was due to be installed in June once some of the existing groundwork had been completed.

In confirmation of the foregoing report

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CHAIRMAN

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DATE