

THRILOW AND HEATHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in The Barbara Pointon Room Village Hall on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.30 pm

Present: Jane Gough, David Easthope, Sonya Cooper
County Councillor – Peter MacDonald (part-time)
Parish Clerk – Martyn Corbet
Responsible Financial Officer – Austin Flynn
Member of the Public also present – David Heinzelmann

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Pashley, Ramsay, Richman and Williams

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th July 2024

The minutes having been previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the above-mentioned minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda

There were no matters arising.

Additional Item not included in the Agenda

Cllr Easthope and Mr Heinzelmann together with Fowlmere District Councillor James Hobro took up an invitation from Meridian Biogas to visit their plant in Lincolnshire on the 17th September. Cllr Easthope had amalgamated the reports prepared by himself and Mr Heinzelmann. He circulated this. It was agreed that each parish councillor should have time to read this. The report will be a subject for discussion at the next meeting.

4. Health & Safety Reports, Health & Safety and Environmental Issues

RoSPA reports and matters arising

Unfortunately Cllrs Ramsay and Richman were unable to attend the meeting. The parish clerk has obtained quotes for work to be done from Tom Harvey and Ian Wilson. He has also contact Flights of Fantasy about the HOS ZipWire. They will need to prepare a report. The Parish Clerk will chase this.

MC

Each contractor carrying out work will need to demonstrate having Public Liability Insurance. Cllr Easthope requested that the parish clerk obtain copies of the relevant certificates.

MC

5. Parish Recreation Grounds and Maintenance

a) Work required at Thriplow Rec

This was dealt with at 4. above;

b) Replacement of Middle Street sign

The parish clerk has heard nothing from SCDC. Cllr Williams has chased this and a new application needs to be submitted. This is even though SCDC have the reference from the previous one! The parish clerk will make a new application.

MC

c) Broken Fences on the Heathfield Open Space

The parish clerk has obtained an estimate from Tom Harvey. It was decided that this item does not carry a priority and that it should be included in next year's Precept;

d) Replacement of the Broken Panel Heathfield Bus Shelter

This work has still to be carried out.

e) Replacement of Fowlmere Road Sign near The Green

The parish clerk will deal with this and a standard plastic sign will be ordered from SCDC;

MC

f) Repair and Emptying of Heathfield Open Space Litter Bins

Tom Harvey has emptied the bins but they need to be checked. Cllr Richman has been trying to arrange for them to be emptied on a regular basis but this is proving difficult;

CR

g) Work required at the Heathfield Open Space

This has been dealt with at 4. above.

6. Updates and progress reports on

a) Wooded area at Hurdles Way

Cllr Richman will liaise with Tom Harvey about this item.

CR

b) Work on the Village Green to prevent damage during Daffodil Weekend

The installation of the matting has yet to be done. This is despite the contractor saying he would do it weeks ago. The parish clerk will chase him

MC

c) Suggested Dog Litter Bin on Church Street

The bin should be installed in the agreed location shortly.

d) Application re 20 mph Speed Limit

The Parish Clerk is still awaiting a determination of the application from CCC.

e) Village Sign

Cllr Easthope has spoken to David Carter who had hoped to do the sign repairs during the school holiday period. He retires in December and will do it then.

f) Progress on parking on the Ringstone Open Space

The matter will be given consideration in the future but is still under review.

7. Tree Works & Tree Protection Orders

a) Tree Works

24/0721/TTCA – Tree Works 32 Church Street – no objection

24/0722/TTCA – Tree works 3 The Green – no objection

24/0732/TTCA – Tree works 13 Lower Street – no objection

b) Quote for tree work on The Green at The Smithy

It was noted that work on the Norwegian Maple has still not been done. This is despite Cllr Richman having been told it would be done on Saturday 7th September. She will chase this.

The work on the tree along side the road opposite The Smithy is no longer necessary. The tree has been felled by a resident. Thanks are due to this person. Unfortunately all tree work in the village can take a long time to organise. This is because permission has to be sought from SCDC to do work.

c) Suggested survey for trees on The Green

Cllr Richman will update the next meeting

CR

8. Footpaths

No work is required on the footpaths at present.

9. Planning matters

a) Planning Applications received

24/02556/FUL – erection of a single story self-build dwelling together with use of retained access points and host dwelling and associated works – 9 The Green – no objections;

240/917/HFUL – part first floor, part single story rear/side extension. New chimney to rear and associated alterations. Installation of timber doors to enclose carport and replace thatch roof. Renewal of dormer windows and fenestration alterations – 4 The Green – no objections;

24/02897/HFUL – part single, part two story rear extension with solar panels to both roof slopes 8 The Green – no objections

b) Planning Decisions Received

None

c) Planning Appeals

None

d) Neighbourhood Plan

The current Neighbourhood Plan document has been publicised for inspection and comment. This consultation is being organized by SCDC. A copy of the plan has been made available at the Village Hall. It is also available via SCDC. All comments are dealt with by SCDC at this stage. A Planning Inspector will be appointed to go through the plan. If it is approved then the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to residents and other interested parties for approval.

e) Miscellaneous Items

None

12. Financial Matters

a) authority was granted to pay the following

	Amount	VAT	Total
Payroll – September	1,300.00		1,300.00

Parish Clerk's expenses	10.00		10.00
Hardy Landscapes	1,199.04	239.81	1,438.85

b) the following payments were ratified having been paid between meetings

	Amount	VAT	Total
Tom Harvey – Village Maintenance	1,000.00		1,000.00
SSE – Street Lights	46.29	2.31	48.60
British Gas – The Smithy	18.60	0.93	19.53
Npower – Street Lights	122.16	6.11	128.27
Payroll - August	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00
SSE – Street Lights	47.83	2.39	50.22
British Gas – The Smithy	22.61	1.13	23.74

c) item received after publication of the agenda and approved for payment

	Amount	VAT	Total
Hardy Landscapes	1,99.04	239.81	1,438.05

d) Credits Received

Interest from Lloyds Bank of £53.33 has been received. Monies from Daffodil Weekend amounting to £1,750.00 have been received to cover the cost of the matting for The Green.

e) S106 monies

The S106 monies remain invested in accounts with Cambridge Building Society and Saffron Building Society.

These monies are utilised for maintenance purposes and appropriate amounts to cover such expenditure are withdrawn on an annual basis. In line with present economic conditions the rate of interest payable on the monies is minimal

f) External Audit Update

The Parish Clerk confirmed that everything has been sent to the External Auditor. There has been a slight problem with the Notice of Public Rights in that whilst the notice gave residents 32 working days to ask to inspect the records the time proscribed is 30 working days. This is not to be exceeded. A replacement notice was prepared.

13. Reports (if any)

a) Neighbourhood Forum

No meeting has taken place

b) Village Hall Management Committee

A grant has been received from The Daffodil Weekend Trust toward the purchase and installation of new hand dryers. Tom Harvey has made a good job of weeding and clearing up around the Village Hall. The fire extinguishers have been tested. PAT testing is to be carried out. Cllr Easthope mentioned a talk being staged by Thriplow Society – “ Shackleton and the Endurance”.

c) Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Gough said she has not seen the PSO for some time. Nothing has been reported since the spate of crime after Daffodil Weekend.

d) District Council Information

Cllr Williams had prepared a report a copy of which is attached

e) County Council Information

Cllr McDonald had prepared a report a copy of which is attached

14. Incursion of lorries onto Hurdles Way

The Parish Clerk has received a lot of help from Big Day Signs in relation to the proposal to attach the sign to a lamppost in Hurdles Way. The requirements of CCC in relation to this have proved very onerous. Consequently he has contacted Nishant Gupta of Duxford Business Park for permission to erect the sign on either a post or the fence.

Mr Gupta will get back to him as soon as possible.

15. Area on Village Green outside The Green Man

Negotiations are continuing but they are now via solicitors.

16. Problems with flooding in parts of the Village

The Parish Clerk has received an email to say the survey has been completed and some work needs to be done. Cllr Easthope said that the whole main to Fowlmere has to be lined and there approximately 40 leaks. The Parish Clerk will press Anglian Water for a copy of the report into the state of the drains so that it can be circulated. It was agreed that Derek Pinner has done a lot to assist in the situation.

MC

17. Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Policies

The Parish Clerk will liaise with Pat Easthope with a view to arranging a review meeting. **MC**

18. Correspondence and Information Received

A list of all correspondence received has been circulated to parish councillors. Several parish councillors will be attending an exhibition at the IWM this Wednesday about proposals for An invitation has been received from Meridian Biogas for parish councillors to visit one of their facilities in Lincolnshire.

19. Date of next meeting

Monday 9th September 2024

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

..... Chairman

..... Date

District Report
Cllr Richard Williams

General Election 2024

The calling of the general election in May meant that the District Council did not make announcements, or launch initiatives, that could be seen as favourable to one part or the other between late May and Polling Day on 4th July. As such, it has been a quiet period in terms of significant new initiatives and announcements.

As I'm sure everyone know, Pippa Heylings (Liberal Democrat), was elected as the MP for South Cambridgeshire. The full result is as follows:

Pippa Heylings (Elected)	Liberal Democrat	25,704
Chris Carter-Chapman	Conservative	15,063
Luke Viner	Labour	6,106
Harrison Edwards	Reform UK	4,897
Miranda Fyfe	Green Party	2,656
James Douglas Strachan Gordon	Independent	459

Four Day Week

A new report on the Four Day week at South Cambs Council has been released today (8th July 2024). I have not yet had time to read the report in full, and notably the Council's press release does not include a link to the report. In any case, the Council's take on the report can be red here:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/independent-report-analyses-council-s-four-day-week-trial/>

'Rail and Ale Trail'(!)

In May the District, along with the Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership published an 'A Rail and Ale trail' booklet- which puts a spotlight on using local trains and the walks you can take to the village pubs in South Cambridgeshire

The guide features five stations in South Cambridgeshire including Foxton, Shepreth, Meldreth, Shelford and Whittlesford Parkway. The trail

Further information is available here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/council-launches-new-rail-and-ale-trail-around-south-cambridgeshire/>

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County Council Report

New operator and timetable for 26 bus route

The 26 bus route, which had been operated for the past 2 years by Centrebus under tender from the Cambridge & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA), has now been taken on as a commercial route by local bus operator A2B. A2B have expressed their wish to bring gradual improvements to the service. Initially they had decided to remove Fowlmere from the route, but after representation from Cllr Hobro, Cllr van de Ven and myself they agreed not to do this, as the service between Fowlmere and Cambridge is very well used, and there is no rail alternative. There have been some teething problems with the handover, most notably the fact that the 26 service has disappeared from live tracking apps. We are working with A2B to bring the live information back, as many people rely on this to have confidence in the bus service. All single fares cost £2, and £1 concession fares are available for under-25s. Some services now additionally stop at the station and Tesco in Royston. One daytime service also runs via Shepreth and Meldreth.

HAF Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is offering funded holiday scheme places for children in Cambridgeshire this summer who are eligible for free school meals. This initiative by Cambridgeshire County Council offers primary and secondary school children in the county the chance to enjoy exciting experiences at a wide range of holiday schemes. With a focus on providing healthy meals alongside activities, the programme is ideal for children who want to stay healthy and active during the summer school holidays. Any child receiving benefit-related free school meals is eligible for the programme, which will run between 23 July and 30 August. Approximately 19,000 HAF eligibility vouchers were sent to families on 10 June. Each voucher offers 64 hours of access, for no charge, to a HAF scheme during the summer holidays.

The programme will be delivered by approved providers, co-ordinated by Cambridgeshire County Council. The council is working with schools, childcare providers and voluntary and community organisations to deliver the programme.

As part of the programme, eligible children will be able to access:

- Fun and entertaining opportunities or new experiences that help children to develop their skills and knowledge
- A variety of holiday schemes including sports, playschemes, drama, technology, outdoor adventure and youth schemes
- At least one meal a day
- Guidance on increasing awareness of healthy eating, lifestyles, and positive behaviours
- Parents will be supported with information and signposting to other services and support which might be helpful to families
- Further information can be found at HAF Provider Directory | Cambridgeshire County Council <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-the-cost-of-living/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/haf-provider-directory>

Coffee Pod Re-Cycling

This week, we've introduced coffee pod recycling at all nine of our Household Recycling Centres. The new coffee pod bins offer residents an environmentally friendly way to separately dispose of both aluminium and plastic coffee pods.

Over 1 billion coffee pods are sold each year in the UK alone. Waste from these ‘single-use’ pods will lead to a huge environmental impact if not recycled properly, in the UK and globally.

The County Council is partnering with Podback to provide coffee pod recycling services. Podback was initially created by Nespresso, NESCAFE Dolce Gusto and Tassimo to help their customers recycle their coffee pods and is now supported by many more coffee brands. Podback recycles coffee pods in the UK, to reduce waste and saving on new materials. Collected pods are shredded and cleaned of coffee. The shredded pods can be made into new products, while the coffee grounds are used to help create renewable energy and soil improver.

Did you know?

You can recycle a huge variety of items at our Household Recycling Centres from aerosols, batteries, and cooking oil, to mobile phones, soil and vapes.

There are nine Household Recycling Centres across Cambridgeshire, run by Thalia, with locations in Alconbury, Bluntisham, March, Milton, St Neots, Thriplow, Whittlesey, Wisbech and Witchford.

July 6th 2024.