

**Minutes of the Heydon Parish Council Meeting  
on 10 November 2015 at 6.30pm at 71 Fowlmere Road**

Chairman: Diana MacFadyen  
Parish Councillors: Livingstone, Smith, Carroll, Janson Jones  
Clerk: Yvonne Harris  
District Councillor: Jose Hales  
County Councillor: Susan van de Ven (latter part of the meeting)

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Actual Start: 18:35

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Barrett (District)

This was 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 meetings on 08 September and 20 October 2015**

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

**4. Speeding**

Awaiting speed data from Philip Gough and Michael Barley before proceeding further.

**5. King William IV – Asset of Community Value**

The Clerk is gathering supporting documentation before sending the application form to SCDC.

**6. Fast Broadband Update**

The latest update from Connecting Cambridgeshire was that the rollout for Heydon was to be complete by the end of the year. Heydon will have its own copper cabinet. The service currently comes via the cabinet at Great Chishill.

**7. Visibility of Road Signs**

The Chairman reported that two conversations with the landowner had failed to result in him cutting back trees and hedges where they are encroaching verges and obscuring village signs along Fowlmere Road. Cllr Hales suggested writing a letter, if necessary followed by a second, after which CCC Highways would be informed. Template used by Melbourn PC to be forwarded to the Clerk.

**8. Finance**

The Clerk reported that the second precept payment had been received. Finances were healthy with balances of £2,794.08 (current account) and £2,002.97 (reserve account) to date. Initial correspondence regarding next year's precept had been received. The one approved new-build is unlikely to be occupied in 2016-7, so the number of properties on which the precept is based will stay the same.

**9. Planning**

Cllr Smith reported there were no new planning applications received since the previous meeting. The two planning applications in respect of Heydonbury had been granted and work was under way. He agreed to contact SCDC Planning as there had been no news of a decision regarding change of use at Houses 1 and 2, Heydon Grange Golf Club.

Following recent consultation, a new planning procedure is anticipated soon. This is likely to include a new tick box on the consultation form where a parish may request that the application goes before the Planning Committee (ratified by the Planning Chair).

The Council decided that the district councillors will be invited to attend all planning meetings in future.

**10. Allocation of Section 106 Payment**

Suggested projects to which this payment could be allocated were:

**Bus Shelter** – windows, roof tiles, lighting, internal painting

**Flagpole** – repainting

**Chalkpit** – remedial work to entrance gate, replacement picnic bench

Cllr Livingstone had received two quotations to carry out the work on the entrance gate (in the region of £600 and £1,000) and was awaiting a third quote.

**11. Police Report**

Cllr Janson Jones had attended a recent Police Panel meeting at which the Police Commissioner was present. Generally the crime rate is low. Measures are being taken to improve their 101 response. A new Victims Hub had been created and promoted.

**12. Heydon Lane**

The Chairman reported that weeds had been removed from the drains and situation was generally better.

**13. Footpaths**

Cllr Carroll will contact Peter Gaskin, Footpath Officer, to walk the paths and to remind him about potholes on the Icknield Way.

**14. Website / Newsletter**

The Clerk will circulate examples of Cllr profiles to add to the website. The Council decided that circulating a regular newsletter was no longer necessary as everything is kept on the council website.

**15. District and County Councillors Report**

Cllr van de Ven's report:

Public Service Cuts: It is distressing to convey news of cuts to public services. Central government is completely phasing out its key grant to local authorities, and at the same time it puts a cap on what councils can raise via council tax. Meanwhile, social care costs are rising dramatically with a rapidly ageing population. One illustration of this phenomenon is the estimation that in ten years, the number of Cambridgeshire residents

suffering from dementia will be double what it is today: a hugely complex and costly issue for everyone. Over the coming five years, the County Council will be short of what it needs and this translates into cuts of about 40%. Therefore it must look to reduce whatever services it is not legally required to provide. While budgets won't be set until February, the writing is on the wall. Two immediate concerns are that subsidies for the 31 bus and post-16 education transport subsidies are not statutory. I have been working with community transport operators to explore ways of protecting transport for vulnerable people, though I am painfully aware that this is not a substitute for regular commuter journeys.

Economies of scale are being sought by finding ways of amalgamating local authorities – there is much discussion happening on unitary authorities that would combine existing separate authorities.

We are seeing many staff leaving the council, either to retire or to take jobs elsewhere. Locally we will lose Mike Cooper and Gavin Wiseman, both of whom have worked very effectively for our area.

Congestion into Cambridge is becoming a huge problem and I am attending various meetings where this forms an agenda item.

The council's relatively new responsibility for public health oversight is a good thing as it means that decision-making about all services is better informed and attuned to people's general welfare. The government grant for public health has been ring-fenced, so far.

Cllr Hales reported that the LDF plan has been suspended until March. Housing need has increased to 19,500 and small amounts of green belt have been released. Some services are being shared with other councils, such as planning, legal and building control where savings can be made. SCDC will lose their government grant by 2020. The Melbourn Mobile Warden Scheme funding is potentially vulnerable.

Cllr van de Ven suggested circulating a questionnaire to see if there is a need for public transport in Heydon, and to consider funding the 31 bus service or an alternative if necessary.

**16. Correspondence**

The Chairman had received the finalised constitution for the Heydon Fund from Rollo Barnes.

**17. To accept notices and matters for the next Agenda**

Anglian Water: Cllr Janson Jones reported that Anglian Water had difficulty accessing their pumping station with large vehicles at a recent incident. She will draft a letter to request confirmation that they have contingencies in place should another incident occur.

Precept for 2016-17

**18. Date and Venue for Next Meeting**

Tuesday 12 January at 87 Chishill Road.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.49.

Our thanks to David Livingstone for his hospitality.