

**Minutes of the Heydon Parish Council Meeting  
on 12 July 2016 at 6.30pm at 84 Fowlmere Road, Heydon**

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

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Actual Start: 18:33

**1. Apologies**

Cllr van de Ven  
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 AGM meeting on 10 May 2016**

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

**4. Footpaths**

Cllr Shaw was told by Peter Gaskin that the problem with Footpath 3, opposite Spring Pond, has been resolved.

A meeting was held on 10 June between Cllr Shaw, Chairman, Peter Gaskin (CCC) and Deborah Priddy of Historic England (HE) to discuss the Bran Ditch. Peter Gaskin confirmed that, due to budget constraints, only a narrow path will be cut by the County twice a year and any other upkeep will need to be funded elsewhere. CCC are surveying to see whether there are any utilities in the area; this will help to determine whether there could be a spring or leaking pipes in the bank at the side of the Ditch. HE will help with setting up a management agreement and a further meeting will be arranged in the autumn. They will also help with graphics for a display board to give walkers information about the scheduled monument. District councillors suggested applying for funding via the Community Chest.

In the meantime, The Icknield Way Association had been in contact with a view to exchanging articles and promoting The Way and the village on our respective websites. This could be useful to promote the Bran Ditch once work has been completed.

**5. Heydon Lane**

The meeting was postponed due to illness and was re-scheduled for 05 August.

**6. Pavements and Verges**

The poor condition of the pavements and verges was discussed at the APM in May. Cllr Janson Jones agreed to draft a note for circulation asking householders to cut back verges growing over pavements and overhanging branches outside their houses so that people

can walk unimpeded and the village looks tidy. Cllr Hales suggested contacting Dennis Vacher for a map and schedule of what is currently being cut by CCC with a view to taking over the contract if given a grant.

**7. Planning**

The application at Woodstock, Fowlmere Road, had been refused by SCDC.

An application will arrive shortly for 70 Fowlmere Road. A planning meeting was arranged for 21 July at 6.30pm.

**8. Finance**

The Clerk circulated the latest cash record showing transactions to date.

Annual Return 2015/16: The Council reviewed and then approved the Annual Governance Statement, signed by the RFO, and it was duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

The Council considered and then resolved to approve the Accounting Statements, signed by the RFO, and they were duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

The Council decided to create a Finance Committee to review financial procedures going forward. The committee will consist of three members; Cllr Carroll (Chairman), Cllr Janson Jones (Vice Chairman) and Cllr MacFadyen. The first meeting will be on 09 August.

**9. Allocation of S106 Agreement**

Chalk Pit: Cllr Carroll will purchase a new padlock and four keys for the gate, one each for Cllr Carroll (plus a spare), the Chairman and CGM (contractor). The picnic bench has been damaged, presumably by heavy machinery, rather than decayed as previously thought. Cllr Carroll recommended replacing it like-for-like as it was reasonably priced, has weathered well and the replacement will be easy to fit. The Council agreed. Cllr Carroll will contact CGM about taking care with their machinery. He will also monitor the ragwort.

Bus Shelter: During the recent redecoration, the contractor carried out a minor repair on the roof as he found that some of the joists were starting to rot. Although in a safe condition, it will eventually need replacing. It was agreed to monitor it in six months.

**10. Correspondence**

The District Council's portfolio holder for the Greater Cambridge City Deal has sent a letter to all parish councils considering the creation of a network of bus hubs throughout the District, and asking for suitable sites in the village for a bus hub that would be useful to residents. Chairman to reply that there is no land available in Heydon.

**11. County and District Councillors Reports**

Email circulated to councillors after the meeting from Cllr van de Ven: The two things to report are that Diana and I are seeing Peter Taylor from Highways for a drainage tour, 5 August 1PM; and that the County Council has voted through a devolution deal with a mayor, the purpose of which is entirely unclear. This will be an extra tier of government and the position will require a salary and staff, and it will take much decision-making away from the three lower tiers of govt (county, district, parish). I should also say that

Brexit will have negative financial implications for local authorities due to the unravelling of standardisations in myriad regulatory functions and a more difficult financial position: loss of EU based grants, likely tightening of austerity measures and consequent reductions in UK govt grants.

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

Report and recommendations by the Finance Committee

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

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13 September at Ash Cottage, 27 Fowlmere Road.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.48 hrs.

Our thanks to Marie Janson Jones for her hospitality.