

LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 18th July 2022 meeting at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillor C Allen
Councillor C Ambrose Smith
Councillor D Ambrose Smith
Councillor P Cox - **Apologies**
Councillor R Gasgarth
Councillor S Green - **Apologies**
Councillor B Guittet-Carriere
Councillor D Jordan – VICE CHAIRMAN - **Apologies**
Councillor S Kerridge
Councillor L Malkin - **Apologies**
Councillor G Norman
Councillor E Dos Santos
Councillor J Weaver
Councillor C Webber
Councillor J Webber

Also in attendance: Admin Assistant

Members of the Public:

PUBLIC FORUM

No attendees

22/23.54 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone for attending the full Council meeting.

22/23.55 APOLOGIES & ABSENCES:

Cllr D Jordan – Apologies- Accepted

Cllr L Malkin – Apologies – Accepted

Cllr S Green – Apologies – Accepted

Cllr P Cox – Apologies - Accepted

22/23.56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

22/23.57 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 20th June 2022 and Planning Sub-Committee of 27th June 2022 were duly signed as a true record.

22/23.58 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

TLC

We did have an item on the agenda about appointing Trustees, but I removed, so we could check the minutes. We have been back to 2016 and cannot find where we ratified Cllr Kerridge & Cllr Norman. In the case of Cllr Norman, it was due Oct 2018 and Cllr Kerridge earlier this year. Trustees serve a 4-year term. It is my intension to put this on the September agenda to retrospectively to appoint Cllr Norman and then vote on appoint trustee to serve from Oct 22, (this can be Cllr Norman). Cllr Kerridge is slightly more difficult as we received a letter requesting if Cllr Kerridge was continuing or where we appoint a new trustee, this did not come to full council (our mistake), so TLC took it the Cllr Kerridge was continuing. I would like to propose we retrospectively appoint Cllr K from the requested date at next meeting. _Note one is Chair and one is vice and our insurance will not cover them.

Levelling Up Bid

You should all have seen the letter of support for the Levelling Up Bid that is being submitted by East Cambs.

District Council to secure funding for projects within the Littleport 2030 Vision Document; previously ratified by Littleport Parish Council at a Full Council meeting.

The opportunity to bid for funding has become available at short notice and if funding can be secured it will enable the delivery of some of the projects much earlier than anticipated, as the funding would need to be spend by 2025. This would include extending the employment area at E-Space North and cycle and walking routes to the Station. East Cambs and County Council officers have worked very hard to meet the complex criteria, as it is envisaged that most of the funding will go to the north of England, we need to keep our fingers crossed that the Bid is good enough bring some of this national funding pot to our little piece of East Anglia!

Have a meeting booked with RBL on the 27th July to discuss the Remembrance parade.

We have applied for the second stage payment of the S106 grant on the Paddocks approx. 58K

We have a lot of graffiti on the Adizone and will arrange ECDC to remove it, following removal, will post out the cost, which could have been spent on play equipment. The skate bowl has also been graffitied but cannot be removed without damaging the artwork.

22/23.59 YOUTH AND COMMUNITY BUILDING UPDATE

At the meeting last site meeting the power & light positions were agreed. We have now received the drawings, for approval. And have applied for 3rd stage payments

22/23.60 COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER / COMMUNITY LINK WORKER –
UPDATE REPORTS

Community Link Worker and Community Youth Worker reports for information only, had been circulated to councillors via email prior to the meeting.

22/23.61 PLAY AREA SAFETY SURFACING QUOTE

After discussions it was agreed that the quote for replacement tiles would be accepted. But prior to acceptance the clerk needed to investigate if a more cost-effective solution eg. Grass Crete would be viable.

22/23.62 DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY FEEDBACK FORMS RECEIVED

Currently no Forms were received for this meeting. This will however be a regular item and the cut-off point will be issue date of the agenda. When any forms that have been received will be circulated with the agenda. And will only be discussed in the meeting if any Councillor wishes to do so.

22/23.63 FINANCE

63.1 The Financial Statements of the Parish Council had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting that had been prepared by the Locum Clerk.

63.2 The Payments confirmed from 21st June – 18th July had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting that had been prepared by the Locum Clerk.

22/23.64 CLERKS' FOLLOW UP DIARY

Nothing currently to report

22/23.65 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

East Cambs District Council held a Full Council meeting on Thursday 14 July 2022

Agenda Item 9 was the presentation of the updated Corporate Plan 2022 – 2023 which was subsequently endorsed at the meeting, (a copy of the Corporate Plan has been lodged in the Clerk's Office at The Barn).

Following this, the following press release was issued:

Council pledges to deliver best deal for residents

East Cambridgeshire District Council has pledged to continue to work hard to secure the best outcomes for residents.

The latest version of its Corporate Plan, which sets out its priorities for 2022/23, includes a focus on delivering sustainable transport schemes, community-led housing and environmental outcomes.

Providing the means for active travel is a top priority. Last year the Council secured Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) Market Town funding to help part fund the Wicken to Soham cycleway, and it will be pursuing

further funds to help make this a reality over the coming year. It has also been working with cycling charity Sustrans to produce feasibility studies for a further five cycle routes.

Following last year's opening of Soham Railway Station, it will also seek to secure funds for the Snailwell and Dullingham Loops, both of which will have multiple benefits for local communities. The Snailwell Loop will provide passengers in Soham with a direct route to Cambridge, while the Dullingham Loop will provide rail services to Kennet. It is also urging the CPCA to ensure a segregated cycle and pedestrian path is included as part of plans to dual the A10.

This year will also see the completion of a Community Land Trust scheme in Haddenham and a refurbishment scheme that includes 15 shared ownership homes for local people in Ely. East Cambs Trading Company will also start on a new development in Ely which will include four 100K homes on the former Paradise Pool site.

The Council, which recently announced its [Environment Plan](#) for this year, will also continue to support Parish Councils with their local climate and nature action plans and encourage more Neighbourhood Plans.

Councillor Anna Bailey, Leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "We may only be a small district council but we like to pack a large punch and deliver the very best deal for our residents.

"Last year we celebrated some very large achievements, including completing the 100K homes project at the Tannery in Ely. We also delivered 16 pledges in our Environmental Plan and celebrated the opening of Soham Railway Station.

"This was despite a very challenging year. Like all councils, we have continued to be affected by COVID-19 and a national shortage of HGV drivers has impacted the delivery of our waste service.

"However, we have always prided ourselves on tight financial management. Income generated by our trading companies, which includes East Cambs Trading Company, trading as Palace Green Homes, Ely Markets and Parks & Open Spaces, provides a financial benefit to the Council, which to date has amounted to more than £3 million.

"This in turn has enabled us to freeze Council Tax for the ninth consecutive year – the only district, county or unitary authority still in operation in the country not to put up bills during this time.

"A strong financial position also means further investment can be made in the workforce, vehicles and equipment needed to deliver a reliable and sustainable waste and recycling service.

"We would like to thank residents for their support over the last 12 months. We have a very exciting year ahead and one which I hope will really deliver for each person living in East Cambridgeshire."

Since our last Parish Council Meeting, various committees have been held – Licensing on 22 June, Finance & Assets on 23 June, and Planning on 6 July plus other smaller committees.

August every year has no committees scheduled with the exception of Planning, on 3 August. Due to the large number of applications which require to be considered, an additional Planning Committee is expected to be arranged during August also.

Our understanding is that a bid is shortly to be submitted to the Government Levelling Up fund.

East Cambs have selected Littleport from across the district and a bid has been worked up by officers. This includes a safe Cycle/Walking route from the Rail Station to the Wisbech Road Industrial & Commercial area, passing near to the schools Campus. This opens an opportunity for active travel within Littleport and it is intended that this may form part of a future link between Littleport & Ely and to other cycle routes included within existing and new developments in Littleport. An extension to ESpace North is included within the bid which may open an additional 400 jobs as a result.

We have no guarantee that this will go forward for further consideration, but considerable work has gone into formulating the bid. There will be many other bids, from the North of England & the Midlands which are also in need of funding for projects, as we are ourselves.

22/23.66 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Weight Management Services Procurement

Through competitive procurement procedure to procure an additional Weight Management Service capacity.

Contract to be awarded up to the value of £1.465m to the successful provider

Adult obesity rates in Cambridgeshire were high prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2019/20 it was estimated that 61% of the adult population was either obese or overweight. It is likely that the pandemic has exacerbated these figures and further evidence is being identified to substantiate this. In addition, children's weight which is systematically annually measured through the National Child Weight Measurement Programme is clearly showing a substantial increase in rates of obesity in children.

Weight Management services are a key part of efforts to address obesity. They provide structured interventions for individuals and groups. The additional funding is to address the increased demand for AWM services arising from the pandemic impact which includes a backlog of demand that accumulated during the period when services could not be accessed.

Delegation of statutory function to determine an application to register a public right of way across county boundary
To: Full Council Meeting Date: 19 July 2022

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the discharge of the Council's statutory function to investigate and determine an application to register a public footpath at Ironbridge across the River Little Ouse between Littleport and Feltwell by Norfolk County Council.

Recommendations: Full Council is asked to approve:

- a) The discharge of its function in respect of this application by Norfolk County Council

- b) That Cambridgeshire County Council shares the administrative costs of publicising any Order and of a venue for holding a public inquiry

Therefore, this report seeks authorisation of the said delegation to Norfolk County Council, on the proviso that:

- (i) Norfolk County Council fully consults Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) as a statutory consultee at the appropriate stages prior to any decision, including CCC Structures Team
- (ii) Norfolk County Council fully consults Littleport Town Council and the Local Member
- (iii) Maintenance liability, if any, should be determined as part of the investigation
- (iv) A draft of the report is provided to Cambridgeshire County Council for comment
- (v) Norfolk County Council keeps Cambridgeshire County Council informed at all key stages of the process, including:
 - a. The service of formal notices in relation to any order that may be made
 - b. A copy of any order that may be made
 - c. The formal stages should objections be received, and the order be sent to the Planning Inspectorate for determination

EXCLUSION OF STAFF PRESS AND PUBLIC

22/23.67 HR COMMITTEE UPDATE

Update was given to Full Council from the HR Committee

There being no further business the meeting was closed at pm.

Signed:Chairman

Dated: