

MINUTES OF LOLWORTH PARISH MEETING

**held in Robinson Hall, Lolworth
on Thursday 14th November 2013, at 8.00 pm.**

Chairman: G. Corbett

Clerk: J.E.F. Houlton

Also present: District Councillors Bunty Waters and Roger Hall; County Councillor John Reynolds. 17 parishioners

1. Apologies

Paul and Diana Jones, Fiona Corbett, David Chivers, Eric & Jen Wakefield, Derek & Luanne Hill, David Cressey, Pat & Ray Hampton, Tim and Helen Daniel, Liesa Clarke, Carol Churcher, Debbie Lowther, Darren Chamberlain, Jas Lali

2. Welcome to Newcomers

None

3. Minutes of the previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2013 & of the Extraordinary Meeting held on October 7th 2013 were signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

a) Village Sign

The sign was unveiled by John Short at the Village Show on August 3rd. Thanks were expressed to Tom Rix & KLM Engineering who donated the sign and post, & to Tom and Paul Silvester for its erection. The sign was painted by Mrs Alison Calver.

b) Parish Plan

No further progress.

c) Robins Lane

Despite written confirmation from the District Surveyor that the drains would be dug out and rodded by 26th October, nothing had happened. Councillor Reynolds will continue to press for action but there may be financial difficulties.

d) Gate at the end of Church Lane.

Mr William Frost, son of the late Mr & Mrs Frost, had enquired of the Parochial Church Council about the possibility of donating a memorial in memory of his parents. The request had been discussed at a PCC meeting at which it was agreed a new gate would be an appropriate memorial. The Clerk will continue to

correspond with the Rev. John-David Yule, Mr William Frost and Peter Gaskin, of Cambridge County Council

e) Millennium footpath to Bar Hill

Bryon Bache, having been unsuccessful in obtaining road planings from Cambs County Council, had purchased planings for £120 which had been spread by Robert Pearson. Both were thanked and it was agreed to reimburse Dr Bache.

f) Childerley footpath

Following correspondence with Peter Gaskin, it became apparent that the work was substantially greater than had been anticipated. Robert Pearson therefore had to withdraw his quotation. The meeting instructed Councillor Reynolds to express serious concerns as to the impact on wildlife if the current proposal of removing all the vegetation on the south side of the path was implemented.

5. Junior Club

The children had monthly Friday meetings during summer term where themes were based around outdoor games and village show entries – for example the best looked after plant.

We held the usual annual events; the summer party with a bouncy castle, & the spooky walk, for which we had eleven children in fancy dress. Thanks to all of the people who were visited for their hospitality and treats.

This year we have produced a Lolworth Calendar and Christmas cards to raise funds. Thank you to all who supported this. We raised over £100 that will keep the Junior Club going for the coming year. We will also have a stall at the Church Bazaar to sell any remaining cards, calendars and Christmas wrapping paper.

Two more club nights are planned before Christmas where children will make decorations for the club's dinner night and put up the Christmas tree.

We are exploring the possibility of creating a "bug house" and reinstating the apple pressing day that was so successful in 2011.

6. Correspondence

Camb. County Council

- Robins Lane
- Gate at the end of the Church path
- Childerley footpath
- Meeting Cambridgeshire's Energy Needs
- Connecting Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner

- Neighbourhood Alert is available at www.ecops.org.uk
- Martin Pointon offered to add a twitter feed to the website

7. Planning Applications

The Planning Subcommittee met on July 10th 2013 to consider

S/0265/13/FL

Erection of garage and store following demolition of existing Summer Hill, Robins Lane, Lolworth, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 8HH

The application was recommended and has subsequently been approved.

S/1171/13/FL

A non-material amendment to move the position of the orangery at 1 Meridian Drive was noted on 25th October.

8. Financial report *including setting the precept for 2014/15*

The Financial Report was presented by the Chairman who proposed a precept of £2,250 for 2014-2015. Adoption was seconded by Jo Archer and approved unanimously.

9. Tree Officer's report

Carol Churcher provided the following written report. "All but one of the fruit trees planted earlier this year are doing well. If the poorly looking tree does not leaf next year I will get it replaced. Ged Corbett kindly weed killed around each tree this summer and we will continue to do this for the next few years until the trees are well established. I will take care of pruning the trees through the winter.

I have heard from the person who corresponds with the SCDC tree officers (Andrew Grimmer, trees and landscape technician) that due to staff/department restructure at SCDC there is no longer a suitable position for him. It is not clear to me at the moment how/if that will affect the management of trees in the SCDC area".

10. Refurbishment of Best Kept Village Sign

Carol and Mark Churcher were thanked for completely renovating this sign, which included new art work, replacement lettering and a new post.

11. Parking on the Green & Vehicular Access to premises fronting The Green

The meeting reaffirmed the long held view that there should be no parking on the green, which included the area outside Longley House. The hardened area is a turning point and should not be used for parking. The erection of a “No Parking, Turning Point Only” sign was approved unanimously. The erection of associated bollards was approved 16 votes in favour with one against. The Clerk reminded the meeting that residents fronting onto the green were allowed to make-up, maintain and use a 12 ft private roadway directly in front of numbers 5, 6, 7 & 8, the green provided there is no parking of vehicles on the access road or on the green itself.

12. County Councillor’s report

County Cllr. John Reynolds provided a written report highlighting the points he made to the County Council Cabinet A14 Consultation, namely:

- Proper assessment and firm plans to reduce noise and pollution were required.
- Provision of separate cycling and walking along the side of the local access roads was necessary.
- What extra road and junction capacity will be provided at Bar Hill to accommodate the extra traffic along Hatton’s Road?
- The HA should rethink the design of the Bar Hill & Swavesey junctions to improve resilience.

County Cllr. John Reynolds stressed the impact Government cuts of £35M this year and next year will have on front line services, particularly in areas where there is increased demand such as help for the elderly and children, and for road repairs.

13. District Councillors’ report

District Cllr. Roger Hall also stressed the savings that are required. The purchase of i-pads for councillors should save the council £30K a year.

The Local Plan can be viewed on the SCDC website and will be submitted to the Secretary of State in the spring of 2014.

A recently published survey indicated 2,500 children live in poverty in SCDC. The incidence of road injuries and malignant melanoma were also higher than the national average while there were fewer pupils achieving GCSE grades A-C in English & Maths.

14. Future Events

The Clerk informed the meeting of events to be held in the remainder of 2013, stating details could be found on the website.

15. Any other Business

None

16. Date of the next meeting

Tuesday April 15th 2014 at 8.00 pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed

Date