

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday 1 February 2012 at 7 30 pm in the Octagon,  
St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street

Present **Councillors** A Cook (Chairman), P King, G Pake, D Jacques, C Jones, R Manning, Ms W Hardman, R Foster, D Clarke, R Purnell, W Kirkman, S Mellows, H Awal and I Barratt

0 Parishioners attended the Parish Council meeting

County Councillor Johnstone (left at 9.05pm)

RFO - (left at 9.15pm)

**A public meeting on the B1050 Earith Road at the Octagon at 7.30pm.**

This was attended by 48 members of public and 15 Councillors.

Representing the County Council and attending to answer all questions were:-

Richard Preston – Head of Traffic and Road Safety,

Juliet Richardson – Town Planner in Communities in and around Cambridge

County Councillor Steve Criswell

~~County Councillor~~ John Onslow – Service Director, Infrastructure, management and operation

CC John Onslow explained that damage to the B1050 had mainly occurred because of drought in the last few years, which had a devastating affect on many B roads in Cambridgeshire. CCC had a proposal to spend £90million over the next five years on repairing and maintaining the condition of such roads. They had had consultations on the B1050 with engineers and thought that the section north of Willingham needed re-building and that this would incur closure of the road over several months in the near future with diversions put in place. No clarification was given on where the diversions would be.

The General public voiced concerns on many issues. The amount of money that had already been spent over the last 10 years or so on patching up the road, which seemed to have been wasted public money, the increased traffic, especially HCV on those residents who properties bordered on the B1050 and the detrimental effect on the properties and lives of all residents. The public asked why the County Council had not looked to the long term, instead of planning another short term solution and therefore consider more seriously the benefit of a by-pass for Willingham? It was generally felt that the B1050 was in a critical condition, was dangerous and an accident waiting to happen and breached the flood plain. Parish Councillor Purnell, Parish and District Councillor Manning and County Councillor Johnstone, all voiced their concerns and put forward very valid arguments on why this was a serious issue that was not being dealt with in the correct manner and not addressing long term solutions.

Mr Preston responded by explaining that the problem was likened to a 'balloon', in that, if the HCV traffic was excluded in one area, it would appear elsewhere causing the same issues. Enforcement of restrictions didn't in his experience, always produce the desired effect.

He also felt that the concerns should be spread into three separate issues and each needed to be looked into more carefully, these were:-

- HCV Traffic – trying to identify the problem
- Bypass – Certain criteria needed to be met before this would ever be considered
- Maintenance of B1050

All those representing CCC thought that affordability on any solution was a problem, but agreed that borrowing long term may be the solution that needed to be looked at by both the County and District Council.

One Parishioner, Mr Fawcett, offered to deliver a survey on a traffic count conducted when the parish plan had been put in place, he, along with others, felt that this survey represented the true picture of the amount of traffic flow through Willingham, which was far greater than the picture that the County Council were depicting.

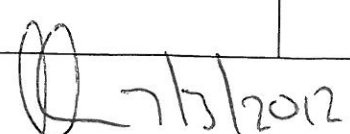
The public also felt that perhaps a night-time ban on HCV's, although not really the answer, would help.

Mr Criswell ended by saying that all the points raised would be taken into consideration before a final decision is made.

The Chairman thanked the County officers who attended and also all the general public for attending and voicing their concerns. This meeting ended at 8.45pm.

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**The Full Parish Council Meeting commenced at 8.50pm.**

**21/12 Apologies for absence**

None

**22/12 Declarations of interest**

Councillor Manning as a District Councillor,  
Councillor Purnell declared a personal interest in WAG,  
Councillor Clarke declared a personal interest as a member of Willingham Pavilion Committee.  
Councillor Awal declared a prejudicial interest in WYT.

**23/12 Public forum (maximum 3 minutes per person, with an overall limit of 15 minutes)**

None

**24/12 Minutes of the meeting of the full parish council held on the 4 January 2012**

Councillor Kirkman proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Councillor Jones and agreed unanimously.

**25/12 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on the 4 January 2012 not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

*Councillor King joined the meeting at 8.55pm.*

Councillor Purnell explained that the letter regarding the Annual Parish Meeting had gone out to all those on the distribution list. He asked all Councillors to email him should they think of any additional people to send it to.

**26/12 County Council Reports**

Councillor Johnstone reported as County Councillor:-

The Secretary of State had offered 2.5% as a one-off, if council tax was frozen. The County Council had refused this as it would cost a lot in the long term and would not to be in the best interest of the constituents.

There was an on-going discussion with Stagecoach with regard to the new bus timetable. Stagecoach were also committed to sending 50 buses to the Olympics, the impact of this was unknown. County Council were looking into supplementing use of a mini-bus service, however, this was very much at the initial discussion stage.

There had been a meeting at the School with the Police and County Council. The School had wanted a crossing, but finance regulations and unmet criteria would not allow this. A number of options were looked at and discussed, one of which was another school entrance and path. In the short term however, it had been decided to trial closing off the turning circle with cones, with pupils creating a banner to be displayed at the entrance to Theodays Close. The PCSO would also be delivering road safety education and the zig-zag lines re-painted. Councillor Johnstone asked if the Parish Council could write to residents of Theodays Close, asking them for their opinions/ideas.

Clerk

Councillor Kirkman asked if the art-work done by the children could also be sent to the Willingham News to showcase it.

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**27/12 District Council reports**

Councillor Manning reported as District Councillor;

The District Council have decided that they will freeze Council Tax.

They would be announcing shortly that they will be spending 30million on new Council housing, providing local homes for local people and producing a revenue stream.

They would also be upgrading Council housing, their business website and investing money into areas of rural isolation. It had been predicted that grants for the next financial year would remain the same.

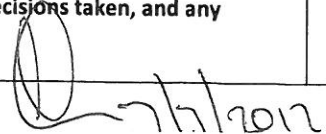
There were plans to run a localism course, possibly after the May elections, more details on this would follow.

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**28/12 Chairman's report**

None

**29/12 Reports from the following Committees, reports from lead councillors, any delegated decisions taken, and any recommendations**



**Finance & General Purpose** - Minutes circulated and tabled.

**Green & Boundaries** – An application for Community Chest funding for a map on the Green had been submitted.

The Village sign had been re-painted by Sarah Taylor, the original artist. Councillor Kirkman to send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council. Cambridge joinery would be attaching the painting to the sign and it would be re-placed on the Green.

There had been complaints of parking on the Green, the PCSO would be looking into it.

**Cemetery** – Trees trimmed and removed.

**Halls** -

**Ploughman Hall** –

An application for UK funding for Solar panels for Ploughman Hall had been sent to LEAF.

Damage had been caused by local youths to the Ploughman Hall roof, one of these youths had been identified on CCTV and the Police would be taking this further.

Stagecraft had hired the Ploughman Hall for their summer show, discussions regarding new storage solutions for Stagecraft were in progress.

Further meetings regarding the Car-park extension had taken place, WYT were yet to submit their plans as this work would be undertaken by the same architect, plans would then be submitted.

**Public Hall** –

There would be a meeting next week with Councillor Foster and the Public Hall Committee that would be chaired by Mrs Pat Daniels.

Councillor Foster wanted to look again at the idea of Charities running the Halls. The Clerk to ask Cambridgeshire ACRE for their guidance on this.

**Leisure and Amenities** –

**Recreation Ground** –

Willingham Wolves had agreed to fertilize the ground. Parish Council would therefore use the money allocated to cut the top field more frequently and spike the ground once or twice a year.

**Pavilion** –

A discussion on whether to replace the lost Weather Vane took place. Councillor Kirkman proposed not to put up a new one because it was likely to fall again in inclement weather, this was seconded by Councillor Clarke.

Councillor Foster counter-proposed to replace the lost Weather Vane. There was no second on this proposal.

A vote took place on Councillor Kirkman's proposal, it was **agreed** with eight votes in favour and six against. Clerk to inform Insurance company.

One quote on work need in the Kitchen had already been received, further quotes awaited.

**Jubilee Field** –

Quotes on the suggested new equipment were awaited, this item to be referred to the March meeting.

Councillor Hardman asked if WAG had any volunteers that could support the Parish Council in applying for funding?

**30/12 Accounts**

*This item was taken after Item 26/12*

**Paid Items**

Salaries	January	Salaries (a)	£2201.69
CRM	Website	Cemetery (b)	£ 629.98
Edge Designs	Software package	Cemetery (c)	£ 714.00

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ACRE	Annual Membership	Est (d)	£ 30.00
Will Youth Trust	Donation – Thurstons	G & B (e)	£ 100.00

**To be paid**

Secura-Cam	Call out CCTV	Est (f)	£ 95.00
Connection Bus Project	Youth Bus Sept – Dec	Donation (g)	£1326.00
Cambridge County C	Street Lighting	G & B (h)	£ 423.36
Lee Aluminium	Door Lock Pavilion	L & A (i)	£ 232.80
Gardenworks	Tree works	G & B (j)	£ 222.00
A R Aspinall	Maint – Pavilion	L & A (k)	£ 61.40
PC Home Call	Computer maintenance	Est (l)	£ 99.68
Oldham Cleaning	Cleaning Pavilion	L & A (m)	£ 144.00
Oldham Cleaning	Ploughman	Halls (n)	£ 279.00
K Ferguson	Grass Cutting Vill & Rec	Est (o)	£1437.06
K Ferguson	Cherry Tree Etc	Cemetery (p)	£1564.80
K Ferguson	Work on Rec	L & A (q)	£1902.00
K Ferguson	Grass Cutting	Cemetery (r)	£1277.10
Willingham PCC	Hire of Octagon	Est (s)	£ 140.00

Councillor King proposed the above accounts be accepted; Seconded by Councillor Jones and **agreed** unanimously.

Quarterly Budget review was circulated and tabled. The Councillors were to bear in mind the time-line for 106 money from Bourneys Manor Close.

**31/12 New Internal Auditor**

The Chairman read out both quotes received from internal auditors, these were:-

Mr Gerald Whitfield – Hourly charge of £15 plus mileage of 45p per mile.

Canalbs Ltd – Hourly charge of £30 plus mileage of 45p per mile.

Councillor Foster proposed acceptance of Mr Gerald Whitfield as new Internal Auditor, seconded by Councillor Mellows and **agreed** with thirteen votes in favour and one abstention.

**32/12 consider payment of £50 for re-sit of module for CiLCA for Admin Assistant**

Councillor Hardman proposed the Parish Council pay for the re-sit, seconded by Councillor Foster and **agreed** unanimously.

**33/12 Youth update - Connections newsletter circulated.**

Plans had been received from the Architect with regard to the Ploughman Hall conversion. A meeting is to take place on 8 February between WYT, the Architect and the Chairman. The Architect will explain the lay-out.

**34/12 Reply from Stagecoach with regard to proposed changes to the bus services in Willingham**

The Chairman read out the reply received from Stagecoach, the result is, that Stagecoach appears to not be able to accede to any community requests.

Clerk to contact Over, Swavesey and Longstanton parishes with regard to forming a combined group to discuss feeder transport to the Park and Ride. Clerk also to enquire with Over Day Centre if they hire out their mini-bus.

Clerk

**35/12 Items for future meetings**

- SCDC – template for our completion of Parish Plan
- Halls Car-park
- Youth extension
- Solar Panels on Ploughman Hall update
- Receive quotes for work on Pavilion Kitchen
- Receive quotes and plans for play equipment

**36/12 Date of next meeting**

March 7<sup>th</sup> 2012

The meeting ended at 10.10pm

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Legislation governing payments:

- (a) LGA 1972 S112(2)
- (b) LGA 1972 s111
- (c) Ditto
- (d) LGA 1972 s143
- (e) LGA 1972 s137
- (f) LGA 1894 s(8)(1)(i)
- (g) LGA 1972 s137
- (h) Parish Councils Act 1957 s3(1)(a)
- (i) LGA 1894 s(8)(1)(i)
- (j) Open Spaces Act 1906 s10
- (k) LGA 1894 s(8)(1)(i)
- (l) LGA 1972 s111
- (m) LGA 1894 s(8)(1)(i)
- (n) Ditto
- (o) LG (Misc Provs. Act) 1976 s19(1)
- (p) LGA 1972 s214
- (q) Open Spaces Act 1906 s10
- (r) LGA 1972 s214
- (s) LGA 1972 s133

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