

THRIPLow PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday the 11th January 2016 in the Thriplow Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillors: Jane Gough, Lynn Driscoll, David Easthope, Owen MacKay, Barbara Pointon, David Rhodes

County &
District
Councillor

Clerk to the
Council: Martyn Corbet

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Derek Pinner and Terry Smith. Cllr Topping was detained and arrived after the meeting had ended.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th November 2015

These minutes having previously been distributed, were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Amendments to the minutes were as follows:

"Swales" in paragraph should be "Swales";

In paragraph 6 (a) "is" should be "has"

Cllr Pointon stated that paragraph 8 (d) should be expanded to state that the sub-committee consisting of Cllrs MacKay, Easthope, Rhodes and Pointon.

Matters arising not otherwise covered by the agenda

3. Some discussion took place regarding the telephone box in the village which has been re-painted. A suitable colour has been obtained. This is Post Office Red/Cherry. Cllr Pointon wished to have the serial number recorded. This is BS 381C 538. The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that the war memorial has been listed. It is now a listed monument.

Health & Safety

4. Cllr Easthope had received most of the reports requested. He presented the meeting with a list of things which need to be done. Cllr Easthope went through the list at the meeting. The list reproduced below. The Heathfield Way light may have been repaired. The notice boards need attention. Cllr Pointon referred to the condition of the watercourse near to the pub which needs attention.

Village

Smithy

re-lime wash required

Benches & Litter Bins

desperately need treatment including those in the village recreation ground

Bench at Middle St/School lane junction – needs minor repair to back

Potholes

in Lower St & Farm Lane need filling

Bus shelter on Green

glass in notice board needs cleaning

Re-treatment of shelter exterior required soon

War Memorial paving

very slippery – needs cleaning

Bus shelter in Church St

needs weeding, tarmac repairs & needs external treatment

Notice Board at V Hall

sponge backing needs fixing

Narrow Lane footpath

I hope that the County Council will start work on this at the end of this month

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Verge to Pegs Close

daffodil bulbs washed out from soil by rain

Triangle in front of shop

badly damaged by lorry – where are the oak posts?

Heathfield

Street lights not working

Hurdles Way, Bus stop light, No 13

Is this one light or 3 ?

Notice board opp Kingsway

rickety

Notice board Pepperslade

rickety

Cllr Driscoll referred to the cost of the supply of electricity to the street lights at Heathfield. It is unclear as to who is responsible for paying the bill. The parish Clerk said he would check his records to see if he could assist.

Cllr Gough raised concerns over the hedges at Church Street some of which remain in a bad state. This is particularly so of those at numbers 40 and 42. There will be a meeting with the new manager at CCC Highways Department Evan Laughlin on the 20th January. This will be attended by Cllr Topping as well as Cllrs Easthope, Gough and MacKay.

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5. **Update on:**

(a) footpath at 7 The Green

This will be discussed on the 20th January.

(b) verge at Peggs Close

This has been affected by water damage which exposed some of the bulbs. It needs to be repaired.

(c) water courses in the village

Cllr Pinner was absent on holiday. He is in the process of obtaining a map detailing the watercourses.

DP

6. **Parish Recreation Grounds and Village Maintenance**

(a) public footpaths on Heathfield

Cllr Rhodes had nothing to report and said that they all appeared to be in good order;

(b) Parking and Playground at Ringstone

The playground has been completed. It is being used and appreciated;

(c) Village Maintenance – update

In the absence of Cllr Smith there was nothing to report;

(d) Drains at the Village Hall – application for a grant from TVHMC

The Secretary of the TVHMC has authorised the work. Details of the time when the work will be undertaken are awaited;

(f) Grass Cutting in the Parish

Cllr Smith will talk to the new contractors Norse,

7. **Tree Planting, Tree Work and POS Maintenance**

Tree Work applications & Tree Works in general

The Parish Clerk stated that a temporary Tree Preservation Order had been made in respect of the trees at 7 & 9 The Green. This was now the subject of an appeal by the landowner. This is due to be determined in February.

Tree Works on the boundary of 3 – 7 The Green. The Tree Warden had no objection to TR1 or TR3 but objections to TR2 & 4. The Parish Council agreed;

Tree Works at Barnways 28 Middle Street. There are no objections to these works.

8. **Planning Matters**

(a) Responses to applications

S/2552/15/FL Single Storey side and rear extension 74 Kingsway – no objection approval recommended;

S/2571/15/FL Erection of first floor extension and single storey front extension 7 Fowlmere Road – no objection although one parish councillor would like vehicles to be parked on the property curtilage – approval recommended

S/2213/15/FL Demolition of existing conservatory and new single storey extension Vinters 40 School Lane – no objections approval recommended

(b) Planning decisions received

No planning decisions had been received

(c) Planning appeals

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No planning appeals had been received

(d) List of Community Assets

Cllr Pointon referred to a list of Community Assets which had been drawn up by a sub-committee. This list had been circulated before the meeting. There are 20 altogether. The list was improved and further defined. Cllr Pointon explained that forms have to be completed for each asset. It was agreed that Cllr Pointon would go back to SCDC and ascertain which assets would be considered before the forms were completed.

BP

(e) miscellaneous items

The Parish Clerk referred to the amended application in respect of the Cambridge Pet Crematorium. It was agreed that parish councillors would send their views to the Parish Clerk so that he could collate them. They would then be sent to CCC.

Cllr MacKay referred to work which has been done to a wall at Bacon's Farm. He has asked the property owner to rectify the situation and replace the 10 metres which have been removed. The property is a listed building. If nothing is done then it is for SCDC to deal with the matter. The Parish Clerk will write to the householder.

MC

Financial Matters

9. (a) Authority was granted to pay the following:

	Amount	VAT	Total
Parish Clerk Salary – 15 th September to 9 th November	496.56		496.56
Parish Clerk – expenses for same period	51.90		51.90
HMRC – PAYE on Parish Clerk's salary	124.20		124.20
CGM Landscapes – Invoice 6971 re village verges	224.76	45.00	269.76
PKF Littlejohn LLP – Invoice External Audit	100.00	20.00	120.00
D Pinner – reimbursement of payment to B Cutter	20.00		20.00

Items authorised but made between meetings

	Amount	VAT	Total
Playdale Playgrounds Limited – second instalment re Ringstone playground	6587.40	1317.48	7904.88

Cambridge Water Co – water bill re The Smithy	14.78		14.78
Derek Pinner – reimbursement re Daffodil Work	2419.32		2419.32

(b) Credits received

No credits had been received

(c) Section 106 monies

The monies held in respect of Hurdles Way are invested on a 1 year fixed term with Saffron BS. The monies held in respect of Ringstone continue to be invested on a 2 year fixed term with Cambridge BS. The remaining S106 monies are invested with Cambridge BS. The Parish Clerk has withdrawn £6,700.00 of these monies which were set aside for the playground at Ringstone.

Parish Clerk's Review

10. This will be undertaken by a sub-committee consisting of Cllrs Easthope, Gough and MacKay.

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Fence at Pepperslade

11. The Parish Clerk will contact Kester Lilley regarding the work to be done. The Parish Clerk also acquainted the meeting with a request for a bollard he has received to prevent vehicles parking in front of the gate. It was decided this is

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12. **Improvements to playground at Heathfield**
 Cllr Driscoll said it was intended to approach possible sponsors for monetary donations. Cllr Smith had contacted someone at RoSPA. They had said that the tyres should be securely fastened and painted with appropriate paint. Cllr Smith suggested that an approach should be made to Cllr Topping for help. Cllr Driscoll will speak to Taylor Smythe about his ideas for the Pepperslade Open Space. LD
13. **Plaque in memory of Cllr Dudley Chew**
 The plaque was passed around the meeting and approved. The Parish Clerk will contact Barbara Chew about an "unveiling" in the Spring. MC
14. **Appointment of Representative on TVHMC**
 Cllr Pointon was proposed by Cllr Gough and seconded by Cllr Easthope. Cllr Pointon having agreed to serve her appointment was agreed
15. **Updating of software for the parish website, updating of the website itself and policy on advertising**
 This matter will be listed for the next meeting. The Parish Clerk will liaise with an appropriate expert. MC
16. **Courses for new parish councillors**
 The Parish Clerk explained that each new parish councillor had to undertake a training course. It was agreed he will find out dates for these and liaise with the new parish councillors. MC
17. **Reports (if any):**
 - (a) Neighbourhood Forum (ex IWM Liaison committee)
 Cllr Pinner was absent on holiday and there was nothing to report
 - (b) Thriplow and Heathfield Recreation Grounds
 This has previously been dealt with.
 - (c) Village Hall Management Committee
 Cllr Pointon said that a TVHMC meeting was taking place on Thursday. There was a successful Folk evening organised by Amber Gough with a Ploughman's Supper. This raised about £360.00 toward village hall funds. Wi Fi is now available via the village shop. Work has been done to make the front windows of the village hall secure. A key is in the village shop for access to the village hall. The staff have strict instructions who can utilise this. There has been a problem with the staging. Some rules need to be made. One user did not return it properly. There is a need to investigate insurance for items left in the village hall.
 - (d) Police & Neighbourhood Watch
 Cllr Gough said things have been quiet. Cllr Pointon mentioned a bogus invoice which has been sent out in the parish for £689.00.
 - (e) Village Maintenance
 This had been previously dealt with
 - (g) and (h) District & County Council Information
 Cllr Topping sent in the following report:
1. County and district budgets
 The district council and the county council both face difficult decisions about what if any increases in council taxes should be decided for next year. The district has a traditionally had a very low council tax rate, and so it may put the council tax up by £5.00 a year for a Band D property. The county has been offered the opportunity by the government to put its part of the council tax up by 4% because of the costs of adult social care. The county council has yet to decide on that, but may go for a lesser increase of 1.99%. There is a drive to reduce costs within the county, including rationalising the senior officer management structure. The challenge will be whether savings can be realised quickly enough. There is no doubt that the county faces real financial problems, and the audit committee, of which I am vice-chair, was told by our external auditors, PWC, that this county was behind the curve in terms of coming up with a transformation plan to save money and transform services.

I Attended two budget related meetings in recent weeks, one to find savings from the Public Health budget, and one to sign off the county accounts. So budgets and their management form a big part of the picture at the moment. The county is trying to see if

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It can save the lollipop road safety services, and has announced that it will find a way of keeping the streetlights on at night rather than turning them off. I have asked the health team to see if we can save an immunisation nurse post, as the county's immunisation levels are below national levels.

2. District Local Plan

The district council has put its reworked plans setting out what sites can be built on across the district (mainly in the north) to the planning inspector, and we await her views as to whether that effort satisfied her sufficiently so that she can restart her review of the local plan. The reworked plans are currently out to public consultation. The rework looked at demonstrating that the assumptions as to numbers and location of sites for building houses was sound, and that analysis has been submitted. There was one adjustment, which would be to allow a parcel of green belt land near Addenbrookes to be developed. This is the area known as Nine Wells.

If the inspector does declare herself satisfied and does restart the assessment of the plan, then it should conclude by the autumn. But until the Local Plan is approved by the inspector, the district does not have a five year supply of land for development, and this makes us all very vulnerable to speculative bids from developers, anywhere across the district or the City.

3. Local planning issues

Vetspeed submitted further information at Christmas in support of their bid for the Pet Crematorium energy from waste plant. The County Council is inviting comments by 31 Jan but the matter will not come to the County planning committee until 10 March 2016. I was told by the county officers that another parish council had not sent in its views and I will encourage that to happen. There will be a site visit by the planning committee and I will attend the committee meeting to speak on behalf of residents.

I have written to the tree officer at the district, Ian Lorman, to state that I support the view that the Tree Protection Order on the green should be implemented. I understand that there are objections to the TPO. I have chased Ian for an update - if the issue goes to the planning committee in February then I will attend.

4. Highways

I met senior county highways engineer, Emma Murden before Christmas. Now that Mike Cooper is leaving at the end of this week, the contact for highways work is Evan Laughlin, the district highways manager. He does not yet have someone working to him in Mike's old role, but he is recruiting a replacement for Mike who starts mid-January. Emma was keen to stress the importance of logging everything on the county council's on-line reporting system.

Emma and I discussed the junction of the A505 and the road to Thriplow, and while there may be an option of improving the signage there, the County would be looking for a financial contribution from the parish as in their view that road junction, with its lane for turning off to Thriplow, is standard and there have not been accidents at the junction. Regarding the people who live in the house on the other side of the A505, the county isn't sure that much can be done. I suggest that this might be something for discussion when we get into the detail. A site meeting with the county has been arranged for 20 Jan.

The county council highways have also agreed to chase up what is happening in Church Street and the overhanging branches.

I have said to the county that if you want to push "community resilience" and having people doing more things for themselves, you have to make it easier for that to happen, especially when the village is paying for it.

5. In other news...

There is a consultation on the **county's libraries**, including the mobile library service, and it will be important that people comment. Previously savings have been made from back office support, management costs, a more self-service approach, some service reductions and other efficiencies across the service. Now, the Library Service has to

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make some tough decisions and the Council is asking people to give their opinions about the options.

Proposals include a combination of reducing opening hours at larger libraries, reducing management and professional staff and spending less on new library stock. Other options are still being discussed by the Council, including budget proposals for the Mobile Library Service and possible changes to Archives and Local Studies. Although current options do not include transferring the running of any of the 32 libraries to the community at this stage, this may still be an option the following year when even more savings are needed.

The Consultation which can be found online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraryconsultation and closes on Monday, 15 February.

Congestion charge - the district council is considering whether a congestion charge in Cambridge should be considered at some point in the future once better public transport was in place. The plan would be to use some of the revenue from the charges to improve public transport.

Wellcome Trust plans for the Sangar Institute at Hinxton. There are proposals to build 1,000 houses as part of the 25 year plan to develop the site. Not surprisingly this has met with dismay locally. Hinxton are keen to join in any Neighbourhood Plan work with other local villages. This area is also facing a agri-tech site proposal on what would have been the Hanley Grange site.

As County Council health committee member I have raised concerns about the ending of the **UnitingCare contract to provide services for older people** across Cambridgeshire. The impact on the local health economy of the deficit (that has been created by the failure of the contract) of £8.4m needs to be understood. I have been interviewed on regional TV to voice these concerns.

18. Correspondence and information received

24.11 – The Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of SCDC

01.12 – Ltr from TVHMC re representative for TVHMC

Email Communications received

10.11 – Paul Earnshaw-Daffodil Planting Invoice

Tina Webb – Local Council Advice Scheme

11.11 - Patrick Adams – Agenda for Weekly Bulletin, Wednesday 11th November

11.11 – Passenger Transport – Community Transport

12.11 – Editor – Deadline for the next issue

Julie Draper – TPC Affordable legal Advice

Tina Webb – CAPALC AGM 10th December

16.11 - Tina Webb – DIS Extra 2015

17.11 - Ian Lorman – TPO Application 7 & 9 The Green

Cllr Topping – TPO Application 7 & 9 The Green

Cllr Turner – TPO Application 7 & 9 The Green

Lynda Harford – TPO Application 7 & 9 The Green

18.11 – Patrick Adams – Agenda for the Weekly Bulletin, Wednesday 18th November

Peter Topping – Tree Application

Cambridge ACRE – Cambridge ACRE News Digest November 2015

20.11 - Paul Earnshaw – Tree Application

Ian Lorman – New TPO Land to rear of 7 & 9 The Green

21.11 – Lynn Matthews – Playdale Invoice 000020529

Nick Swarfega – Minutes for last meeting

24.11 - Lynn Matthews – Playdale Invoice 000020529

Mishka Myers – Electoral Review of SCDC

25.11 – Jay Patel – TWA 4 Middle Street

Patrick Adams – Agenda for Weekly Bulletin, Wednesday 25th November

26.11 – Jay Patel – TWA 3 & 7 The Green

Gary Thornton – Postal Address

30.11 – Mike Cooper – School Lane Thriplow

Mike Cooper – 7 The Green

Tina Webb – DIS Extra 873

01.12 – Alistair Gray – School Lane Parking

02.12 - LDF – December Planning Policy Monthly Update

Patrick Adams – Agenda for Weekly Bulletin, Wednesday 2nd December

LDF – Consultation re proposed modifications to SCDC planning

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- 04.12 – Tina Webb – CAPALC AGM 10th December
Julia Sunderland – Playdale outstanding invoice 20529
08.12 - Tina Webb – NALC Direct Access Scheme
10.12 - Jay Patel - TWA 26 Middle Street
11.12 - APAS Planning Correspondence Regarding Application
Prepared Media Limited – Whats new in the public sector today
14.12 – Playdale – Your Order with Playdale
Peter Topping – County Highway Issues
Tina Webb – CAPALC Bulletin
15.12 – Peter Topping – County Highway Issues
16.12 - Patrick Adams – Agenda for Weekly Bulletin, Wednesday 16th December
17.12 - The Pensions Regulator – Act now the law has changed
18.12 - Tina Webb – Referendum Principle for the Parish Sector 2016 -17
21.12 - Patrick Adams – Parish Council Elections from 2018
CST – Community Gritting Scheme
22.12 - Tina Webb – CAPALC Training Courses 2016
23.12 - Cllr Topping – Re (INFO) TPO 05/15/SC – 9 The Green Thriplow OBJECTION
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Ian Lorman – Re (INFO) TPO 05/15/SC – 9 The Green Thriplow OBJECTION
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Engagement (NHS Cambs) CCG Newsletter 2015
Rural Services Network – Rural Economy Spotlight
Patrick Adams – Agenda for Weekly Bulletin, Wednesday 23rd December
24.12 - Amanda Davies – Safeguarding Adults & Mental Capacity Newsletter
APAS Planning – Correspondence regarding application
30.12 – Patrick Adams – Agenda for Weekly Bulletin, Wednesday 30th December
04.01 – alicegray – Thriplow War Memorial Notification of Designation
05.01 – planningdc – Planning Application S/0008/15/CW
06.01 - planningdc – Planning Application S/0008/15/CW
Patrick Adams – Agenda for Weekly Bulletin, Wednesday 6th January
South East – Community Awards 2016 deadline
08.01 – Peter Topping - Triplow Parish Council
LDF – Planning Policy Monthly Update January 2016
Jay Patel – Notification of Tree Works Application- `18 Middle Street

Magazines & Newsletters

Clerks & Councils Direct November & December 2015

Advertising Sundries

19. **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Parish Clerk requested that all articles for inclusion in the leaflet to be distributed throughout the parish be with him by the end of January.

20. **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on the 9th March 2016

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on the 24th March 2016

There being no further business, the chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

..... Chairman

..... Date

