

Minutes of Dry Drayton Parish meeting of Tuesday 15th July 2014

Present: Cllrs: H Russell (Chairman), D Wyatt, S Pryer, R Stamford and F Northrop; County Councillor J Reynolds; and District Councillor R Hall.

Hackers Project Team - Andy Campbell and Tony Cook
Housing survey presentation - Mark Deas (Cambridgeshire ACRE) and Andy Chapman (Luminus)

In attendance: Robert Stone (Parish Clerk & RFO)

2014 Item

Agenda

88 **Apologies for absence** - Cllr Isabel Harrison & Cllr Bunty Waters

89 **Declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda** - None

90 **Public Participation on agenda items & matters of mutual interest**

Presentation by Hackers Development team on revised proposals

Andy provided a revised layout for the site and explained that the changes followed discussions with SCDC's senior Planning Officer. Whilst the WW1 museum had been retained the layout of the site had been considerably amended with the garden centre being reduced from 8,500 to 4,500 sq metres. This would reduce turnover but construction costs would also fall retaining the viability of the project with some 70 to 80 jobs being created. It was intended to direct traffic to the site via the A14 rather than through the village. A planning application would be made in the near future. All being well it was hoped to start construction by Easter 2015.

Report by Mark Deas (CACRE) on Dry Drayton Housing Survey

Mark said that the survey was an update of previous survey carried out 5 years ago. It had three objectives to: canvass opinion; gain an estimate of housing need; and identify the type of housing that was needed. He summarised current availability of housing in the village and said that there was a shortage of smaller properties. Only 9 affordable properties had become available in the last 5 years with 72 bids on average. The survey had been delivered to 273 households. The response rate was 29% with 64% supporting affordable housing with 35% opposing. A number of caveats were made including the need to make provision for young families; and reassurance sought that any new housing would go to local people. Comments on possible sites included Church Farm with comments supporting small integrated sites rather than an isolated development. Those objecting cited impact on the village; lack of need; and inadequate infrastructure.

The identified level of need from the survey was for 11 affordable households which would justify a scheme of 6 to 8 houses. Those under 40 with families were

in greatest need.

County Councillor report

In addition to his circulated report Cllr Reynolds referred to the ongoing issue of the post office in Bar Hill's library. Whilst Tesco had now declined to take on the service the retiring postmaster had succeeded in finding a successor who would continue to operate the post office in the library.

District Councillor report

Roger requested his email report be circulated to Councillors. **Action:** Clerk

Matters raised by members of the public - None

91 **To confirm minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of 17th June 2014**

Approved. Prop: Cllr FN Sec: Cllr SP Unanimous.

92 **Matters arising from previous meetings**

Item 145 v Assets of community value - The Clerk advised he had submitted the application to SCDC to register The Black Horse as a community asset.

Item 49(ii) Registration of village greens - Cllr Wyatt advised that the Land Registry had raised a number of issues relating to its "adverse possession" status i.e. no title deeds being available. He had been sent weighty guidance to work through.

Item 83(v) New gate at the end of High Street - No available update since referral to Peter Gaskin (Cambs CC) because of the ineffective elbow barriers which permitted access to motor bikes.

93 **Finance**

i) Payments approved to 15th July 2014

893	Clerk	Salary - July	266.53	266.53	0
894	Over Window Cleaning	Bus shelter	10	10	0
895	DD Village Hall	Hire - April to June 14	45	45	0
896	Cambridgeshire ACRE	Annual membership	48	48	0
	Totals		369.53	369.53	0

The Clerk advised that the grass cutting invoice of £360 for June was awaited.

ii) The current account balance of £13,993.24 at 27th June 2014

was noted.

- iii) The bank reconciliation at 27th June 2014 was noted.
- iv) To note progress in setting up of S106 saving account with Cambridge Building Society. - Deferred in Cllr Harrison's absence.
- v) To consider making a contribution to the STOPBad campaign. (Item 94(i) refers). - Following discussion the Council resolved not to make a contribution.
- vi) To consider making a contribution to Trinity College's legal charges for the Bar Hill to Coton Cycle Path - Deferred pending a formal request for a contribution.
- vi) To approve the Clerk's attendance at the CAPALC Annual Catch Up Day on 11th July 2014 at £25 plus mileage to Bluntisham (14 miles x2 x 40p per mile). - Approved. Prop: cllr DW Sec: Cllr RS Unanimous.
- vii) To approve the purchase of the updated Practitioner's Guide at £25. - Approved. Prop: Cllr DW Sec: Cllr RS Unanimous.

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Correspondence

- i) Letter from Madingley Parish Council urging Dry Drayton PC to contribute to STOPBAD campaign - Read to the meeting. (Item 93 v refers.)
- ii) Invitation by City of Ely Council to Emergency First Aid course on 24/9/14. - To be advertised in The Newsletter. **Action:** Cllr Pryer
- iii) Invitation to attend SCDC's Planning Forum of 21st July 2014. - Clerk to represent DDPC. (NB. Clerk subsequently advised that he was unavailable.)
- iv) Invitation by Sir Graham Bright (Crime Commissioner) to complete a consultation on a future "Community Remedy" solution to give crime victims a voice. - Cllr Stamford volunteered to complete the questionnaire on behalf of DDPC.

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Planning

- i) S/1256/14/LB 31 Oakington Road, Dry Drayton - Extension to existing dwelling, and conversion of outbuilding to annexe. Applicants: Mr T Ward - Resolved to approve with no comments. **Action:** Clerk
- ii) Noted the approval of Planning Application S/0465/14/CC on the removal of mobile classrooms and replacement with a new permanent building.

96 Consideration of Environmental issues

- i To discuss the dog bin on the village green. - Cllr Wyatt said he had received a complaint about the positioning of the dog bin. Following discussion it was agreed to ask SCDC to reposition in Butcher's Lane that had been originally agreed. **Actions:** Cllr Northrop to provide a map. Clerk to liaise with SCDC.
- ii To receive an update on the purchase of new strimmer. - Cllr Stamford advised that the purchase was still pending.
- iii) To receive an update on Dry Drayton's approach to the County Council's 2014 Local Highway Improvement Initiative - Cllr Harrison advised in her email of apology for non attendance that the Scotland Road community group wished to make an application for funding. This would be in line with last year's application at approximately £3-4k. If successful DDPC would need to contribute 10% of that cost to Cambridgeshire CC.
- iv) To discuss current street lighting issues, and proposals in Dry Drayton. - Cllr Northrop report on the 15/7 meeting with Keely Russell of Balfour Beattie. Progress was quickly made in discussing outstanding issues including re-installing lamps in High Street and Pettitts Lane. A list of costings would be made available to the Council for consideration in September's meeting.
- v) To receive an update on the overgrown hedges on the Madingley Road, and to discuss what action is required. - Cllr Reynolds advised that he had investigated the problem and arranged for a Cambs CC officer to trim the vegetation after 1st August.

97 To co-opt a new parish councillor.

Following careful consideration of the candidates the Council resolved not to make an appointment during the short period until the 2015 elections.

98 Matters raised by Members, including items for next agenda

- Cllr Pryer reported that she had received a complaint from her neighbour about weeds growing through the rear boundary from the adjacent field. She had contacted the land owner who promised to weed kill after the harvest.

- Cllr Reynolds said that the county council was no longer able to repair out of date electronic road speed signs as specialist contractors were no longer available to do the work.

The meeting ended at 9.45pm.

Robert Stone, Parish Clerk

DRAFT - For approval on 16th September 2014