BOURN PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of Bourn Parish Council held on Thursday 18 April 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Mr N Ball Mrs X Rees-Howell

> Mr R Ansell Mr L Rolfe

Dr G Pountain

In attendance: District Councillors A Elcox and M Loynes, County Councillor L

> Wilson, Roger Hume (prospective CCC candidate for election) 2 members of the public and Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS

Services).

Comments and observations from members of the public and from the County and **District Councillors**

Bill Maddams and Peter Johnson who look after the grass at the War memorial expressed concerns that cars are driving over the edge of the grass on some sides where the kerb is quire low and asked if the Parish Council could consider a tasteful solution which is in keeping with the memorial. Some suggestions discussed were bollards or small wooden posts at approximately 10" apart. They could be put in place for a trial period to gauge the opinion of the villagers. The Council will request a site meeting with Dennis Vacher to include this amongst other matters.

Mr Johnson also requested that the white lines at the end of High St and Short St by the War Memorial be renewed.

With regard to the bus service, Peter commented that he felt the services could be reduced during the middle of the day when they are less busy to save costs.

District Cllr Elcox reported that all the councils in Cambridgeshire were working together to save money on matters such as payroll and recycling. The police have a new website www.southcambscops.org.

Apologies for absence and declarations of interest 1.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jones, Bruce (out of parish) and Blair.

Declarations of Interest 2.

- 2.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Ansell and Pountain on item 7.5 as allotment holders, their dispensations was noted.
- 2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) None.
- 2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate None.

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To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 21 March 2013 The minutes of the meeting on 21 March were approved $^{(Prop\ RA,\ 2nd\ NB)}$ as a true record and signed by the Chairman after the following amendments were made in the first paragraph to delete that the Chairman agreed to draft an article for the newsletter about dog fouling and to add to item 7.4 'after completion the playground will be signed over to the Parish Council'. It was also noted in the revised minutes that a direct debit payment of £50 was made to SCDC for the lease of land at Hall Close.

4. Matters arising from the meeting

4.1 <u>To receive the Clerk's report</u> Noted.

4.2 (4.6) Residents – Caxton End flooding and footpath

It was noted that there had been lots of standing water following heavy rainfall. Cllr Ball has met with Dennis Vacher (CCC) about this and is waiting to hear back from him as to what can be done.

4.3 (4.3) To consider quotations for safety surfacing at Hall Close play area if received Not yet received.

4.4 (4.4) Doctors' surgery parking update

Cllr Bruce had reported that the Doctor's surgery would love to have 4 or 5 new spaces at Manor Farm.

4.5 (4.5) Grille on Riddy Lane ditch update

It was noted that SCDC are seeking quotes and specification.

4.6 (4.7) Website update

Having considered the options shown to members it was agreed the Bronze option seemed the most favourable and Cllr Rolfe was asked to look into it further and obtain quotes.

4.7 (7.8) Training update

Members were asked to forward to the Clerk details of any training they had attended within the last year. It was noted that the Professional Development Policy had not yet been adopted. This is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

4.8 (5.4) Community Right to Bid

It was agreed to include the following village assets; The Willow pub, the shop, Jubilee Playing Fields, café, Post Office, Indian Restaurant, Community Centre, GP Surgery, Village Hall, Hall Close play area, Bourn School, the Nursery, Broadway play area (when it is competed), Pavilion and the green space on the corner of Hall Close and Church St.

4.9 Buses

Cllrs Bruce, Rolfe and Pountain had attended a meeting at Wysing Arts. Cllr Pountain reported that Stagecoach will almost certainly keep the service as far as Comberton as it is profitable, but it is unlikely to extend further beyond. Demand Responsive Transport was discussed in the event that the service is discontinued. This may be in the form of 2 small buses (20 seater) providing 2 scheduled rush hour services running Comberton to Cambridge each day, and a linked service either to Comberton or to Park and Ride services. People would be able to ring up in advance or the next day. Cllr Elcox left leaflets to be distributed by the members.

5. To consider planning, tree work applications and any planning related matters

- 5.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting
- 5.1.1 <u>S/00367/13/FL 37 Broadway Replacement roof on lean-to extension with 2 velux windows</u>

It was unanimously agreed (Prop NB, 2nd RA) to recommend approval as it conforms to policy DP/2.

5.1.2 <u>S/0396/13/RM – Land at Upper Cambourne – reserved matters for applications/6438/07/0 construction of 56 dwellings</u>

It was agreed to make no recommendation.

5.1.3 S/0716/13/FL - 15 Baldwins Close – extension

It was agreed to recommend approval as it conforms to DP/2and also CH/5 being acceptable within the conservation area.

5.1.4 S/00761/13/FL – Change of use from an Agricultural store to a Butchers.

It was agreed to recommend approval as it conforms to DP/3 (no impact on traffic or the flood plain). The Parish Council is also grateful to the applicant for offering the use of car parking spaces to surgery staff.

5.2 <u>SCDC Decision and appeal notices</u>

5.2.1 S/0132/13/FL – 28 High Street – conservatory. Permission granted by SCDC.

5.3 <u>Tree works applications</u>

5.3.1. 11 Caxton End.

The Parish Council had no objections.

Cllr Pountain reported that she thought one of the trees on Broadway looked dead. Members would take a look.

6. <u>Finance</u>, procedure and risk assessment including to consider any quotes for urgent work required because of health and safety or risk

6.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

The financial report was received and considered. The invoices, statements and bank statements were checked at the end of the meeting by the signatories before the cheques were signed. The payments as listed in the finance report were unanimously approved. (Prop GP, 2nd RA) including a payment of £240 to Merribourn to cover the cost of room hire.

Harlton PC (training)			£84.00
Tennis Court Maintenance (pressure washing)			£69.00
LGS Services (Admin support)			£997.06
K Chetwyn (software)			£113.48
LG Stoehr (Salary)			£129.85

6.2 To consider play inspection reports and any work required

Mr Haxton's report was noted with the following points;

- 1) The culverts discussed earlier
- 2) The half pipe steel plate is lifting. Jan Burrell is looking into the warranty.
- 3) Swings surface area resurfacing quotes are awaited.
- 4) Warning sign Cllrs Ball, Pountain and Ansell will move the sign.
- 5) Cancel order for replacement seats on the rocking horse and nut and bolt covers.

Frank Haxton will attend the annual inspection.

7. Members reports and items and actions arising from any recommendations

7.1 Playing Fields including Bourn Youth Project

Nothing further to report.

7.2 Parish Plan Working Group

To be carried forward to the next meeting as Cllr McLean was not present.

Cllr Rees-Howell left the meeting at 8.55pm

7.3 <u>Highways Working Group</u>

Thanks were expressed to all members who collected signatures for the consultation.

7.4 Planning and Affordable Housing Working Group

Mr Bevan is still prepared to consider allowing the land for affordable housing according to Shulyer Newsted. The project would include 12 houses, however the Parish Council feel that the problem of parking needs to be resolved before new houses can be built.

7.5 Allotments

Nothing to report.

7.6 Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to report.

7.7 <u>Liaison between Parish Council and School</u>

Complaints had been received about the school which will be followed up by Cllr Blair.

7.8 <u>Training reports</u>

Discussed earlier.

- 7.9 There was no item 7.9
- 7.10 Stall at Village fete including SPEP

Nothing to report.

Cllr Bruce was still in discussion with the Solar Company about panels for the Village Hall.

8. To consider correspondence/communications received including

8.1 SCDC South Cambridgeshire Local Plan – Parish Council proposals Noted.

9. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed	(Chairman)	(Date)
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