

## WITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 January 2008 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, Witcham

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**Present:** D A Bamforth (Chairman), D J Saberton (Vice Chairman), J Anderson, A Berry, K Mackender, C Watson

*In attendance* Mrs S J Bell (Clerk)  
Cllr A Bailey (ECDC)  
Cllr P Read (CCC)

There were no members of the public present for open question time, nor present during the meeting. Full Council business commenced at 7.45pm. The Chairman opened the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Action

08/001. **Apologies for Absence:** There were none.

08/002. **Declaration of Interest:** Mr A Bamforth - Minute 08/013 (Citizens Advice Bureau Management Board Member)

08/003. **Minutes of the meeting** of 4 December 2007 had been circulated, and were approved and signed. Proposed by Mr K Mackender and seconded by Mr D Saberton, and agreed unanimously subject to amendment to  
Minute 07/137, Street Lighting. 'The Slade' should read **Headley's Lane**.

08/004. **Matters Arising**

*07/129 Mereham Development* Public Inquiry, final submissions completed today and Inspector's decision now awaited.

*07/135 Public Rights of Way:* Response awaited from County Council to Chairman's November letter.

*07/137 New Street Light Headley's Lane* – New lamp in position. EDF connections expected within month.

08/005. **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

The Maltings: Cllr Anna Bailey advised arrangements were in hand for bids for new lease and repairs to roof.

Public Rights of Way: Cllr Phillip Read to speak to County Council Officers regarding Bury Road and closure of droves to 4wd vehicles during the winter months.

Chairman proposed letter be sent to Rights of Way Officers seeking response to November letter. *Clerk* Seconded Mr K Mackender and agreed unanimously.

08/006. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following ECDC decisions were noted:

E/06/00749/FUL 2A Martins Lane Retrospective amendments Approved

07/01240/FUL 36 High Street 2storey extension side and rear. Refused

08/007. **RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL FACILITIES**

Grounds Maintenance. Mr D Saberton advised that he had not yet seen the Groundsman to obtain confirmation that he wished to relinquish duties.

Inspection of Play Equipment: Mr D Saberton advised there was nil to report.

**08/008. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Horseriders on private fields instead of bridleways and byways. Letter from Coveney Parish Council received and considered. Chairman proposed note go in What's On asking horseriders not to ride across private land without consent, including the 'dog walking' field between The Slade and Park Lane in Witcham.

Complaint regarding 4wd vehicles on droves – see Minute 08/005.

Cllrs Bailey and Read left the meeting.

P3 Parish Partnership Scheme. Chairman proposed participating in the scheme for 2008/9 and this was agreed unanimously. Application and reports to be submitted.

*Clerk/  
Chairman*

Mr A Berry may be able to attend the P3 Liaison Officers meeting at Shire Hall on 1 March 2008.

**08/009. UNSHEETED STRAW LORRIES**

Chairman proposed Clerk write to EPR to complain that straw lorries going on to the Elean Business Park have not been sheeted as required under consents granted by ECDC.

*Clerk*

**08/010. REPORT ON PARISH REMUNERATION PANEL FOR MEMBER'S ALLOWANCES**

The report had been previously circulated. Councillors did not want to be paid the Parish Basic Allowance, however, expenses for travel and subsistence may be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of the report. Proposed Mr A Bamforth, seconded Mrs J Anderson and agreed unanimously. Details to be published on the noticeboard.

*Clerk*

**08/011. NEIGHBOURHOOD PANELS**

To note Mr A Berry will represent the Council on this panel. Meetings scheduled for 28 January, 28 April, 28 July and 27 October 2008 at The Glebe, High Street, Sutton.

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**08/012. ACRE MEMBERSHIP**

Chairman proposed renewal of membership of Cambridgeshire ACRE, £25 per annum. Seconded Mr D Saberton and agreed unanimously.

*Clerk*

**08/013. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Chairman declared an interest and did not participate.

Mr D Saberton (Vice-Chairman) proposed a grant of £25 towards running costs under LGA 1972 s.142. Seconded Mr K Mackender, and agreed unanimously.

*Clerk*

**08/014. REPORTS OF MEETINGS**

Heavy Commercial Vehicles 13 December 2008. Chairman had attended, report received. Further information awaited.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils AGM 2 February at Bluntisham Village Hall. Elected representatives unable to attend. Clerk to attend if possible.

*Clerk*

**08/015. STREET LIGHTING AND HIGHWAYS**

Nothing to report other than as above under Matters Arising.

**08/016. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following were received and noted

CCC Tackling Congestion in Cambridgeshire – 30 January, Kries Viersen, Cambridge.  
Domestic Violence Awareness Day 20 February, The Maltings, Ely 9am – 4pm

08/017. **FINANCE**

The following Receipts and Payments were presented and approved. Proposed by Chairman and agreed unanimously.

			£	£	£
Receipts	Nil				
Payments	000875	Cambridgeshire ACRE	25.00		25.00
	000876	Classic Blasting (Cemetery Gates)	250.00		250.00
	000877	FJ & JP Wells Reimburse 1+1 internet	35.18		35.18
	000878	CAB Grant LGA 1972 s.142	25.00		25.00

08/018. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12 February 2008 commencing at 7.30 pm for monthly check of payments and receipts and 'open to the public' time. Business to commence at 7.45 pm. The Chairman advised that he would not be available on that evening and the meeting will be Chaired by Mr D Saberton, Vice-Chairman.

*Any business and payments, to be considered at Parish Council meeting must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at least 6 clear days prior to the meeting.*

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed ..... Dated .....