

COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 9 April 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Members present:	Miss A Bacon (Chairman) ^(AB)	Dr J McCabe ^(JM)
Councillors:	Mr P Crossley ^(PC)	Mr S Moffat ^(SM)
	Mr R Elleray ^(RE)	Mrs J Preston ^(JP)
	Mr H Griffiths ^(HG)	Mr N Taylor ^(NT)
	Mr A Hollick ^(AH)	Miss C Westgarth ^(CW)

In attendance: Simon Love and Alan Duncan (Anglian Water), 1 member of the public, County Cllr S Frost and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Pemberton (out of parish) and Higman (out of parish).

1.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda

Cllr Westgarth declared an interest in any item concerning the School, as Chair of Governors, and also the existence of her dispensation.

1.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None.

1.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None.

Comments & observations from members of the public and County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Frost reported on:

- The Cambridge City Deal, including a Government grant of £500M for infrastructure.
- The introduction of a Cabinet structure.
- Potholes. Cllr Frost has been out in the area and potholes have been marked. Those in Barrons Way have been repaired.
- Cllr Frost offered to follow up problems with logging PROW faults on the website.

Problems were reported to Cllr Frost regarding the interactive sign and traffic light management not working since the work was carried out on Barton Road.

Cllr Scott reported as District Councillor on:

- The City Deal and the requirement for 5% additional affordable homes as a condition of the deal.
- The Local Development Plan has been approved by the District Council and sent to the Government Inspector.
- Discussions with a resident of Kentings and the review by Comberton Village College on student parking. The Parish Council reported that the College was going to keep the matter under review. Cllr Preston will take the matter up with Mr Sycamore at the Village College.

The representatives of Anglian Water agreed to reinstate the verges on Swaynes Lane. RESOLVED that Cllrs Hollick and Taylor should meet with Anglian Water to pursue this.

The issues arising in 2012 were reviewed, including the pumping station and problems at Toft. Spindle pumps had been changed to improve the pumping operation. The power of the pump had been increased to maximum capacity. It was now necessary to identify where surface water was entering the sewer. CCTV was being used to look for points of infiltration,

and some areas had been identified and will be followed up. This can only be done up to mid-May while the surface water levels are high enough. Anglian Water undertook to carry out repairs. It was acknowledged that the tankers were a burden for residents. Swaynes Lane, Barton Road and South Street were identified as areas with problems. Some old pipes are being dollied out, re-forming the shape of the pipe. The sealing method with mortar and mastic was outlined. Debris was being dealt with. Anglian Water will update the Parish Council when the survey is completed.

In response to a question about the capacity for extra houses at Bennell Farm, it was explained that there would be separate arrangements for surface and foul water. A storm cell matrix would be installed. If there was any capacity the developer would be required to make a financial contribution to upgrade or provide additional requirements. Anglian Water was not a statutory consultee. The foul swell was within capacity and once the surface infiltration issues were resolved the capacity would be sufficient.

Anglian Water was asked what recourse was available to residents. If a connection was in place it would have to be left but Anglian Water would talk to residents about water butts. Historically in Comberton surface water had drained into ditches and water courses. Water consumption had fallen from that of the past. Sewers used to be built for 1 in 30 years events. It was stated that both local and national infrastructure needed to be looked at.

2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 12 March 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting on 12 March be approved ^(Prop AH, 2nd JP) and signed by the Chairman, after an amendment to show that Cllr Scott was present.

3. Matters arising or carried forward from the meeting or a previous meeting for discussion or decision and to note the Clerk's report

The Clerk's report, which included background to items on the agenda and matters arising, was noted.

3.1 (4.2 and 3.3.3) Damage to the Skate Park – to consider quotations if received

Cllr Elleray reported that the hole had been filled with glass fibre resin and tested by skaters. He was thanked for his efforts.

3.2 (6.2 of 12.2.14) Silver birch near 8 Milner Road – to consider recommendation and quotation

RESOLVED to note that no action was necessary at present. The Tree Group is to monitor the tree.

3.3 To consider the appointment of Cllr Higman to working groups

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Higman to the Transport Working Group.

3.4 Fields in Trust QEII Deed of Dedication – to consider obtaining legal advice before proceeding

RESOLVED in light of the correspondence from Fields in Trust and their reluctance to continue with the Council's application because of the covenants not to proceed with the dedication application until it should prove beneficial to continue with a trust.

3.5 (4.3) To consider arrangements for the Council's admin support and land and property administration

On a proposition by the Chairman this item was deferred to the end of the meeting.

4. Finance, procedure & risk assessment

4.1 To receive the financial report and to approve the payment of bills

RESOLVED to receive the financial report and that this be checked against the invoices and statements before the cheques are signed at the end of the meeting.

RESOLVED ^(Prop JM, 2nd CW) that the payments as listed in the financial report should be paid, plus Open Spaces Society (Subscription) £45.00.

LGS Services (Admin Support) £1516.49

Salaries	£320.76
Kompan (Play equipment)	£65421.74

RESOLVED that two Direct Debit mandates in favour of South Cambridgeshire District Council for Pavilion Non-Domestic Rates (£310.86) and Trade Waste (£54.69) be signed by two members enabling these payments to be made by Direct Debit.

A donation from QTSQ towards the legal fees for the proposed new footpath was noted.

The Clerk's report on the amendments to the draft Speedcut contract and the reasons for these were noted.

RESOLVED that the Speedcut contract should be signed by two members ^(Prop RE, 2nd SM).

Credits including an insurance refund, pitch hire fees, reimbursement for shared SLCC

4.2 To note actions taken by the Clerk using her delegated powers because of the risk or health and safety

None.

5. To receive reports and recommendations from committees, working groups and members

5.1 Planning Committee report

The Planning reports as circulated were taken as read.

5.2 Recreation Ground Working Group (RWG)

RESOLVED to receive the report as previously circulated and the update of 7 April. A site meeting had taken place with Agrostis and Speedcut. A purchase order had been placed and the start date for works was 21 April. When the grass seed has been spread the Practical Completion Date will have been achieved.

RESOLVED as the work will cause some disruption to issue a leaflet to nearby residents explaining that the car park will be out of use on Mondays to Fridays for truck movements between 9 am and 3 pm.

RESOLVED that concrete posts and a 1m hedge will be removed from the recreation ground extension. A section of fencing will be removed by the pavilion to provide a route for the trucks and plywood will be laid over the football pitch.

RESOLVED that CGM should cut back the path from the Recreation Ground to Green End as a matter of urgency.

The path will be fenced off and signage will be required.

RESOLVED to negotiate with Agrostis and Speedcut that, whilst the Parish Council will receive an invoice for the whole contract price before the end of June 2014, as items 10.2 -10.2.2iv of the contract are not being carried out until sometime later, that part is to be paid on completion of those works.

Cllr Crossley is to check with Sport England regarding the timing of the grant payment. The outcome of the WREN grant application will be known in May.

The Comberton Playground Project had received £1,500 recently. A new committee had been formed. The new equipment had been well received. A tension tool is awaited for the zip wire and when received Cllr Crossley will deal with this.

5.2.1 Bunker on the Recreation Ground condition

The Building Control department had reported that this was structurally sound and will check it again in six months. Cllr Elleray undertook to fill the crack to prevent rain from getting in.

