

## LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Report of a Parish Council Meeting held in The Barn on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillor G Norman  
Councillor C M Ambrose Smith  
Councillor D J Boyd  
Councillor F J Brown  
Councillor F J W Brown  
Councillor P M Cox  
Councillor J H Crane  
Councillor B W Hayes  
Councillor S D Kerridge  
Councillor T J Lee  
Councillor D Murfitt (arrived during agenda item 14)  
Councillor M Pyrah  
Councillor A N Wright

Also present the Assistant Clerk

1. DECLARATIONS: None
2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – None
3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The CPALC AGM is to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November at Bluntisham Village Hall. The next Masterplan meeting is on 19<sup>th</sup> October at Littleport Community Primary School.

4. APOLOGIES:

Councillors Gardiner and Constable and the Clerk. Councillor Murfitt sent apologies as he would miss the beginning of the meeting.

5. MINUTES:

The reports of the Finance and Parish Council Meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010, the special meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010 and the Planning Committee Meetings held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010, were confirmed

6. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Adizone funding and ongoing maintenance costs were raised. The Assistant Clerk to report back at next month's meeting.

7. FOLLOW UP DIARY:

The Assistant Clerk reported that ECDC were unable to supply any bins for the Skate Park and Adizone. Also ECDC had reported two dog bins that needed replacing by the Parish

Council. Section 106 contribution of £10,000 towards a new cemetery has been paid to ECDC by Sanctuary Group re: their development on Wisbech Road.

8. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Councillor FJW Brown reported that funding reviews are being undertaken at district level. The Littleport Masterplan is moving ahead. Councillor FJW Brown asked for an agenda item next month to discuss the provision of a secondary school in Littleport and requested that Hazel Belchamber from CCC to be invited to speak.

9. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

This was included in the above report.

10. TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS FOR GRANGE LANE:

Two designs were put forward by Highways. It was agreed to go ahead with design 2 which includes changing the priority of the Give Way feature and creating 20mph when lights flash zone.

11. EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2010:

The report was signed by the External Auditor with no comments. The Chairman thanked the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their work in ensuring the audit requirements were met.

12. APPOINTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR:

Following the August meeting of the Parish Council when the need for a CDM Co-ordinator for the building work at Black Horse Drove was raised, a special meeting of the Parish Council was called with the builders, Councillors and Andrew Speed. The special meeting recommended that Andrew Speed be appointed as CDM Co-ordinator.

It was agreed that Andrew Speed is appointed. The Clerk is to look at the budget as this expenditure is unplanned and report back to the next meeting.

13. CONSULTATION RE: LOCAL REFERENDUMS TO VETO EXCESSIVE COUNCIL TAX INCREASES.

No comments were made as the consultation period had ended.

14. EARLY ACTION BID FOR TACKLING SURFACE FLOOD RISK

ECDC have applied for planning permission for a scheme to alleviate surface water flooding involving underground pipework from the Holmes river to the IDB drain in Mow Fen. Councillors were in agreement with this scheme which should prevent a problem which has been going on for many years.

15. PURCHASE OF LAND FOR PROPOSED NEW CEMETERY

Councillors discussed the possibilities of buying the land as it is the end of the farming year and land prices are rising. The possibility of an option agreement was also discussed.

Councillor Murfitt proposed purchasing the land. Councillor Wright proposed an amendment that the Parish Council instructs a land agent to negotiate the price and approaches the Public Works Loans Board. The original proposal and amendment were agreed by Councillors.

16. ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Councillors discussed a letter received from St George's church requesting support for a S.106 grant application for a sound system and hearing loop for the church. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriateness of S.106 funding for this request, the cost of the scheme and the amount of support that had previously been given. Councillor Wright proposed that the application was supported but this was defeated. Councillor Hayes proposed that the church should approach one of the 15 charity funders active in Cambridgeshire and the church should apply for a Section 137 grant from the council. This was carried.

17. MURFITT INDUSTRIES SITE, WISBECH ROAD

The site appears to have quantities of material being stored. Councillor FJW Brown said that a stop notice had been served on the site by the legal department at the County Council. He asked the Assistant Clerk to contact David Atkinson, Senior Planner at County Council to express concern regarding the amount of material on site.

18. TELEPHONE BOXES

Councillor FJ Brown gave a verbal report on telephone boxes in the parish. Only one at Station Road is working; the others are broken and in poor condition. It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk should write to BT to ask them about their intentions regarding maintenance of the boxes.

19. LITTLEPORT CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

Councillors discussed the proposed map for the reduced conservation area which excludes Barkhams Lane, Hempfield Road, Ferry Way, The Hythe, Old School Close and most of Ponto Hill. Councillors agreed that the conservation area should be reduced further by extending the boundary down the length of White Hart Lane to Victoria Street and along the western boundary of the Village Hall.

In confirmation of the foregoing report

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CHAIRMAN

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