

## LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Report of a Parish Council Meeting held in The Barn on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillor G Norman  
Councillor C M Ambrose Smith  
Councillor D J Boyd  
Councillor F J Brown  
Councillor P M Cox  
Councillor J H Crane  
Councillor B W Hayes  
Councillor J M Howard  
Councillor T J Lee  
Councillor D T Murfitt  
Councillor M Pyrah  
Councillor A N Wright

Also present District Councillor Morrison, 2 members of the public, the Clerk and Trainee Clerk

### 1. DECLARATIONS:

Councillor Norman declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 13

### 2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

One member of the public raised an issue to be discussed on the agenda.

Councillors agreed to vary the agenda order to allow Agenda item 13 to be considered.

### 13. MILLFIELD SCHOOL – TRAFFIC CALMING ON GRANGE LANE:

Councillor Hayes declared his interest.

Councillor Murfitt proposed the Council give full backing to the school's proposals to solve the parking and speeding issues outside the primary school. Seconded by Councillor Wright and carried unanimously.

### 3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mereham Campaign require a further 2250 signatures to reach to 10,000 target.

County Councillor Mrs Bean is looking for a Parish Councillor to join the Board of Governors at Parsons Lane Primary School.

Parsons Lane Primary School also has parking and traffic issues- Agenda item next month

### 4 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Mrs Bean and Councillor Gardiner

## 5 MINUTES:

The reports of the Planning, Finance and Parish Council Meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008 and the Planning Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008 were confirmed and signed

## 6 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Councillor Brown reported on the following recommendations of the Finance Committee:-

- i. Not to make any Section 137 Grants
- ii. Accept John Rudd's quotation of £1803.00 Barn Internal decoration
- iii. Accept Councillor Wright's offer to supply sanitary ware for the Cemetery. Stan Lee plumbing works £287.50. Tiling and other works to be carried out by Councillors and Cemetery Staff
- iv. Accept James Lee's quote of £463.59 plus VAT to install door access control in the Barn
- v. Accept Pecks quote of £2025.00 plus VAT 13c Husqvarna Ride on Mower

## 7. FOLLOW UP DIARY:

The Clerk reported:-

ECDC response on Parking Signage had been circulated

CCC response on Black Horse Drove Community Centre circulated

The error in the National Pay Scales SCP 4 affected one member of staff and the underpayment rectified.

Old Chapel Pews are advertised on EBay – several responses have been received.

## 8 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Ambrose Smith reported that the Council Tax bills were now out and the Ely Masterplan will be released this week.

Councillor Morrison also reported on the Ely Masterplan which could provide the Ely Southern Bypass. It is going for growth. Large retailers are likely to be attracted by 20,000 population The Angel Drove Car Park has not reached capacity

Councillor Wright asked the Parish Council to set aside some time to discuss the Ely Master Plan.

## 9. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Mrs Bean's written report was received.

The Black Horse Drove Community Building has been maintained with no outlay from the County Council. Questions asked about squatters rights – the building was handed over in 1953. Challenge the County's right to do anything at all and it should be recognised as an asset of the Parish.

10. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR:

Councillor Hayes declared his personal interest.

Agreed to appoint Doctor M Williamson Hourly rate £25.00 plus 35p/mile.

11. ANCHOR COURT PETITION:

A number of residents of Anchor Court and surrounding streets had submitted a petition regarding the poor state of the pavements and difficulties getting to the shops etc.

The petition has already been forwarded to the County Council. Councillors agreed to support the petitioners.

12. CLERK'S NOTES OF MEETINGS:

Members agreed that the hand written notes made by the Clerk at meetings should be retained for one year before disposal.

14. PRELIMINARY CONSENT APPLICATION – PHARMACEUTICAL LIST:

Members had no objections to Messrs Bakes, Holdsworth and Randhawa preliminary consent application to be considered for inclusion on the Pharmaceutical List within the vicinity of Parsons Lane/Church Lane.

15. CEMETERY:

Councillor Pyrah reported:

McCormack Tractors will be visiting the Cemetery on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 1.00pm to look at the tractor. Open to any Councillor to attend.

Quotations to erect scaffolding in order to remove the bell tower had been received.

Councillor Wright proposed that the whole job should be given over to a specialist roofing contractor. Three seven day quotes to be considered. Seconded by Councillor Mrs Howard and carried.

16. LAYN PROPERTIES:

Correspondence from Layn properties giving an update on drainage issues at the Holmes. Victoria Street and City Road area was received.

In confirmation of the foregoing report.....

CHAIRMAN

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