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MINUTES OF DUXFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT DUXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2009

ACTION

Present Parish Councillors Mr Butler, Mr Chudleigh, Mr Clarke, Mr Foster, Miss Gittos, Mr Head, Mr Martin, Mr Milton, County Councillor Stone and District Councillor Williams with Mr Paulding in the chair. There were ten members of the public present

1 **Apologies for absence** Mrs Chudleigh and Mr Hill

2 **Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8 January 2009, previously circulated to all Councillors, were agreed and signed by the Chairman

3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 Item 6.1 The Chairman advised that he had reviewed the consultation paper on the proposed new Code of Practice on Local Authority Publicity and considered that no response was necessary from the Council. This was agreed.

3.2 Item 7.1.2 Mr Martin advised that the Renault Test Day at the IWM at the end of January had been cancelled and rescheduled for the 16 or 17th March

Note At this point County Councillor Stone joined the meeting

4 **Planning**

4.1 **Applications Received**

Ref S/0017/09/F J Earle 1 Temple Close, Duxford
Recommend approval to replace hedging with brick wall
Note Mr Foster and Miss Gittos abstained from voting

Ref S/2066/08/O Endurance Estates Land south of 8,10,12 & 14 Station Road, Whittlesford in the Parish of Duxford
Recommend refusal of amended application for residential development

4.2 **SCDC Decisions Received**

Ref S/2034/08/F A Nicholas 1 Bankes Mead, Duxford
Approval for a conservatory

Ref S/1816/08/F Mr & Mrs Bridgwood Duxford Mill, Mill Lane, Duxford
Approval for alternations and refurbishment

Ref S/2043/08/F C Awbery-Maskell 83 Moorfield Road, Duxford
Approval for a dwelling

Ref S/1227/08/F M Cozens 5 Mangers Lane, Duxford
Approval of amended application for a conservatory

Ref n/a G Pegram Bustlers Farm, St Peters Street, Duxford
Approval to remove ash tree

4.3 **Correspondence**

4.3.1 Letter from SCDC advising that A. Gregorios-Pippas had submitted an appeal to the Secretary of State following refusal of the planning application for a new 70-bedroom hotel at the Red Lion Hotel site, Station Road, Whittlesford. Councillor Williams advised that the Red Lion Hotels amended application would go before the Planning Committee in March

4.4 **Any Other Business** - None

5 **Open Forum**

5.1 Members of the Duxford Allotment Society raised their concerns at the proposed updating of the allotment lease. To be further discussed at Item 13 on the agenda.

5.2 Mr Holme (Green Street) raised the question of providing a visibility mirror at the junction of Green Street and St Johns Street. County Councillor Stone advised that the Highways Department were against the installation of such mirrors in accordance with Dept of Transport guidelines.

5.3 Mr Taylor (Station Road West) raised his concern at the new parking restrictions introduced in Station Road West and the possibility of removing them due to congestion and damage to the grass verges. Councillor Stone advised that the Highways Dept were unlikely to make further changes albeit he would further discuss the matter with them

Cllr Stone

6 **Correspondence**

6.1 Copy letters from Mr Andrew Lansley MP from the H&S Executive and to SCDC regarding Dr Alun James report on Hexcel's proposed carbon fibre pre-cursor plant. The HSE had advised that the report was being considered and Mr Lansley had replied requesting that the matter should be dealt with urgently and advised SCDC accordingly.

6.2 Letter from the Cambridge Transport Commission advising of a further opportunity to comment on the County Council's proposals in tackling Cambridge's traffic problems and congestion. It was agreed that Councillors should be make their own representations if they so wished.

All

6.3 Email from the Rural Services Network offering the Council membership. Following discussion it was agreed not to apply for membership.

6.4 Letter from SCDC enclosing details of their Strategic Partnership grant scheme. Following discussion it was thought that an application could be considered under the 'Enhanced Cleanliness' category. Mr Clarke agreed to review the application form and advise further as the next meeting.

Mr Clarke

6.5 Email from Mrs Delderfield (St Peters Street) raising her concern at the increase in dog fouling in the village and particularly outside Duxford Primary School. Following discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would discuss the problem with the Headmistress with a view to providing a dog bin nearer the school.

Mr Paulding

6.6 Email from Mr Pickering (Parsonage Close) raising his concern at the parking of vehicles on the open grassed area fronting Hinxton Road. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should raise the matter with the Hinxton Road Management Company.

Clerk

7 **County Council Matters**

7.1 Councillor Stone reported that the Highways Dept had been overwhelmed by recent bad weather and the problem it has caused to road surfaces due to the lack of preventative resurfacing. Councillor Stone advised that sufficient stock of salt / grit was available to maintain main roads

7.2 Councillor Stone reported that whilst the Hanley Grange Eco Town proposal had been withdrawn, the Dept for Communities and Local Government had issued an assessment of the proposal for consultation. The County Council and Parish Councils Joint Action Group would respond accordingly.

7 **County Council Matters – continued**

7.3 Councillor Stone advised that the review of the Regional Spatial Strategy would

extend the timeframe to 2031 and would include consideration of the East Of England Regional Assembly call for an increase of 35% on existing housing targets. Tesco's application to build 14,100 new homes at Hanley Grange as part of the RSS review had not been excluded by the County Council. It was agreed that the Joint Action Group would act on behalf of the Parish Council regarding that application.

7.4 Councillor Stone advised that the County's proposal to provide a cycleway from Sawston to Abington was a first priority and it was unlikely there would be sufficient funding to provide an additional cycleway from the Sawston roundabout on the A505 to the A1301 turnoff of Granta Park and the Abingtons.

8 7.5 Councillor Stone reported that he is still trying to get improvements to the local Citi 7 bus service and asked for volunteers to undertake a day's 'bus stop watch' to monitor the timing of buses through Duxford. Mr Milton and Mr Foster agreed to assist. — Cllr Stone, Mr Milton, Mr Foster

7.6 Mr Foster reported that the Duxford village sign opposite Volvo in Moorfield Road had been damaged. Councillor Stone agreed to investigate — Cllr Stone

District Council Matters

8.1 Councillor Williams reported that the Council's proposal to transfer their housing stock to an Independent Housing Association would proceed as planned.

8.2 Councillor Stone asked whether volunteers had come forward for the proposed Speedwatch initiative. The Chairman advised that the matter was set for discussion at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

8.3 Councillor Williams reported that the survey of Duxford traffic movements should be completed in the next four weeks.

8.4 Councillor Williams advised that SCDC could not issue an injunction against anyone intending to use land adjacent to the Pet Crematorium on the A505 for 'residential use' as there was currently no evidence of a land sale.

9 **Finance**

9.1 **Accounts for Payment**

9.1.1 It was proposed by Mr Chudleigh seconded by Mr Milton and agreed by all that the following accounts be passed for payment :-

			Ch No
F C Butler & Sons	Maintenance contracts	£ 113.85	1590
G & L Services	Cemetery maintenance	£ 400.00	1591
M Parker	Parish Clerk duties	£ 709.75	1592

9.2 **Correspondence** - None

9.3 **Any other business**

9.3.1 The Clerk advised that the recent sharp fall in bank interest rates had severely affected the amount of interest earned from the Council's investment account

10 **Annual Parish Meeting Agenda**

10.1 A draft agenda for the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The draft agenda was agreed with the inclusion of reports on road safety and current issues. It was further agreed that the Chairman would hold an informal meeting to discuss the evening in more detail — Mr Paulding

11 **Scout Hut Lease Application Update**

11.1 The Clerk reported that he had written to all allotment holders and neighbouring

residents outlining the proposal and seeking their comments. To date three favourable replies had been received. The Clerk also advised that the sub-committees recommendation that the Scout Group should apply for planning permission in the first instance had been passed to the Scouts, without reply to date.

12 **Duxford Web Site**

12.1 The Chairman reported that <duxfordvillage.com> and <duxfordvillage.co.uk> would be merged and then entirely managed by the Parish Council. Mr Paulding thanked Chris Mogg who had agreed to become the new Webmaster

13 **Revised Allotment Lease and Procedures for Keeping Bees and Poultry**

13.1 Mr Milton, Chairman of the Allotment Working Group, outlined the updated allotment lease that had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The lease contained new references to procedures and application forms for the keeping of Bees and Poultry on allotment land, which had also been circulated. Following discussion and questioning from members of the Duxford Allotment Society it was agreed to arrange a further Working Group meeting to re-appraise the new lease for re-presentation at the next Council meeting. It was also agreed to display a copy of the new lease proposal at the allotments. Mr Paulding Mr Milton Clerk

14 **Any Other Business**

14.1 The Clerk advised that Mrs Marks, on behalf of St Peters Church, had requested the Councils permission to hold a Car Boot Sale on the Recreation Ground on Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May 2009. Subject to any arrangements already made by Duxford United Football Club and the usual conditions being imposed, the Council saw no reason to object.

15 **Diary**

15.1 The diary for February - March 2009 was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting

16 **Next Meeting** Thursday 12 Marsh 2009

17 **Close** The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Chairman

Date