

LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Report of a Special Parish Council Meeting held in The Barn on Wednesday 4th August 2004 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillor P M Cox
Councillor F J Brown
Councillor L Cooper
Councillor J H Crane
Councillor S Green
Councillor S D Kerridge
Councillor G Norman
Councillor A N Wright

Also present 1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hayes, Howard, L E J Murfitt and Pyrah

2. HEALTHY LIVING/COMMUNITY HALL:

The Chairman outlined the reasoning for calling the special meeting and the need for a clear view of the Parish Council's perspective prior to a meeting with Cecilia Tredget Deputy Chief Executive at East Cambs District Council.

Comments raised during the discussions included

- the ambiguity of the wording for Option C on the possible sites for the proposed building.
- Under use of the Leisure Centre during the day
- Funding not to be wasted on wages etc used for bricks and mortar
- Paddocks cannot be developed within the time frame of the Healthy Living project funding
- Healthy Living project is not solely for Littleport but for the whole area

Following a number of failed proposals Councillor Wright moved "We are mindful to support the Healthy Living recommendations of a community building in Parsons Lane provided that Youth provision should not be part of the project. Should they wish to proceed with a joint project with youth provision the council will not support the Parsons Lane site. Littleport Leisure being the 1st choice and 2nd choice The Paddocks Seconded by Councillor Norman carried by 7 votes for and 1 abstention.

3. YOUTH PROVISION:

This is a contentious issue and no clear statements have been received from the County Council on their future plans for youth following the closure of the Youth Club and the imminent demolition of the old Village College. A suggestion was made to rent a suitable property might be a better option. The County Council should be asked how they intend to spend the £66234.00 Section 106 money.

In confirmation of the foregoing report

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CHAIRMAN

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