

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HEYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: 84 Fowlmere Road, Heydon

Date: 17th September 2013

Time: 6:30

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

Start Time: 6.32

1. 6:30 – 6:45pm Opportunity for Public Questions (if required)
There were none
2. Apologies for Absences and Reasons
Michael Carroll – previous commitment
Val Barrett – personal reasons
3. To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests of Councillors
Cllr Smith may have a Non pecuniary Interest on agenda item 5
4. To Approve the minutes of the meeting on 9th July 2013
It was agreed that these were a true and accurate account of the meeting and were signed and dated by the Chairman.
5. Planning
 - S/1816/13/LB, Heydonbury, Heydon Lane – this was unanimously approved
 - Cllr Smith reported that three previous applications had been approved. These appear on the Heydon PC website.
 - The Chairman spoke about Local Development Framework and the documentation that had been circulated. It was agreed important that the Parish Council submit in relation to important village Vista's. Although it could be argued that there might be other important vista's in the village, the Parish Council concluded that the view up into the village from Fowlmere Road, from beyond left from Anthony Plantation continuing right long the lynchet right around the edge of the village, was the most important vista to try and preserve. A series of photographs were laid out to illustrate the vista. It was agreed that this should be submitted. Cllr Carroll had sent an email as well agreeing this. Cllr Smith thought that others should be considered, but as this vista covered all the houses on the edge of lynchet, it was decided that this was sufficient. Cllr Smith also queried if the Parish Council had informed the Village of the LDF. The Clerk stated that the process had be on-going since

March. The exhibition notices had been placed in the bus shelter, the right to comment and the link to the LDF website was on the Parish Council website. With regard to this meeting, Village Vista's was on the agenda (on notice board and website) and as this was a public meeting any member of the public had a right to attend.

- Biodigester traffic routes. Heydon is on the exemption list of villages allowing digester traffic to pass through the list. Traffic in Heydon will use a track in Lane Farm. All agreed to this. However there was a question as to if a farmer from a neighbouring village wished to contribute to the digester scheme, can they be prevented from using certain roads; they pay road tax and how can they be stopped going about their business as farmers?
Cllr van den Ven to investigate.
- The Parish Council are in contact with Hallwick Energy with progress on this.

6. Finance

The finance spreadsheets had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk gave the Parish Council an overview of spend to date. There were no questions.

7. Village Maintenance

The maintenance to the bus shelter had been undertaken by Mr Harradence. Mick Miller will be decorating the finger post, once we receive an estimate. The Parish Council to press him for a timescale.

8. Footpaths / Trees

- Reinstatement of Cross Field Path
- Icknield Way
- Dead tree in the avenue - Spring
- Tree Applications

Cllr Carroll was absent. Mr Akhtar has given permission for a field maple to be replaced in the avenue.

9. Chalk Pit – Ragwort

The Chairman had chased Mr Akhtar about the increase of ragwort which in turn is spreading into the chalk pit and gardens. Thanks to those Parish Councillors who has being 'pulling' the weed from the chalk pit. G&R are to cut back some stinging nettles in the chalk pit.

10. District and County Councillors Written Report – including cycle path update
District Councillors report (Addendum 1)

Cllr van de Ven handed the traffic survey strategy consultation documents. She said this is perfect document to request a cycle crossing across the A505 from Fowlmere Road, with a cycle lane to the Fowlmere turn off (and vice versa) as aspirational ideas are ideal to this consultation. Cllr Janson Jones explained that this proposed cycle way is even more important if the 31 bus is cut and the only public transport to Cambridge is via train.

The new A14 is now out for consultation. Cllr Livingstone said that if the viaduct is coming down to force people to use the new toll road then this wrong. Cllr Smith said that the viaduct is coming down because it has fallen into a state of ill repair; it will cost too much to mend it. Cllr van den Ven said people will have a choice of the route they choose. The new A14 will cost £25m and will take 20 years to pay for it.

The decision to charge £1 to park at the Park and Ride sites is now being scrutinised as it may not have been a lawful decision.

The methodology for minor highways improvement grants is now being scrutinised and Cllr van den Ven is on this team. Cllr Hales agreed with this as he had some troubles getting the correct funding figures for a zebra crossing in Melbourn.

11. Correspondence Clerk
The Clerk to request a wreath and 2 crosses for 11th November.
12. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda
The seat in the chalk pit might need replacing – the clerk to look into this and also the plaque.
The newsletter is to be written and sent out.
13. Date and Venue for Next Meeting 12th November, 71 Fowlmere Road.

There being no further notifiable business the Chairman thanked Marie Janson Jones for her hospitality and closed the meeting at 7:43.

Addendum 1

Heydon Parish Council September 2013 County Councillor Report

1. The 31 bus service – contract has now been retendered to Whippet, extending to May 2014. If the Cambs Future Transport project manages to do its community engagement exercise and work out a long-term public transport solution in the intervening months, the contract can be terminated early. Equally, if the CFT project doesn't complete its work by May 2014 the contract can be extended.
2. CCC's Cabinet has proposed to introduce a £1 per day parking charge at all Cambridge City Park and Rides. This is on top of the Park and Ride bus fee. CCC is facing huge cuts to the transport budget following the out-of-court settlement on the Guided Bus (a cost of £33 million to the Council) plus Govt austerity measures so needs to raise cash, however it has not assessed what the fall-out of the parking charge would be in terms of displaced parking in residential areas and increased congestion into Cambridge, so there may be some further work done. The council's relevant Scrutiny Committee has now recommended that the item be reconsidered by Cabinet.

3. CCC's Draft Transport Strategy consultation and Highways Agency A14 consultation: Please can the Parish Council respond to these?
4. Winter gritting consultation – The Parish Council will have received a letter from Highways asking for comments on any amendments on the current gritting schedule. Just to be aware that enormous funding cuts are yet to come. It is a bit frustrating that we are being asked for ideas on adjusting routes, when there are likely to be extensive cutback around the corner.
5. It was lovely to receive positive messages about the outstanding work of Peter Gaskin regarding footpaths in Heydon.