

# **MINUTES OF STOW CUM QUY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MEETING NUMBER 23**

**Held at The Hut at Quy Village Hall, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

**Present:** Sarah d’Ambrumenil, Jonathan Middleton (arrived at 8.36), Matt Eaton, David Flynn, Mark Hughes, James Heckford.

**Members: 7 (1 vacancy) Quorum 3**

**Clerk:** Mrs S Chambers-Turner

**Members of the Public:** 5

**In attendance:** County Councillor Claire Daunton,

**Meeting opened at 7.30pm**

### **24.135 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Jonathan Middleton to be late arriving.

### **24.136 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None.

### **24.137 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Mark seconded by Sarah and resolved that minutes of the previous meetings, 22 held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 be signed as a true record with the addition of the word “long-term” into the relevant item in matters arising.

### **24.138 OPEN FORUM**

None.

### **24.139 PRESENTATION FROM INNOVA**

The Parish Council received a presentation from Innova. There is a proposal that a solar farm will be built on Low Fen Drove with access to the site from Horningsea Road. It was reported that the site would be a 49.9MW site with a 10MW energy storage capacity. Innova have recently submitted an Environmental Impact Access screening request to South Cambs District Council. If permission is granted for the solar farm in due course then there may be access to a Community Benefit Fund, which would see the development put aside money after the first electricity is produced. The fund would be either controlled by another organisation or by the relevant Parish Councils to fund schemes that be of benefit for their communities for a period of 40 years. The company are holding a public information event on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at Horningsea Village Hall 3-7pm for residents to attend to find out more information.

### **24.140 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

County Councillor Daunton provided a report which was circulated prior to the meeting. In addition:

- The first meeting of the Fulbourn Division has taken place to discuss Highways matters. Representatives from Fulbourn, Great Wilbraham, Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom, Stow Cum Quy and Teversham along with representatives from various different parts of Highways all gathered in Great Wilbraham Memorial Hall. Notes will be circulated to all Councillors in due course.
- Report back to the Parish Council on matters relating to the vehicles in the layby.
- Councillor Daunton congratulated the Parish Council on their successful bids to the Local Highways Improvements schemes.
- The Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership have had their design consultants out to gather further information for the their detailed plans.
- Councillor Daunton will raise on behalf of the Parish Council requesting further dropped kerbs to be added to link the Herrings Close end to the new greenway as an alternative to having to gain access via Main Street.

District Councillors Hofman & Williams provided a report which was circulated prior to the meeting and were not in attendance.

District Councillor Cone provided a report which was circulated prior to the meeting and was not in attendance.

#### **24.141 MATTERS ARISING, COUNCILLOR AND CLERKS REPORT**

- Correspondence had been received about the delay to the Development Consent Order for the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant relocation. The determination of the application is now expected in January 2025.
- The Clerk reported that the cycle path between Lode and Quy was due for cutting. It was agreed that quotations would be sought.
- Information has been shared by the AtoB1102 group about the expected introduction of the new route to Addenbrookes via Bottisham and the Wilbrahams. It had been previously reported that it was expected to be in service by November 2024. However, the process has not fully be worked through and more information is required. More details will be shared when received.
- Enquiries were made to the County Councillor about the development of the Swaffham Greenway. Concerns had been raised previously about dropped kerbs at Herrings Close end of the greened area to aid crossing to the greenway without going down Main Street before joining. Councillor Daunton will raise this with GCP at their next meeting for consideration.
- Communication had been received from a concerned resident about tree maintenance and planting on the recreational ground. It was agreed that the Parish Council would go and inspect the areas raised and discuss with the Cricket team.
- It was further discussed about the long-term parking of the vehicles in the layby. It was agreed that Mark and David would visit the owner to discuss what options are available. The Parish Council wishes to remind residents that it does not have any powers to act upon with regard to vehicles that are parked on the Highway. Matters relating to vehicles parked on the public Highway can be reported directly to the Police or DVLA if it is considered that vehicles are not of a road worthy condition.

#### 24.142 FINANCE INCLUDING THE APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER ACCOUNTS

- It was discussed that making arrangements for formal Finance meetings was proving difficult due to Councillor commitments. **Therefore, it was proposed by Matt, seconded by Jonathan and resolved that the Finance Committee be disbanded and made into a working group to allow for flexibility of meeting arrangements.**
- It was proposed by Jonathan, seconded by Matt and resolved that the bank reconciliation for September be approved.
- It was noted that the follow payments have been received:
 

Rec Income:	£50.00
Donation:	£319.17
Bank Interest:	£167.58
- **It was proposed by Matt, seconded by Sarah and resolved that the October accounts be settled. Action: Clerk to set up the payments for authorisation by Matt and Jonathan.**

BACS	Mrs S Chambers-Turner	Clerks Salary October			Confidential
BACS	Mr R Emeson	Caretaker Pavilion	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
BACS	St Marys Church	Vicar	£39.00	£0.00	£39.00
BACS	Cromwell Fire	Fire Inspection	£94.16	£18.84	£113.00
BACS	PKF	External Audit	£210.00	£42.00	£252.00
BACS	Jason Coles	Burial Expenditure	£800.00	£0.00	£800.00

#### 24.143 PLANNING MATTERS

None

#### 24.144 RECREATIONAL GROUND

- The Clerk had previously reported that one piece of the play equipment is currently out of use due to the stability of one of the upright posts. David will go and inspect the piece of equipment and see what can be done to make it useable. It is thought that the Parish Council will need to purchase another upright beam and install before the piece can be used. It was also reported that one of the movable benches is also broken and requires to be removed. Grant will be asked to remove and dispose of this bench.
- James will also be looking to reduce the height of the recycled material bench so that it can be used. During the onsite visit by the Councillors a location will be decided for the new bin.

#### 24.145 TREES & BIODIVERSITY

- James had reported that the areas of wilding that were created at the beginning of this year had done well and that it is expected that different flowers will appear next year along with the flowers seen this year. It was agreed that the area underneath the trees at Vicarage Meadow would also be sown next year to reduce cutting costs. However a different type of flower mix would be required due the lack of light. It was also discussed that areas around the recreation ground could also be planted. James will prepare a proposal for consideration at a future meeting. **It was proposed by Sarah, seconded by Jonathan and resolved that more areas would be planted next season.**

- It was agreed that during an onsite visit by the Parish Council to the recreational ground, the trees would be evaluated for trees works.

#### **24.146 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

Mark attended on behalf of the Parish Council a Highways Division meeting organised by the County Councillor Claire Daunton. It was opportunity to get together with other Parish Councils within the division and discuss cross boundary issues. It has been suggested that this will continue to be a quarterly meeting as general feedback has been very positive.

#### **24.147 CEMETERY**

The Clerk has undertaken a full cemetery audit to ensure that the information held is up to date. A review has also been completed for the number of spaces that are still available. It was indicated that there would be a need to review burial space and consider options for creating additional spaces. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

#### **24.148 LOCAL HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES**

Official notification has been received that the Parish Council have been successful in their bids for MVAS unit and poles to monitors the speed in which vehicles are travelling in various locations in the village. Also they have been successful in their application for a 20mph village wide scheme. Officers will be in contact shortly to discuss next steps in the process for both schemes.

#### **24.149 AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

*Any business and payments to be considered at a Parish Council meeting must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion at least 7 days prior to the next meeting. It is expected that reports should also be provided at the time of request.*

#### **24.150 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

19<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7.30pm at the Hut, Quy Village Hall - Full Parish Council.

**Meeting Closed at 9.53pm**