

## **Minutes of the Heydon Parish Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 87 Chishill Road, Heydon**

Chairman: Diana MacFadyen  
Parish Councillors: Livingstone, Smith, Carroll, Janson Jones  
District Councillors: Hales, Barrett  
District District: van de Ven  
Clerk: Sarah Scott

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Actual Start: 18:32

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies

**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 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

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

**4. Finance**

The Clerk took the meeting through the finances to date. The finance data was approved and signed by the Chairman. The topic of the Clerks salary was raised – the Clerk reported that she is happy that it stays at its current level. The Council thanked the Clerk for her hard work.

**5. Planning**

There were no planning applications outstanding.

Cllr Smith took the Council through a Parish Planning quiz, which he had got from a recent planning meeting at South Cambridgeshire District Council.

**6. Heydon Lane**

The Chairman had spoken with George Hay at enforcement. Gavin Wiseman is now also involved and there is a site meeting tomorrow at which point die tracing will take place on the pipes which are draining into Heydon Lane. It is imperative to keep the momentum going on this project and both George Hay and Cllr van den Ven are pushing for a positive and satisfactory conclusion to the problem.

**7. Website Statistics**

The Clerk took the meeting through the website statistics. There is a regular and consistent use of the website.

**8. Footpaths including Footpath to the Chalk pit**

The Chairman has been to visit the landowner with regard to the damage to verges and footpaths caused by the sugar beet lorries. He mentioned that he was erecting gates to most of the entrances to his fields. The Chairman then mentioned the footpath to the chalk pit. The landowner is adamant he does not want a formal footpath on his land, but is happy for people to walk along the side of the fields. Cllr Smith was somewhat surprised that this had happened as he had a different proposal to put to the meeting. The Clerk had collated the historical minutes on this topic in preparation for the meeting which is something she promised at the last meeting. The Clerk reported that gates (which have been bought) are becoming commonplace as fly tipping is on the increase and it is required by insurance companies. A question was raised about tractors turning into the fields with the gates causing an obstruction; the council did not think that this would be an issue. The only way a footpath

might be implemented would be if an agreement between the landowner and Natural England for an Open Access Agreement was set up. This would be for those two parties to agree and not something the Parish Council can intervene with.

Cllr Carroll will contact Peter Gaskin regarding the damage to the Icknield way.

The fire at the recycling plant at Bridge Foot Quarry - the person on bail has been released with no charge due to lack of evidence. The police are still pursuing investigations. There are updates on the SCDC website. There has been an extension to the clear up as the ash is still too hot to move. Andrew Greenwood has been excellent at sharing information with Parish on this. Cllr Hales reported that people in Melbourn are very concerned about the fire and its consequences.

## 9. District and County Councillors Report

**Heydon Lane:** Gavin Wiseman, CCC Highways, reports: *We have a drainage contractor with ourselves next week, and myself and George will be attending site with them to undertake some die-tracing works, that George has been wanting to do for some time. We hope to be doing this Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. This may not be in time for your meeting but I will update after the works.*

**Gritting lorry ride:** Last month I accompanied the gritting lorry on its run through Heydon and the other villages I represent. I was very impressed at the care and attention given, and the intimate knowledge of the terrain. Very special attention is given to Heydon and the Chishills on account of water run-off and colder temperatures and the greater likelihood of icy conditions. We are lucky not to be seeing any reduction in routes this year, though there have been substantial savings made through 'route optimization' in which weather forecasting and salt spreading techniques have been fine-tuned. In the old days, 100 runs were done every year, whether needed or not – so clearly some efficiency savings were necessary.

**Dotterel Farm:** I have forwarded County Council correspondence updating me on the situation there to the parish clerk.

**The Rights of Way team** has seen the loss of Kate Day's position. We are lucky to have Peter Gaskin still in place for us.

**A10 Corridor Cycle Campaign** is working hard to secure funding for the creation of cycle path networks in and around the A10 corridor. Contrary to expectation the City Deal Executive Board did not award tranche one funding to the Royston-Cambridge corridor but another grant source, the Cycling Ambition Grant, has been confirmed for a path connecting Cambridge to Foxton. The campaign is now working with local businesses who say they have a strong need for safe cycling to work, for a variety of reasons including pressures on parking. The campaign meets next on March 19, Barrington Village Hall. All welcome – please visit [a10corridorcycle.com](http://a10corridorcycle.com) for more information or let me know if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

**Street lights and switch offs:** Contrary to expectations and due to budget cuts, ironically, the County Council has not been able to roll-out its 'residential area' street lighting switch off programme to all villages – this requires a 'Central Management System' to be installed and will take place in cities, towns and larger villages.

**Community and bus transport:** The 'Cambridgeshire Future Transport' project overseeing the bus subsidy cuts is being reconfigured yet again, though now with a much stronger remit to consider overlapping interests with adult social care, health and education transport.

**10. Correspondence Clerk**

The Clerk had received an email from Andrew Lansley – the clerk to circulate this.

**11. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda**

- Risk assessments to be sent out.
- Mr Akhtar said to the Chairman that the Windfarm has gone away, there will be no digester on his land as he could not grow the amount of produce needed to sustain this type of operation and he had been approached about a solar farm, which he is not interested in as he does not like them.

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

12 May AGM / APM – the Chairman to speak to Mr and Mrs Barnes re use of the mission hut.

There were no further business the meeting was closed at 20.05.

Our thanks to Michael Carroll for his hospitality.