

## LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in The Barn on Monday 12th May 2003 at 7.30pm

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

Also present District Councillors Morrison and Rodriques

### 1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor P Bailey

### 2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Councillor D T Murfitt was duly appointed for the ensuing year

### 3. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

Councillor D T Murfitt signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

### 4. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS:

All Councillors signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office

### 5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Councillor P M Cox was duly appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

### 6. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are ex-officio members of all committees and working groups.

Planning: Councillors Binks, F J Brown, F J W Brown, Cooper, Crane, Green, Hayes, Howard, Kerridge, L E J Murfitt, Norman and Pyrah.

Finance: Councillors F J Brown, F J W Brown, Cooper, Crane, Hayes,

Howard, Kerridge, L E J Murfitt, Norman, Pyrah and Wright.

Safer Villages Initiative: Councillors F J Brown, F J W Brown, Cooper, Green, Howard and Pyrah

Working Parties:

Cemetery: Councillors F J Brown, F J W Brown, Crane, Green, Howard, Kerridge, L E J Murfitt and Norman

Street Lighting: Councillors F J Brown, F J W Brown, Crane, Green, Howard, Kerridge, L E J Murfitt and Norman

Play Equipment/Allotments/Footpaths/Open Spaces: Councillors F J Brown, F J W Brown, Cooper, Green, Howard, Kerridge, L E J Murfitt and Norman

Tree Planting: Councillors F J Brown, F J W Brown, Green, Howard, Kerridge, and Norman

#### 7. SCHOOL GOVERNORS:

Councillor L E J Murfitt was re-appointed as the Parish Council Representative to the board of Littleport Community Primary School.

Councillor Mrs Cooper was re-appointed as the Parish Council Representative to the Board of Millfield Primary School.

#### 8. CAMBRIDGESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS:

Councillors Mrs Green and Mrs Howard were appointed as Parish Council representatives to the Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils.

#### 9. ELY SECTOR POLICE CONSULTATION GROUP:

Councillors Mrs Howard and D T Murfitt were appointed as Parish Council Representatives to the Ely Sector Local Consultation Group

#### 10. LITTLEPORT SPORTS AND FITNESS COMMITTEE:

Councillors Cox, Crane, Hayes, Binks and Mrs Green were appointed to the Littleport Sports and Fitness Committee

#### 11. CALC SUBSCRIPTION:

Councillor Hayes declared his interest and left the meeting for this agenda item

Agreed to prompt payment of £451.44 annual subscription

#### 12. INSURANCE POLICIES AND DEEDS:

Agreed the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to inspect the Insurance Policies. The Parish Council Deeds are held by Hall Ennion and Young

Councillor Mrs Kerridge arrived.

13. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a] Either David Archer or Geoff Hall will attend the next Planning Meeting to discuss Highfield and Planning Legislation.
- b] Copies of the proposed No waiting on Lynn Road and Station Road have been circulated – comments to the Clerk.
- c] A meeting to discuss Police Community Support Officers will be held at East Cambs on 4<sup>th</sup> June. Names to Clerk
- d] Portacabin: An offer of a temporary site for the Portacabin and possible use of a redundant bungalow has been received today. Agreed to be discussed at the next meeting and Councillors to inspect the premises offered prior to this.
- e] CALC Meetings for new Councillors etc. Dates available from the Clerk
- f] The following publications are available from the Clerk:  
Action for Market Towns newsletter – Local Transportation Plan Consultation leaflet-  
Periodic Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire County Council Draft County council  
Proposal Consultation document – Local Council Review – Clerk and Councils Direct –  
Fens LeAP Leader Plus Funding information and newsletter. The Good Councillors  
Guide – Cambridgeshire ACRE Training and Events programme – Camclerks recruiting  
and training Clerks for School Governors.

14. MINUTES:

Before the reports of the Finance and Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2003 and the Planning Committee Meeting held on 22nd April 2003 Councillor Wright asked that his comments in Item 6 be amended to read .... local members are not kept properly informed on new legislation relating to planning matters. Agreed.

The reports were then confirmed.

15. FINANCE:

The following payments made out of meeting for the period 14<sup>th</sup> April 2003 to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2003 were approved

Burton International	881.25
Society of Local Council Clerks	11.99
Barclays Bank (Wages)	1101.20

ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

The following orders for payment were confirmed and the cheques drawn

Inland Revenue	739.24
L Clarke-Jones	812.57
S Murfitt	144.49
Allianz Cornhill	1851.42
Viking Direct	97.01
G Murfet	67.00
K H Services	226.00
Allen's Skip Hire	69.33
J W Boyce	99.00

Gordon Harrison	62.29
J H Adams	13.95
Burton International	22.04

The Income and Expenditure figures for the month of April 2003 were received.

A rebate of £1282.09 was received from Anglian Water relating to sewerage charges at the Cemetery.

16. FOLLOW UP DIARY:

The Clerk reported:

- i. Anglian Water had tested the water supply in the Barn and found the “tastes” were safe. Changing the tap washers might help or chilling the water.
- ii The Home Office have finally responded to a request for information relating to creating a by-law to stop drinking in a public place. This by law has been superseded by powers given to the police to confiscate open containers of drink.
- iii Susan Candlish – the Rural Housing Enabler will make a presentation at the next meeting.

17. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Wright reported that following the recent District Council elections there was no overall control. Proportionality will take up time in the next few meetings. The Independents will form a group alongside the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrat groups.

Councillor Wright asked to have placed on record thanks to outgoing Councillors Mrs Kerridge and Hayes for their hard work for the community and especial thanks to Councillor Hayes for his many good works. Agreed.

Councillor F J W Brown was concerned about the abuse of the law relating to fruit machines by the young and the owners of the premises should be brought to book to clean up their rubbish.

Leisure Week 25<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June six events in Littleport

Councillor Morrison reported on the Local Transport Plan exhibition in Littleport Library on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

18. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

No report

19. LITTLEPORT HARLEY 2003

It was agreed to accede to the Harle2003 request for the Parish Council to assume ownership of the proposed memorial to be placed on the Church Green, subject to the clarification of “normal maintenance”.

20. PRIMARY EDUCATION PROVISION:

Councillor Mrs Green declared her interest and took no part in discussions.

Members discussed at length the response received from Andrew Baxter Director of Education, Libraries and Heritage with Cambridgeshire County Council and did not agree with many of his findings.

It was agreed he be invited to attend a future meeting to answer Councillors questions.

Councillors were in agreement for the need of a new school.

21. LITTLEPORT PARTNERSHIP:

Councillor Hayes reported: Littleport has submitted entries in four categories Take Part! Market Towns Competition. Winners to be announced on 19<sup>th</sup> May at Newmarket.

Littleport will support the District bid for Broadband

The next meeting of the Partnership is in 11<sup>th</sup> June where the main topic will be the Action Plan for Littleport.

Much discussion followed on the role of the Partnership versus Parish Council and the demarcation. The Partnership should make recommendations to the Parish Council as a whole for approval.

The Littleport Business Group is looking into CCTV using the redundant cameras from Ely and monitored by shop keepers. Funding for the project has not been agreed.

Six members of the Parish Council are required for the partnership.

Councillors D T Murfitt, Cox, L Cooper, Howard, Hayes and Crane were appointed and Councillors Green and Norman as reserves.

22. ACRE MEMBERSHIP.

Councillor Hayes declared his interest and left the meeting.

Unanimously approved to subscribe to membership of Cambridgeshire ACRE. Annual Fee £25.00

In confirmation of the foregoing report

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CHAIRMAN

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DATE