

**Minutes of the Heydon Parish Council Meeting  
on 08 March 2016 at 6.30pm at 27 Fowlmere Road, Heydon**

Chairman: Diana MacFadyen  
Parish Councillors: Livingstone, Smith, Carroll  
Clerk: Yvonne Harris  
Parishioner: Martin Shaw

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Actual Start: 18:26

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs Janson Jones, van de Ven, Barrett and Hales.  
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 meetings on 12 January, 19 January (Planning), 02 February (Planning), 09 February 2016 (Planning)**

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

**4. Footpaths / trees**

Footpaths: Cllr Carroll reported that Peter Gaskin (CCC) suggested putting in bids for footpath projects to be incorporated into the CCC work programme. Cllr Carroll suggested:

***Footpath 3** (opposite pond) – to roll and bind in rough hardcore (approx. cost £1,000) – Spring/early summer 2016*

***Icknield Way** – to apply and roll road plantings at entrance east of Three Corner Plantation as necessary (approx. cost £1,000) – Autumn 2016*

***Heydon Ditch** close to village – to monitor and deal with vegetation (approx. cost £300) – Summer 2016*

The Council agreed; Cllr Carroll to submit projects to Peter Gaskin.

Trees: Concerning the dead tree next to the verge in Fowlmere Road which Cllr Carroll had reported to CCC online, their emailed response was that they did not consider it necessary to do anything about it. Cllr Carroll to speak to SCDC tree department.

**5. Finance**

The Clerk reported that there were few outgoing since the previous meeting; the Clerk's salary, an electricity bill for the bus shelter and a meeting room rental.

**6. Allocation of Section 106 Payment**

The Chairman had received a verbal estimate of £600 from Mick Miller for the work on the bus shelter, namely replace missing tiles, paint walls, bench and ceiling, Hammerite

paint to windows and paint floor. The Council agreed the price was reasonable and decided to go ahead. The notice board would also be upgraded. There was discussion around replacing the cork with a magnetic board.

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

Clare Gibbons had asked for supporting information to confirm the social value of the KWIV to the village such as use by clubs / groups, sport teams, fetes, fundraising, weddings, bands etc. The Clerk circulated the email to councillors for their input but no examples were provided so the application was likely to be turned down.

**8. Planning**

Cllr Smith reported that three applications had been received since the previous meeting, all yet to be decided by SCDC:

**S/3183/15/FL** Hill Farmhouse, 20 Chishill Road: proposed extension and division of existing property into two separate dwellings and erection of outbuildings to each property. Heydon PC recommended refusal (see planning meeting minutes).

**S/0068/16/FL** 67 Fowlmere Road: detached garage with annexe over and conversion of existing garage. Heydon PC did not recommend approval or refusal but made comments (see planning meeting minutes).

**S/3147/15/VC** New build (No.16) at Hill Farmhouse, 20 Chishill Road: Heydon PC recommended refusal (see planning meeting minutes).

Following discussion regarding planning, it was decided that councillors should have more time to be able to study the plans in detail prior to each planning meeting.

**9. Risk Assessments**

The Clerk circulated the 2016 risk assessment schedules to be completed and returned before the next meeting.

**10. District and County Councillors Report**

County Councillor: Budget result: As I reported previously, this year government allowed councils to raise tax by 1.99%, and also, an additional 2% specifically for social care. A 2% rise in council tax raises £5 million and costs a Band D household 44 pence per week. This reflected the enormous scale of cuts which the council is forced to make in the wake of government policy to remove revenue support grant.

There was no consensus: Liberal Democrat and Labour councillors supported the 1.99% plus 2% rise. UKIP favoured a 0% rise, which would necessitate even more cuts. Conservatives had publicly announced that they would not support the 2% social care tax rise, but then changed their minds when it came to the vote – and then rejected the 1.99% general rise. This determined the outcome.

The resulting freeze on general council tax forces the Council to take from dangerously low reserves to plug the gap – a one-off measure that cannot be repeated, and which renders the Council short next year. Furthermore, it has now been confirmed that the extra 2% rise for social care will be taken up entirely by funding the National Living Wage for workers in social care – a responsibility that central government has given to councils. The council faces another £100 million in cuts over the next five years. Parish Councils will be asked to do more, though of course they cannot provide services on the same scale.

Highways: Peter Taylor, who is the new 'Mike Cooper' knows the area very well and has for years done the gritting run. Unfortunately the endless budget cuts include reducing the gritting network, as we expected.

Bus Users meeting: I will be at Great Chishill Village Hall on 14 March evening, 7:30PM, for the 31 bus users' meeting. The County transport officer and Royston and District Community Transport will be coming too. We have a reprieve on the funding for the 31 bus for now, though this won't last and we must use the extra time to sort out alternatives.

Oil Club Rebate to Camsight: The Melbourn Division bulk-buying Oil Club will be donating its £115 rebate to Camsight's work in the Melbourn area. The idea is to help raise awareness of increasing difficulties now faced by people living with blindness and visual impairment, due to budget cuts. As a result of the cuts, people who are blind or visually impaired will not be able to use their bus passes before 9:30AM.

Boundary Review: The Boundary Commission has now published new Cambridgeshire county division boundaries that will take effect from the 2017 elections. They have not acknowledged the points made in representations about natural school communities and transport commonalities being so important in supporting different villages to work together on common concerns. The new Duxford Division will include Shepreth, Foxton, Fowlmere, Thriplow, Whittlesford, Heydon, Great and Little Chishill, Duxford, Pampisford, Hinxton and Ickleton. Like all other new divisions, the number of electors will rise by about 30%, so there will be less time for effective representation by councillors.

## **11. Correspondence**

The Chairman had contacted SCDC regarding the difficulty in seeing the Heydon turn-off driving on the A505 at night because reflectors were missing on the bollards. Although the report had been closed as completed there was no change in visibility. The Clerk will follow up.

The street light on Fowlmere Road opposite High Close was reported as not working. The Clerk will report the fault to SCDC.

Some potholes had been repaired but other roadside erosion potholes had not. Work is due to be carried out in April to replace water mains when roads will be closed except for access. It is hoped that all defects will be made good after the mains work is completed.

The Clerk reported that the website was down due to a problem with the domain renewal but would be resolved as soon as possible.

The Clerk had been notified that she should receive May election packs within the next few days. She will distribute to councillors who should complete and return to SCDC by 07 April.

The Chairman had spoken to Dawn Jaffray regarding maintaining the bus shelter garden and confirmed that she is happy to continue.

## **12. To accept notices and matters for the next agenda**

None.

**13. Date and venue for next meeting**

The next meeting will be at 6.30pm on 10 May, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm, both held at The Mission Hut, Picots, Chishill Road.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.03 hrs.  
Our thanks to Peter Smith for his hospitality.