

**Meeting of Eltisley Parish Council Held at The Newton Primary School, Eltisley
on Tuesday 9 January 2007 At 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs: Messrs M Cropley, R Pinner (Chairman), D Lee, M Lines and J Pettifor, Mrs C Freeman, and Mrs D Spink.

In attendance: Mrs G Stoehr (Clerk), Cllr Mandy Smith (County Cllr) and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interests

1.0.1 None as all members were present.

1.0.2 Declarations of interest – Mrs Spink declared an interest in all planning applications as a member of the District Council’s Planning Committee.

2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 14 November 2006 and the notes from the Pocket Parks meeting on 4 December 2006

2.0.1 On a proposition by Mr Lines, seconded by Mr Cropley the minutes of the last meeting on 14 November 2006 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2.0.2 On a proposition by Mr Lines, seconded by Mr Cropley the minutes of the Pocket Parks meeting on 4 December 2006 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

3.0.1 (3.0.4) Cricket Club – It was noted that a meeting is due to take place on 18 January 2007 by Leeds Arms to discuss the proposed new cricket club.

3.0.2 (3.0.6) Greenfields Path – Mr D Vacher has confirmed that the path is to be re-laid and the weeds will be attended to.

3.0.3 B1040 Path – It was noted the path is in need of spraying again. Cllr Miss Smith kindly offered to take the matter up with Mr Vacher.

3.0.4 (3.2) 21 The Green – There had been no reply to the Parish Council’s letter dated 17 November 2006 asking the owners to tidy up The Green however there had been some but limited improvement. It was agreed to invite the owner/s to attend the next meeting to discuss the matter further.

It was noted that bollards had been put out for the Annual Hunt.

3.0.5 Chestnut Trees – The Chairman reported on his meeting with Roz Richardson regarding the lower branches of the chestnut trees and the health and safety implications. The quote from Matthew Bell, Tree Care was noted and considered. It was agreed to recommend to the Village Hall Trust (VHT) to accept the quote from Matthew Bell Tree Care of £176.25 including VAT.

3.0.6 Prohibition order & Access from St Neots Road - The e-mail from M Pickering saying he could not give the requested information because of the DPA was noted. It was agreed to write to Strutt and Parker seeking information on why their client want the gate open.

3.1 Highways Agency Feasibility Study A428 Eltisley

It was noted that as this document is still in circulation, therefore it was agreed to carry this matter forward to the next meeting for consideration.

4. Members’ reports & items

4.1 Parish Plan – update

It was reported that the questionnaire data is currently being analysed and that the basic data will be brought along to the next meeting.

4.2 Christmas Get-together

It was noted that the Christmas get-together was well attended with approximately 50 people attending. It was agreed that mulled wine should be served next year.

4.3 Pocket Park

Further to the last meeting it was confirmed that Rob Mongovan, South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is putting forward a grant application to SCDC. The outcome of which is awaited. It was agreed to set up a sub-committee to manage the project. Membership is as follows: Mr Cropley, Mrs Freeman and Mr Pinner. An article is to be placed in the Newsletter.

5. Finance

5.1 Classification of project proposals and associated expenditure

The discussion paper prepared by Mr Lee dated 15 November 2006 was discussed. It was agreed to consider the following at the next EVGT meeting:

- Clerking and administration implications
- The Budget e.g. Christmas lights and Christmas get-together so that a draft budget can be drawn up
- The frequency of meetings

5.2 Delegated duties

The paper drafted by Mr Lee dated 15 November 2006 was considered.

5.3 To approve the payment of bills and consider the finance report

The finance report was considered and the invoices and bank statements checked. On a proposition by Mrs Spink, seconded by Mr Cropley the following payments as listed in the finance report were approved for payment plus £35 Information Commissioner (Data Protection Act):

LGS Services	clerking & admin support	£238.63
Cambridge Water	water rates	£19.45
LGS Services	clerking & admin support	£215.60
DJ + JM Green	grass cutting	£296.10
Cambs ACRE	affiliation fee	£25.00
LGS Services	clerking & admin support	£214.89
LG Stoehr	salary	£106.67

5.4 2007 Budget review

Details of receipts and payments to date versus the budget including the % variance was received and considered.

5.5 Parish Paths Partnership review & to consider grant application for FY2008

On a proposition by the Chairman it was agreed to take this item later in the meeting.

5.6 To consider and approve the budget for FY2008

The draft budget prepared by the RFO was considered as the baseline budget which was the minimum the Parish Council required to maintain the contracts already in place.

- On a proposition by J Pettifor it was proposed to increase discretionary cuts of the Village Green by 4. This was not seconded.
- Allotment rents – It was agreed to review this matter and that it should be an agenda item for a future meeting.
- Newsletter - It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Treasurer asking if a grant is required.

- There were no reserves that could be released to support the budget.

On a proposition by Mr Lee, seconded by Mrs Spink the budget as attached was approved. The vote was recorded as 6 for and 1 against.

5.7 To demand the Precept for FY 2008

On a proposition by Mr Lee, seconded by Mrs Spink it was agreed to demand a precept of £7960.00 which is the amount required by the Parish Council to balance its budget.

5.5 Parish Paths Partnership review & to consider grant application for FY2008

The P3 Partnership versus the outstanding budget was noted and considered. It was agreed to arrange a village walk to check the maintenance and to apply for a grant application for a kissing gate near Manor Farm project to be installed by Roland Fletcher.

6. To consider planning applications received since the last meeting

Mrs Spink declared an interest in all planning applications as a member of the District Council's Planning Committee.

6.1 S/2303/06/F Draper, 26 The Green – carport

On a proposition by Mrs Freeman, seconded by Mr Pinner the application was recommended for approval.

6.2 SCDC decisions

6.2.1 S/2007/06F 59 The Green – extensions – approved by SCDC

Noted.

6.2.2 S/1852/06/F Kirkway 32 The Green – extensions – Approved by SCDC

Noted.

7. To consider correspondence received since the last meeting

7.1 CCC Bus service proposals for Eltislely

This was considered and it was agreed to reply that a service needs to be provided that meets the requirements of the village.

7.2 SCDC Section 106 Agreements & Mutual Exchanges – consultation

In response to the consultation it was felt that the tenant plus SCDC should be required to ask the Parish Council if they have knowledge of an interested party and that they should try to find someone with a village connection for a period of six months not the suggested three.

7.3 CCC Budget for 2007/2008

Noted.

7.4 CCC Heavy Commercial Vehicles (HCV) Newsletter – to note

Noted.

7.5 The Local Government White Paper – Strong & Prosperous Communities – to note

Noted.

8. Closure of meeting

8.0.1 Telephone Kiosk – BT are to be asked to refurbish the box as this is a listed building.

8.0.2 There are 2 streetlights out. The Clerk is to be notified of their number so that she can report them.

8.0.3 There is a vermin problem to the rear of 10 – 12 Greenfields which is to be reported to SCDC Environmental Health. The whereabouts of the landowner is unknown.

8.0.4 Speed activated Traffic Lights – An article on this is to be circulated. This may be considered under the Parish Plan.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.40 pm

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ Date.