

## MINUTES OF LOLWORTH PARISH MEETING

**held in Robinson Hall, Lolworth  
on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018, at 8.00 pm.**

Chairman: J. Short

Clerk: J.E.F. Houlton

Also present: District Councillor Sue Ellington, County Councillor Lynda Harford.  
19 Residents.

1. **Apologies** Geoff Dodgson, Reader, Papworth Team Ministry, Steph & Darren Chamberlain, Bryon & Frances Bache, Paul and Diane Jones, Debbie Lowther, Alex Sutherland, Adam Williams
2. **Welcome to Newcomers** – District Councillor Sue Ellington, Andy Colley
3. **Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 was proposed by Carol Churcher, seconded by Susan Smith and unanimously agreed. Accordingly, they were signed as a true record.

#### 4. **Matters arising**

- a) A14 update: Bob Pettipher
  - The bridge demolition at Swavesey is scheduled for this weekend which means that the escort arrangement in and out of the village will be in place.
  - The work to connect the new island at Swavesey junction by Buckingham Business Park will continue till mid-December.
  - The junction at Lolworth will remain in its current format till the first quarter of 2019.
  - The first section of the local access road running behind the crematorium is scheduled for opening in December 2018 for traffic travelling out of Cambridge on the A1307 ie traffic travelling in westbound direction. It will however have to provide an access eastbound but only to the crematorium and residencies at Catch Hall Farm. Once this is open it will allow us to begin work on the main carriageway.
  - The project remains on schedule and budget.
  - The next main traffic closure will be for the demolition of the Bar Hill bridge in spring 2019.
- b) Damage to the verge on the small green: The Chairman and Clerk met with James Broder of Cambs. CC to discuss this damage and the ongoing problem of surface water running down Robin's Lane. JB agreed to fund kerbing and repair of the road surface – the work is scheduled to start on December 13<sup>th</sup> and last for 5 days. There is little

likelihood of the drains being repaired in Robin's Lane in the foreseeable future.

- c) Hedge trimming. The Chairman reported this had been done at a cost of £334.
- d) Grant from A14 Community Fund of £10,000 to resurface Church Lane. The Clerk reported the work was completed in July 2018 and the path officially opened by Mike Evans senior project manager for the A14 scheme. The Clerk reported the work was also funded by a £1,000 grant from SCDC and thanked District Councillor Sue Ellington for her support.
- e) GDPR. The Clerk thanked everyone for opting in thereby allowing him to keep a register of their email addresses.

## 5. Junior Club

The Junior Club had a very successful Halloween spooky walk. Ten households in the village who took part made an enormous effort in decorating their houses. They really welcomed the children and were very generous.

11 children enjoyed walk and all were dressed up to scare. The adults too made an effort dressing up, some looking pretty scary.

The walk finished at the hall for juice, cakes and colouring Halloween pictures. It was decorated appropriately, and there was scary music.

I had some really good feed-back from a couple of people we visited saying it was one of the best Halloween Spooky walks.

*Gina Williams*

## 6. Correspondence

### *Overhanging vegetation in Robins Lane*

The Clerk reported he had been advised that due to illegal hare coursing on farm land in the village there will be increased agricultural traffic in Robin's Lane. Overhanging vegetation is an issue for large vehicles. It is the responsibility of residents to keep such vegetation from encroaching on to the carriageway. The Clerk was instructed to write an explanatory letter to involved residents.

### *Recommissioning of Carers Services.*

An engagement event is scheduled for Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> November where there is an opportunity for adult family carers to shape the future of the service in Cambridgeshire.

*UK Power Networks*

The Clerk reported permission has been given for the trees on the green to be trimmed to avoid damage to the power cables.

**7. Tree Officer's report**

Carol Churcher reported 2 blossom trees on the small green need replacing. She will organise a working party to prune the fruit trees in the flower meadow and encouraged residents to pick their fruit.

**8. Planning Applications**

## Planning Applications

***S/1990/17/PA Land at Long Acre, Robins Lane, Lolworth***

Change of use of an agricultural building to a use falling within Class C3 (dwelling/house) and associated building operations. Permission was granted.

Subsequently application ***S/0606/18/FL*** was received which was the subject of an Extraordinary Parish Meeting on 12/3/2018 when the motion "Does the Parish wish to object to Planning Application S/0606/18/FL on the grounds it is outside the Village Development Framework and may set a precedent for future applications" was carried.

This application is currently the subject of an appeal.

***S/1746/17/FL Long Acre, Robins Lane, Lolworth***

Erection of single dwelling, including car port and adjustments. Permission granted.

***S/3814/17/FL 1, Meridian Drive, Lolworth*** Summer House in the garden. Permission granted.

***S/4221/17/LD***

Glebe House

Permitted development of conversion of the garage to a two bedroom house was refused but subsequently conversion of the garage to an annexe was granted (***S/0723/18/FL***)

**9. Town Acre Charity**

Sue Houlton reported there were no managerial issues. How best to cut the grass in the flower meadow will be investigated by John Short. There may be an issue with protected species.

## 10. Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented by the Chairman.

Main recurring expenditures are

- Insurance
- Bark and sprays for playing area
- Robinson Hall precept
- Electricity for street lighting
- Grass cutting and hedge trimming
- Website hosting and domain name
- Playground safety inspection

For 2018/19 these items total £2,627. On that basis reserves will be £3437 approx. at 31 March 2019. These are substantially higher than originally budgeted principally for the following reasons:

- Reduced cost of grass cutting and hedge trimming (£538 )
- Contingency not spent (£500 )
- Footpath plantings not purchased ( £400)
- Playground maintenance costs not anticipated (£250)

For 2019/20 budgeting expenditure of £3,805 includes a contingency of £500, expenditure of £250 on playground maintenance and assumes 15 grass cuts (current year 14) at £60 per cut. This assumes that John Houlton continues to cut the grass unless someone else wishes to take over.

For the current year the precept was substantially increased to £4,750 from £2,750. Historically year end reserves have been between £2,000 and £2,500 so there is scope to cut the precept for next year. To maintain year end reserves of around £2,500 the Chairman proposed that the precept for 2019/20 is reduced by £2000 to £2,750.

Following information from Cllr Sue Ellington that within local government there were concerns that the Government might introduce a cap at a future date, the proposal was revised to reduce the precept by £1,000 to £3,750.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Helen Daniel, seconded by Gill Coe and carried unanimously.

## 11. District Councillors' report

District Cllr. Sue Ellington summarised her pre-circulated report.

- There is a revised cabinet structure with the loss of portfolio holders.
- Timebanking is an exchange-based work trading system in which hours are the currency. A person with one skill set can bank and trade hours of work for equal hours of work in another skill set instead of paying or being paid for services. Everyone's time is equal, irrespective of whatever they choose to exchange. For further details see the SCDC website or contact Linda Miller, Clerk of Swavesey Parish Council.
- Community Chest Grants Scheme. Parish Councils with a population of >150 will be excluded as they have the ability to increase the precept. [Currently to be eligible a Parish Council or Meeting has to have fewer than 160 registered electors].
- The Local Plan has been agreed.
- From April 2019, an additional green bin will cost £35/year (£20/year in first year).

- An early review of SCDC finances suggests the required saving of £500M will not be achieved.
- An A14 group meets every Tuesday. The problems caused by the fixed timing of the temporary traffic lights on the new Swavesey roundabout was mentioned as a topic for discussion.

**12. County Councillor’s report**

County Cllr. Linda Harford summarised her pre-circulated report.

- Volunteers are required for a Patient Participation Group, the Chairman of which will represent the group on the reprourement panel of the Maple Surgery at Bar Hill. The current contract has expired but has been extended to March 2019. There is no suggestion of clinical problems but administration requires improvement.
- LH is opposed to the Police and Crime Commissioner taking over the Fire Authority.
- More money is available for the repair of potholes

**13. Any other Business**

A14; the difficulty of identifying the entry slip road was raised. The Clerk was asked to request the addition of reflective tape to the end of the barrier.

The Robin’s Lane sign needs re-erecting.

Concern was expressed about the felling of a sycamore tree and the cutting of a hedge opposite Park View, Copewood. It was pointed out that it was privately owned land and nothing illegal had been done.

**14. Date of the next meeting**

Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 8.00 pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.24 pm

Signed

Date