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MINUTES OF DUXFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT DUXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2012

Present Parish Councillors Mr Butler, Mrs Chudleigh, Mr Chudleigh, Mr Clarke, Mr Dee Mr Drury, Mr Foster, Mrs O'Grady and Parish & District Councillor Mr Martin together with County Councillor Mr Stone and Parish Councillor Mr Paulding in the chair. There were six members of the public present.

ACTION

1 **Apologies** Parish Councillor Mr Head

2 **Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11 October 2012, circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 Item 7.1 Mr Martin advised that his enquires with SCDC regarding the telephone kiosk in St Peter's Street were ongoing.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

4.1 The Chairman announced that a working party of Councillors and residents had successfully cleared Polecat Lane over the weekend. He congratulated those who attended for a job well done. It had been suggested that a similar working party could meet on a quarterly basis to take on other areas around the village that need attention.

5 **Planning**

5.1 **Applications Received**

Ref S/1486/12/FL Mr & Mrs Delderfield 51 St Peter's Street, Duxford
Recommend approval for two storey and single storey rear extensions

Ref C/11/40/024 G Lister Robynet House, Green Street, Duxford
Recommend approval to remove eucalyptus tree in front garden

Ref C/11/17/02/04 C Norris 30 Petersfield Road, Duxford
Recommend approval to prune lime tree in rear garden

Ref S/1726/12/FL Welch Group Holdings Land off Moorfield Road, Duxford
Recommend refusal of amended application for new storage and distribution facilities

Note Mr Martin declared an interest in the following application and took no part in the discussion or vote

Ref S/2099/12/FL Imperial War Museum Royston Road, Duxford
Recommend approval for eight free-standing totem information signs

5.2 **Decisions Received from SCDC**

Ref S/1929/12/FL Greene King plc Wheatsheaf PH, St Peter's Street, Duxford
Approval for spiral staircase to rear of property

5.3 **Correspondence**

5.3.1 Letter from Robinson & Hall LLP outlining their proposal to develop land at the top of Mangers Lane for new dwellings. Mr Martin outlined the history of the site and advised that it was a Protected Village Amenity Area (PVAA) with no potential for development. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should respond advising that the Council supports SCDC's position that, as a PVAA, the land has no development potential. Clerk

6 **Open Forum**

6.1 Mr Cottle (St John's Street) thanked Mr Butler for providing transport and equipment for the working party that cleared Polecat Lane. Mr Cottle advised that he would obtain quotations for the necessary tree work with a view to neighbouring residents sharing the cost.

6.2 Mrs Catton and Mrs Pople (Hunts Road) drew attention to the increasing HGV traffic on Hunts Road and the potential danger to pedestrians. The Chairman advised that the Road Safety Working Group would address the problem and report back accordingly. Mr Foster Mr Martin Mr Butler

Note At this point County Councillor Mr Stone joined the meeting

7 **General Correspondence**

7.1 Email from CCC outlining details of the Local Highways Improvement Scheme for 2013/14 and requesting any applications by 21 December 2012. The Chairman asked members to give the matter some thought for further discussion at the next Council meeting, All

8 **County Council Matters**

8.1 Councillor Stone advised that the consultation to provide Superfast Broadband will close at the end of November. Only 11.9% of premises in Duxford have responded to the consultation possibly due to the fact that only 11.2% of properties will not have access to Superfast Broadband by 2015.

8.2 Councillor Stone reported that CCC propose to complete the cycleway/footway from Wandlebury to the Babraham Institute with funds left over from other capital projects. The cost will be around £ 800K. The project for a cycleway along the A505 from the Sawston Roundabout to the Abington slip road has not been included – with an estimated cost of £ 500K. Councillor Stone asked the Council to lobby CCC for the project to be included. Councillor Stone will forward contact details and the Council's Road Safety Working Group would make a recommendation at the next full Council meeting. Mr Foster Mr Martin Mr Butler

8.3 Councillor Stone drew attention to the Minor Highway Improvement Scheme that had already been discussed at Item 7.1

8.4 Councillor Stone advised that a public three-month consultation is now underway for a proposal to merge Cambridgeshire and Suffolk fire and rescue services. The closing date for the consultation is January 14, 2013.

8.5 Councillor Stone reported that the Boundary Commission has published its latest proposals for changing parliamentary constituency boundaries. The new South East Cambridgeshire constituency would include Soham, Cheveley, Linton, Pampisford and Duxford, amongst others. Representations to the Boundary Commission's report can be made via their website upto 10 December 2012.

9 **District Council Matters**

9.1 District Councillor Martin advised the SCDC were considering the purchase and reinstatement of a former traveller's site at Meldreth. With strong opposition from local residents and MP, Andrew Lansley, SCDC may reconsider their proposal.

9.2 Councillor Martin reported that responses to the Local Plan Issues & Options consultation are still being deliberated by SCDC. Councillor Martin advised that he had responded to retain the village envelope but that consideration should be given to mixed development outside the envelope.

9.3 Councillor Martin advised that freezing SCDC's Council Tax for another year would benefit from a Government grant of £ 200K but would show an overall deficit of £ 600K. In addition SCDC have to make a further £ 1.3M saving in their 2014.15 budget.

10 **Finance**

10.1 **Accounts for Payment**

10.1.1 It was proposed by Mr Foster, seconded by Mrs Chudleigh and agreed by all that the following accounts be passed for payment :-

			Ch No
KGS	Maintenance contract	£ 2,500.00	1866
LH Consultancy	Brewery Field Business Plan consultancy	£ 1,500.00	1867
M J Parker	Parish Clerk duties	£ 662.41	1868

10.2 **Correspondence** - None

11 **Diary**

11.1 The diary for November 2012 to January 2013 was circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

11.2 The Clerk advised of the following amendments :-

Footpath, Recreation Ground & Burial Committee meeting changed to 6 December

Facilities Development Committee meeting date to read 8 January

12 **Next Meeting** - Thursday 13 December 2012

13 **Close** - The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman

Date