

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HEYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: 87 Chishill Road, Heydon

Date: 15th January 2014

Time: 6:30

Chairman:	Diana MacFadyen
Parish Councillors:	Janson Jones, Smith, Carroll
District Councillors:	Barrett
Clerk:	Sarah Scott

Actual Start 6:38

1. **6:30 – 6:45pm Opportunity for Public Questions (if required).**

There were no members of the public present.

2. **Apologies for Absences and Reasons**

David Livingstone – previous commitment due to change of date of the meeting.

The Clerk thanked the PC for kindly switching the date.

Cllr Hales – previous commitment

Cllr van de Ven – previous commitment

3. **To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests of Councillors**

Cllr Barrett is on the planning committee.

4. **To Approve the minutes of the meeting on 3rd December**

The Clerk hand-wrote Cllr Livingstone's pre-submitted comment in, and the minutes were approved as a true and accurate account of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

5. **Planning**

S-2690/13/FL – Timber Shed, Heydonbury

The Council reviewed this application and recommended approval with no additional comments.

Land behind the bus shelter – the Parish Council had seen Cllr Livingstone's comments. The Chairman reported that the Council had met and looked at the area in question. Because of the tree / wall liabilities they decided not to agree to lease the land from Mr Harvey. However if these liabilities were rectified, then the Parish Council may consider it at a later date. This was unanimous.

The large chestnut tree in the same area, which belongs the Parish Council, does need some attention. Cllr Carroll to ask Andrew Grimmer to look at it and the Chairman to get Treetops to come out too.

6. **Chalk Pit**

The clerk circulated information on different benches / signage for the chalk pit. She is to draw up a short list of options for a budget of £400.

A member of public asked if a slide could be erected in the chalk pit and it was felt that was inappropriate. Also the question was raised, by a member of the public, about holding a village party in the chalk pit. The Parish Council has no problems with it apart from logistics of getting everything on site and there being no electricity.

7. **No 31 Bus Update**

The Clerk gave an overview of the bus consultation actions to date. She urged everyone to complete the questionnaire to encourage others to do so. There is a public meeting on 23rd January 2014 at Great Chishill Village Hall and encouraged all to attend.

8. **A505 Cycle way Submission**

Cllrs Livingstone and Janson Jones had produced a good proposal document on why there should be cycle paths on the A505 to allow people to access Fowlmere safely, thus allowing a choice of buses / railways and safer cycle access into Cambridge.

Cllr Janson Jones also added that if we are encouraged to live healthier, greener lifestyles then this was one of the ways forward. The A10 has now got a cycle way, then why not the A505.

9. **Finance**

The Clerk took the Council through the actual spend to date plus the probable spend to the year end. After discussion it was unanimously resolved to raise the Precept in 2014/15 to £4175 – an increase of 4%.

10. **Heydon Lane**

A discussion took place about the ongoing issues on Heydon Lane. Cllr van den Ven had been in touch with George Hay. Cllr Livingstone had sent in a report and picture of the state of Heydon Lane. The Chairman had taken the landowner of land adjacent to Heydon Lane to look at it. Post meeting note: George Hay has been out on site again and said how serious the state of the lane is and a structural engineer needs to come out asap to sort it all out. There are now further potholes, the Clerk has seen Mike Cooper who wanted to close the Lane as it was dangerous, he said he would fill the potholes, but with the amount of run-off, they will need repairing again very quickly, wasting Highways resources.

The Clerk is visiting Highways next week to make our case for a Deer Advisory Sign on Fowlmere Road, near the Chalk Pit.

Inspector Sutherland will attend a Parish Council meeting to talk about the police handling of the rave on Fowlmere Road and road closure.

11. **Footpaths / Trees**

Cllr Carroll has been in contact with Peter Gaskin about the reinstatement of footpaths. This should be done 14 days after harvest. Cllr Carroll to go back to Peter to reinforce these.

12. **Newsletter**

This to be put on hold until May.

13. **Internal Performance Review**

The general feeling was that we were a proactive Parish Council. The Clerk is currently doing her Cilca. Cllr Livingstone's email was read out. Cllr Carroll thought it might be a good idea to periodically look at what the Parish Council do, how they do it and why they do it and to what impact there is and evaluate if change is needed. An informal meeting to be arranged in May (after the AGM) to do this. The newsletter will follow on from this meeting.

14. **Risk Assessment**

Annual risk assessment forms handed out for completion.

15. **Duxford Neighbours Scheme**

The Clerk had obtained a list of those on the scheme and will investigate further.

16. **District and County Councillors Written Report**

There were none.

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

18. The Clerk mentioned a meeting at Great Chishill Parish Council on 6th February with the head of finance of CCC. (Post meeting note: this is not going ahead and will be rescheduled).

The Chairman thanked Cllr Carroll for his hospitality and closed the meeting at 8:48 as there was no further business

Date and Venue for Next Meeting – 4th March 2014, Ash Cottage.