

**Minutes of the Heydon Parish Council Meeting
on 08 September 2015, Ash Cottage, 27 Fowlmere Road, Heydon**

Chairman: Diana MacFadyen
Parish Councillors: Janson Jones, Smith, Carroll
District Councillors: Barrett, Hales
Clerk: Yvonne Harris

Actual Start: 18:30

1. Apologies

David Livingstone
Susan van de Ven
These were accepted by the Council.

2. To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests of Councillors

There were none declared.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 14 July 2015

These were approved by the council as a true and accurate account of proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Speeding

Since the previous meeting, the Clerk had asked Philip Gough if he would collect evidence of speeding in the village to use to support an application to the County for a VAS camera. Cllr Hales had seen a document stating that new cameras would only be permitted at accident hotspots, and that he would forward the document to the Clerk to circulate. He advised that only speeds should be recorded for this purpose, not names and registration numbers. The possibility of sharing a camera with other small parishes was also discussed.

5. King William IV PH – Asset of Community Value

The Council agreed in principle to registering the King William IV public house as an Asset of Community Value so that it could not be demolished or converted to any other use without planning permission having been obtained. The Clerk will find out further details.

6. Finance

The Clerk circulated copies of the cash record showing all transactions to date. One cheque was signed to pay an invoice from CGM Ltd.

7. Planning

Cllr Smith reported that three planning applications had been received since the previous meeting: two regarding alterations to a wall and entrance gate at Heydonbury, and one for removal of condition 2 (occupancy restriction) at Houses 1 and 2, Heydon Grange Golf Club. A special planning meeting was held and the Council agreed to recommend approval of all three applications, the latter with the proviso

that no further staff accommodation is built, nor any other residential development is permitted, within the Heydon Grange Golf Club complex.

8. Heydon Lane

The Chairman reported that the middle section had been running with water and several of the drains are blocked with weeds growing in them. The Chairman contacted George Hay who subsequently advised that an inspection by Gavin Wiseman and John Clarke (Depot Manager-Highways) was planned.

9. Footpaths

Cllr Carroll advised that he will check all footpaths and report at the next meeting. He will also make sure that the rubbish along the Icknield Way has been removed.

10. District and County Councillors Report

Cllr van de Ven had emailed her report prior to the meeting as she was unable to attend:

Health and social care budgets: This recently published article in the Guardian offers a very good synopsis of health and social care pressures in Cambridgeshire. Though having it all nicely set out in one place does make things seem less chaotic than it actually feels on the ground...

[http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/sep/02/how-care-crisis-making-old-age-nightmare.](http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/sep/02/how-care-crisis-making-old-age-nightmare)

Community Transport and subsidized transport: I am chairing a small member group that is being asked for a steer on budget cuts for community transport and bus subsidies, even though the bus subsidy transitions have not been completed, and even though we lack ridership data for those which have been launched. Community transport is an important component in providing transport to health appointments and we are working hard to make the case. As for bus subsidies, I am arguing that we can't make cuts in an arbitrary manner, without data. Not everyone agrees.

On a slightly more positive note, there could be some potential for collaboration with the Clinical Commissioning Group's imminent retendering of the Non-emergency Patient Transport Services contract, which is currently out for consultation. I will report back.

<http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/downloads/CCG/Have%20you%20say/NEPTS%20Consultation%20document%20-%20WEB.pdf>

Cuts: I'm very sorry to say that the overall financial situation of the council appears to be getting even worse and there is no relief in sight from central government. The Council has consistently raised council tax to the maximum threshold permitted by central government, but costs arising from factors such as significantly declining government revenue support grant (which makes up a very large proportion of the council's expenditure) and an aging local population, which by definition demands an ever growing need for specialist services, means that it is impossible to make ends meet. Population growth in the greater Cambridge area, where unemployment is very low, triggers certain central government support, but this is limited and one-off capital funding cannot run public services.

The complaints I have received about lack of action to fill potholes and tend to drains (and even the failure to respond to faults logged on the County website system) reflect the fact that we are very short-staffed. Thank you for your patience and perseverance in helping to communicate.

50% post-16 education rail discount: This discount with Great Northern is in place for the coming academic year and is arranged entirely independently of the council and does not rely on public subsidy. The Dept for Transport supports it as a revenue-generating scheme. I've posted the links on my website.

Mind in Cambridgeshire at the Melbourn Hub: An approach was made to Mind in Cambridgeshire last year, to look at the possibility of a Melbourn area mental health support. This is one area where County Council funding is available, and the proposal slotted very well into a roll-out of mental health services in the villages. So, Mind is now at the Hub for a full day each month. The first session took place at the end of July, with several self-referrals even before the date was publicized. Dates for the autumn are September 25, October 30, November 26 and December 18, all between 9:30-4:00. These are one-on-one sessions lasting one hour and are intended to provide practical advice and signposting to more specialist support if necessary. All sessions are free of charge and appointments can be booked at via the self-referral form at www.mindincambs.org.uk.

A10 Foxton–Harston cycle path: Work will start in early October to create the path linking Foxton up to the Sagentia turn-off at Harston Mill. This will take about 20 weeks and funding comes from the Dept for Transport (not the Council). This is the first phase of the overall project; the other big phase will be work on the route through Harston itself. Please see this outstanding Cambridgeshire Public Health report on Health and Transport: <http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/JSNA/Transport-and-Health-2014/15>.

11. Correspondence

The Chairman had received written thanks from Heydon Church for the Council's £100 donation.

12. To accept notices and matters for the next Agenda

Visibility of Village Signs: Overgrown vegetation around village signs and cutting of verges.

Fast Broadband: The Clerk is to report the latest position on the fast broadband rollout at the next meeting.

13. Date and Venue for Next Meeting

Tuesday 10 November at 71 Fowlmere Road.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 19.55.
Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Smith for their hospitality.