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MINUTES OF DUXFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT DUXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2012

Present Parish Councillors Mr Butler, Mrs C Brown, Mrs Chudleigh, Mr Chudleigh, Mr Clarke County Councillor Mr Stone, Parish and District Councillor Mr Martin with Parish Councillor Mr Paulding in the chair. There were three members of the public present.

ACTION

1 **Apologies for absence** Parish Councillors Mr Dee, Mrs D Brown, Mr Foster and Mr Head

2 **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12 January 2012, circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3 **Matters Arising** - None

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

4.1 Mr Paulding advised that the County Council had received objections to the proposed re-routing of Footpath FP8 Duxford and FP4 Hinxton affected the Parish of Ickleton. CCC has advised that the matter will be referred to the Planning Inspectorate if the objections cannot be resolved.

4.2 The Chairman announced that Cambridgeshire ACRE are unable to attend this evenings meeting due to the bad weather. Item 5 refers.

5 **Presentation by Cambs ACRE - Housing Needs Survey**

5.1 Postponed re Item 4.2

6 **Planning**

6.1 **Applications Received**

Ref C/11/40/024 C Tate 9 Petersfield Road, Duxford
Recommend approval to crown reduce walnut tree in rear garden

Ref C/11/40/024 D Shepherd 27 Moorfield Road, Duxford
Recommend approval to crown reduce birch tree in rear garden

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

Ref S/2340/11/F Imperial War Museum Royston Road, Duxford
Recommend approval to demolish Building No 83

6.2 **SCDC Decisions Received** - None

6.3 **Correspondence** - None

7 **Open Forum**

7.1 Mrs Steinberg (Moorfield Road) advised that preparations were underway to celebrate the Queens Jubilee with a number of ideas including a village picnic in the school grounds. She asked whether the Council would provide certificates for the children taking part. The Chairman advised that the matter would be discussed at the next Council meeting. Clerk

7.2 Mrs Steinberg advised that a commemorative oak tree could be planted in the school grounds instead of the Brewery Field, which is currently let out on an agricultural lease.

7.3 Mrs Jonas (The Green) complained about the increase in dog fouling around the village. She agreed to draw attention to the matter in the next edition of Chatterbox.

8 **General Correspondence** - None

9 **County Council Matters** - Deferred to the arrival of Councillor Stone

10 **District Council Matters**

10.1 Councillor Martin announced that the Cabinet had recommended freezing Council Tax for 2012/13. This would be subject to approval by a full Council meeting on the 23 February.

10.2 Councillor Martin advised that the purchase of SCDC's housing stock would provide additional funding for social housing and prove financially beneficial in the long term.

10.3 Councillor Martin reported that SCDC had received £ 100K from the EU for repairs and improvements to heating in Council properties.

10.4 Councillor Martin advised that SCDC's Community Grant Chest would be £ 500k in 2012/13 and that DuxPlay already had their bid in for replacement playground equipment.

11 **Finance**

11.1 **Accounts for Payment**

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

			Ch No
F C Butler & Sons	Maintenance contracts	£ 84.00	1817
Arbantia Fencing	Play area railings and St John's church gate	£ 10,450.80	1818
SCDC	Cost of Parish election on 5.5.11	£ 1,174.64	1819
Int Tree Foundation	Membership 2012	£ 25.00	1820
Cambs ACRE	Membership 2012	£ 30.00	1821
M J Parker	Parish Clerk duties	£ 784.04	1822

11.2 **Correspondence**

11.2.1 Following the Council's letter to Moore Stephens challenging the additional fee for their annual audit inspection, a letter from them enclosing a credit note for the extra cost.

12 **Facilities Development (Brewery Field) Committee Report**

12.1 Mr Clarke reported that the Committee had received confirmation from SCDC that they had no objection in principle to the development of the Brewery Field for community and recreational facilities. The Committee would now start a selection process for an Architect and progress fundraising.

13 **Annual Parish Meeting Agenda**

13.1 A draft agenda for the Parish Meeting was circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Following discussion it was suggested that, as they could not attend this evening, Cambridgeshire ACRE be invited to give their presentation on their recent Housing Needs Survey Clerk

Note At this point County Councillor Stone joined the meeting

9 **County Council Matters**

9.1 Councillor Stone reported that the County's £ 2.5M budget for bus subsidies will continue to be withdrawn with £ 1.5M being allocated for community transport. No change to current subsidy arrangements will be made until September 2012. CCC will be consulting and considering where cuts will happen from March.

9.2 Councillor Stone advised that he had been appointed to the panel of County Councillors who will choose which minor traffic improvements bids will be successful. The draft budget is likely to be limited to £ 50K with a limit of a £ 5K contribution from CCC for any individual project.

9.3 Councillor Stone announced that CCC is committed to providing Superfast Broadband to the County. A business case will be submitted to Broadband Development UK and a programme to prioritise rolling-out the service drafted.

9 **County Council Matters – continued**

9.4 Councillor Stone reported that the Hanley Grange development proposal is now part of the current Strategic Housing Land Assessment programme. Whilst CCC has much less input into planning matters that it did, it is still a statutory consultee and there would appear no reason why they would not continue to oppose the proposal.
Councillor Stone also advised that a further large development of 6,400 houses is proposed for Stump Cross, which is supported by a pressure group from Saffron Walden. CCC is now in contact with Uttlesford District Council to discuss the matter further.

14 **Diary** - The diary for February - March was circulated to all members**.**

15 **Next Meeting** - Thursday 8 March 2012

16 **Close** - The meeting closed at 9.19pm

Chairman

Date