

MINUTES - HISTON PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT MEETING THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER 2009
7.30 p.m. at The Parish Office, New Road, Impington

Present: Cllr J P Emmines (Chairman), R S Plumbly, A J Eade, J A Diplock
Cllr N S Davies (in part)

Clerk: Mrs A Young

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1. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Dover (holiday), Max Parish

2. **Members' Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Emmines Item 8 Allotment holder (personal)

3. **To Sign and Approve Minutes of meeting 15 October 2009**

All agreed to sign as a correct record of the meeting. With agreement of Committee Chairman suspended standing orders and brought forward item 6b)

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

Bus Shelter Treatment Cllr Eade to discuss with Site & Maintenance. This and other outstanding matters to be drawn up on list for regular report on progress, new list to start each April

Play Area Signs on order

Burial Ground Fees review complete. New fees and rules to commence 1.1.2010

Community Notice Boards and Parish Notice Boards Cllr Eade reported on plans and work carried out to date. Third board yet to be purchased, vired from unspent capital budgets

5. **Precept Request** (deferred to end of meeting agenda)

Agreed:

- Litter Picker - £4,086
- Trade Waste - £500
- Allotments - £300 (any trial bore work to be funded from grants)
- New posts for Green – say £2,500
- Litter Bin (1) - £750
- Drainage - £500
- Grass - £5,000 (grant £1,350 will apply)
- Trees & Hedges - £1,750
- Play Area - £1,000
- Electricity, Christmas lights - £750
- War Memorial - £500
- HICCA related items - £200
- Other: £750

Capital:

- Christmas Motifs – As per any quote, say £3,000
- Village Green renovations (ringfenced £3135)
- Play Equipment fund £10,000 (+ carried forward ringfenced amount £3588)

Restoration of mud track/path on Green discussed

6. **Children's Play Area Report**

a) Cllr Emmines carried out weekly Playground inspections (held on file. Agreed to effect repair (without prejudice) to adjacent fence at cost of £145. Agreed next meeting agenda item, and therefore standard item, 3 Year Plan for Play Area development

b) Cllr Davies attended and outlined plans at Junior School for new play equipment and proposals for Parish Council area put forward by contractor looking at 2 sites within the school boundary. It was felt a joined up approach required for these adjacent sites. Clerk had attended site meeting with Cllr Davies and Play equipment provider. Cllr Davies outlined funding opportunities, including Awards 4 All, County Council grants and Histon Feast and provided sketch showing possible scheme at cost of some £45,000. Discussion on engagement of parents and fundraising ideas, promotion and publication. Cllr Emmines to attend Feast AGM 17 February to request community funding. Precept Committee to be asked for £10,000 in Year 1. Standing Orders re-instated. Cllr Davies left meeting

7. **Village Green and War Memorial**

Village Green:

Bookings: Stalls and Carols on Green 16 December, risk assessment received; request for Circus visit 2010 noted, no action required

Quote for maintenance work to seats, bins – agreed to accept at £551, work to commence March 2010.
Quote for seat on School Hill to be requested

Request for additional bin next to seat on west side of Green, agreed to include budget for one bin in the parish

Christmas lights erected, some problems encountered with power box, timer and loom height. Date of dismantle yet to be arranged

Brook Clearance details – Saturday 16 January 2010. No machinery to be used, B1049 end thistles to be cleared, debris to be burned on allotments site

War Memorial:

Rose bush replacement – Quote accepted in sum of £87.42, work now complete

8. **Trees & Allotments Report**

Cllr Emmine declared personal interest (allotment holder) Written report received covering:

Allotments: Clearance work complete. All plots now taken, waiting list remains. Cllr Eade to check state 8b and 8a. Cllr Emmine to approach plotholder for removal of trailer. Noted trial bore costs £900, water bore in region of £3-£4,000 then requiring manually operated pump

Trees: **Manorial Waste** – Buchans suggest that broadleaf spraying is not ideal, and suggest the Council look at dealing with tree canopy issues. Agreed to confirm that early Spring spray required

Tree Warden Relaunch – Notes of meeting 8 October provided, attended by Cedric Foster and David Legge. Cedric Foster has reported on the broad role of the Tree Warden

Tree Warden meeting being planned for Sat 6 March at Histon & Impington Recreation Centre

Histon Guides are looking for a site to plant a native tree with plaque to commemorate the Guiding Centenary. A walnut in Homefield Park has been suggested to them by Pene Nudds

Stake in tree on Green removed by unknown persons. Alan Eade has ensured securely replaced

Ash trees requested for retention 12 Cottenham Rd – SCDC confirm will have to be removed due to extensive basal decay given proximity to highway and public footpath. Replacement will be required

War Memorial tree quotes received from 3 contractors. Agreed to delegate to Cllr Eade and clerk to recommend and progress order by end of March

9. **Footpath & Bridleway Report**

No report. Invitation to apply for PP3 (Parish Path Partnership). No action required

10. **HICCA Report**

No report. Agreed to include Budget heading for 2010 - 11

11. **Grass Contract**

All agreed to renew contract with Buchans Landscape for 2010-11 at prices held and request costs for 3 year contract

12. **SCDC and Cambs County Council Issues**

SCDC: Litter pick schedules and Trade Waste Paper collections at £2.72 per collection. Agreed no action but noted pressure on SCDC/CCC to provide better trade waste recycling service

CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL: Walkabout held 20 November. Report to be sent to all. Matt Pickering leaving role at County Council January 2010

13. **Other Correspondence and Reports Received**

Various brochures and leaflets received

Committee meeting due 11 March 2010. Meeting closed 9.30p.m.