

Cambridgeshire Acre – Vacancy ~ Church Buildings Support Officer
Jolliffe Daking – response to Clerk’s letter re Upwood Glebe Paddock
Victor Lucas – email ~ Winter gritting route plan
CCC – Winter Service and the Localism Agenda ~ Opportunities for Third-Party working
Barley Farm Action Group – request for help for grit bin – raise under Maintenance
Cambridgeshire Community Services – Keeping in Touch newsletter Issue 6
Luminus Group – Headlines November 2010 Issue 19
Luminus Group – Luminus News Winter 2010 Issue 43

(Mr Bell left the meeting at 7.50pm)

6. Cheques

Daval Electronics	£182.13
Clerk	£693.55

7. Precept

Mr Paine suggested that perhaps the precept should be increased in future years to cover the cost of enlarging the cemetery when the time comes.

Mr Racey suggested a small increase in the maintenance figure in the sum of £400. Proposed by Mr Racey, seconded Mr Howe, all in favour.

8. Maintenance

Letter received from Barley Farm Action Group. Mr Sisman advised that Muir Housing have agreed to provide one salt bin and Pilgrims Housing Association is providing two more. Mr Sisman would like the Parish Council to provide a further salt bin, to be sited near the School. Mr Sisman advised that a site meeting has been arranged with the County Council for Thursday, 9th December 2010.

Mr Sisman proposed that the Parish Council pay for the salt bin to be placed on the road near the School, seconded Mr Howe, all in favour.

9. Archiving of Parish records

Mr Sisman advised briefly on the process undertaken recently by the Clerk and himself which came about as a result of a request received under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. All Parish records available have now been lodged with the Archivist at Huntingdonshire Archives. There are still more Minutes and correspondence to find which will be done in due course. Mr Sisman requested permission to continue with this process. All agreed.

10. Training for Clerk

Clerk advised that she feels it would be beneficial for training to be undertaken, and which should have been available soon after the position was taken up. Mr Gowler proposed, seconded Mrs Paxton, all in favour. Clerk to research what training is available. Agenda item for the future.

11. Cemetery entrance/gates

It was agreed at the previous meeting to resolve the problem with the bolt so that the gates can be closed. This to be followed up.

Mrs Paxton stated that a letter should be addressed to the relevant department stating categorically what the short-comings are with the work carried out, and requesting that the plans/drawings are made available to the Parish Council

Mr Paine suggested that Mrs Paxton and Mr Howe, together with the Clerk, should formulate such a letter and once drafted should be circulated to all members for approval/amendment.

Mr Paine mentioned again that perhaps the precept should be increased in future years to cover the cost of enlarging the cemetery when the time comes.

12. Allotments

Mr Sisman advised that he and Mr Bryce met with Ali Miles and Carl Dowdell from the Allotment Group. Very briefly, some items discussed included parking, sheds and water supply. The allotment holders agree that water is a precious resource. The tap is currently out of service as it 'exploded' during the spell of very cold weather experienced recently. Allotment holders have requested more water resources, i.e. water butts or dunking troughs.

Allotment holders raised concerns regarding hedge cutting, and the fact that it was not easy to cut the hedge close to the main road.

Mr Racey suggested that perhaps the existing rules are somewhat confusing. Clerk advised that current Allotment Agreement is one that seems to have been in force for quite some time. Allotment Group to be invited to put together their suggestions for future rules and regulations.

Mr Sisman advised that all these discussions were ongoing and that the Allotment Group would like to work with the Parish Council on the rules and regulations to find solutions which are agreeable to all parties. Agenda item for next meeting.

Mr Bryce requested a map of the allotments. Mr Sisman has copies and advised that the Parish Council owns the allotments freehold.

(Mr Perkins left the meeting at 8.40pm)

13. Boundary fence – The Manor House, Upwood

Clerk read out letter received from Jolliffe Daking in reply to hers in connection with non-replacement of boundary fence by BUPA Homes. Clerk to write back to Jolliffe Daking seeking further help.

14. Planning

1001782FUL – Change of use of existing building from agriculture to B1 (office) – Common Farm Chapel Road Ramsey Heights Huntingdon PE26 2RS – *“Recommend refusal because of inadequate access and the impact of increased traffic on local roads. Can applicant attend next Parish Council meeting to explain the scheme?”*

15. Any other business

Mr Howe advised that street lamp out opposite the public house.

Mr Howe raised the matter of the gypsy and travellers sites. He had been in contact with Shailesh Vara as he was concerned at the lack of progress. Pushing for decision as to whether sites have been included or discounted. His feeling is that there is a possibility that the Upwood sites would be discounted because they are not suitable. Agenda item for next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm