

Little Thetford Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr C Mitchell

Clerk: Mrs Amy Jacklin, c/o Little Thetford Village Hall, The Wyches, Little Thetford CB6 3HG

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 09th February 2022 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Charlotte Mitchell (Chair), Cllr Ian Driver, Cllr Dan Peacock, Cllr Olibhe Collins-Neat, Cllr Phil Hadley, Cllr Tracey Durham, Cllr Bill Hunt

Clerk: Draft Minutes – Cllr Dan Peacock

8x Members of the public present

Start Time 7.29pm

21/146 Chairman Welcome

The chair welcomes everybody to the meeting, she notes the section 'Motion to Exclude' will not be discussed as well as 'clerks report' due to absences.

21/147 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Cllr Alison Kilby (Vice-Chair)

Amy Jacklin (Clerk)

21/148 Councillor's Declarations of Interest

Cllr Collins-Neat is a member of the feast committee.

21/149 Public and Press Participation Session

John Skipper – Raised his concerns about dog fouling on field and asked what the Parish Council can do to alleviate this problem. He's had emails from managers of football teams who use the pitch. It was **agreed** for the clerk to contact ECDC for some advice on getting signage and bins within the area effected.

21/150 Approval of minutes

1. It was **Proposed** by Cllr Hadley and **Seconded** by Cllr Collins-Neat and **agreed** unanimously to accept the minutes from Wednesday 12th January 2022
2. None.
3. The clerk's report was not discussed due to absence of the Clerk but will be published.

21/151 Presentation from James Hobson- Technical Support Officer (Environment Services) at ECDC

James Hobson from ECDC shared information about ways to reduce environmental crime such as illegal waste, dog fouling, and fly tipping. This has become an increasing problem in Red Fen Road during November/December last year. Waste such as a shed, tree cuttings, asbestos material, and cardboard has been fly-topped there, in some cases blocking the road. Culprits have not left trail and are therefore hard to locate.

James advised that the only realistic solution is camera technology, which has previously been difficult to install/manage/maintain. Newer emerging technologies can be deployed anywhere, comply with GDPR and data protection regulations, and redeployed if needed. ECDC are currently sourcing funding through Police commissioner, if given, the RECAP partnership is aiming to provide a every district a dedicated camera that can be redeployed. However, cameras can also be purchased by Parishes. The Parish Council in Soham had lots of problems with fly tipping throughout 2017/18, after installing CCTV the issue was completely. The two considerations are the cost of the equipment, and the requirement of planning permission. James mentioned that as some of Little Thetford's fly-tipping is in close proximity with Haddenham and Witchford, we may be able to collaborate with them for the purchasing and installation.

It was **agreed** unanimously for the clerk to communicate with James and get information on pricing, or any available funding/grants for new camera systems.

21/152 Update from Little Thetford Community Land Trust (CLT)

Tony Creek, the new Chairman of the CLT provided an update to the Parish Council, on recent CLT developments. Tony Creek has taken over from Tony Shaw, who was the interim chairman, but is now the Vice-Chair. Tony thanks current trustees for staying on past interim stage, and thanks Tony Shaw for his work as chair. In the previous report, the CLT were getting up to speed with documentations and status. They have been meeting monthly and aim to draw a line under 2021. The CLT has created a mission statement. The statement will be posted online when they establish a new website, as well as on social media. The CLT is now focused on getting a mandate and views from membership (currently 71). The CLT approached an independent company to carry out a survey, however this proved to be cost prohibitive. They will now create their own survey, and hold an open village CLT meeting, which will take place March 17th. No decisions will be made before the open village meeting. Tony stressed that the Holt Fen Land will not be for discussion on the agenda. Tony summarised by describing the CLTs intentions to draw a line under the past and look to future. Tony also encourages villagers to become members. Tony confirmed he will continue with quarterly updates.

21/153 To receive County Councillor & District Councillor Reports.

- ECDC will be sending out a survey which will include Little Thetford to find out what's important to villagers. The previous response was 17%. The survey can be completed online or returned in a prepaid, self-addressed envelope.
- ECDC for the 9th year running are not increasing council tax, the only District Council in the country to do so. County council increasing by 4.99% and will store half to reserves.
- £750,000 CIL funding to upgrade St Mary's surgery, to finish 2022-year end, and be twice the previous size. £45 mil improvement of Princess of Wales hospital planning approved.
- £1000 grant available for community groups, more information available on ECDC website.
- County council received £2mil to start looking into dualling of A10.
- ECDC continuously looking into environmental improvements e.g. electric bin lorries. Recycling rate target is 60% and achieved 56.6% which places ECDC in the top 25 local authorities.
- Cllr Driver asked if the Waterbeach train station relocation was to go ahead. Cllr Hunt responded that planning had been approved, however he understands the relocation has been cancelled.
- A member of the public asked why Annie had been singled out for a Street Trading License, when other football teams in the area provide a similar service and have not been contacted. Cllr Hunt agreed to investigate the issue and direct the question to the right contact within ECDC. Clerk to forward details from Annie/Clair to Cllr Hunt.

21/154 Finance Matters

1. The clerk was not present to give an update on the financial situation, however this information will be published.
2. It was **agreed** for Cllr Peacock and Cllr Hadley to approve invoices

21/155 The Queens Jubilee

Clair – Feast committee agreed last week to merge the summer feast event and jubilee celebrations, due to proximity in date. They are currently liaising with the VH and SSC for licenses. They will incur an additional £20 cost to cover the street trading license. Cllr Hadley to carry out risk assessment. Intention is for this to be a Parish Council event, and consequently covered by PC insurance. Beacons will be lit at 9.45pm on the day. Clair asked if the Parish Council can fund the Bouncy Castles, which will cost £600

A member of the public noted there is a £1000 grant for parish councils to spend on Jubilee celebrations, applications to be made via ECDC. Clerk to look into application process.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Mitchell, **seconded** by Cllr Durham, and **agreed** unanimously that the Parish council will cover the £600 cost of bouncy castles.

21/156 The Village Hall

Proposed by Cllr Mitchell, **seconded** by Cllr Durham and **agreed** unanimously that Cllr Peacock and Cllr Collins-Neat will become the Parish Council representative trustees for the Village Hall. The Village Hall will be giving 4 days of free hall hire to the Parish Council during the Jubilee Celebrations, the clerk is to let the VH know which day/days would be needed.

21/157 Council Administration Matters

1. Cllr Hadley provided an update on the bus shelter risk assessment item, the surveyor recommended digging a borehole to confirm clay beneath the bus shelter. Surveyor confirmed Cllr Hadley's measurements of no movement. Cllr Peacock spoke to original builder of shelter (MAC Construction) to ask if clay was beneath bus shelter.

Cllr Mitchell **Proposed**, Cllr Collins-Neat **Seconded** and It was **Agreed** 5-1 to wait for tree survey or risk assessment (whichever comes sooner) to decide what to do with the trees behind the shelter

2. **Proposed** by Cllr Collins-Neat, **seconded** by Cllr Mitchell, and **agreed** unanimously to approve Clerk training

3. **Clair** - £1600 for installation and purchase of outdoor Table Tennis Table and basketball hoop covered by Feast. Would like to ask Parish Council to grant permission to install the outdoor equipment on Parish Council owned land.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Hadley, **Seconded** Cllr Mitchell and **agreed** unanimously to allow the equipment to be installed on parish council land. **Cllr Driver** to investigate most suitable location.

Clerk to investigate whether planning considerations are required installation of equipment

21/158 Open Spaces

1. John Skipper consulted on the location, field not ideal due to mowing and shade.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Collins-Neat, **seconded** by Cllr Mitchell by and **agreed** unanimously to plant the fruit trees in the conservation area (near previous location of sunflowers).

Cllr Driver and John Skipper to collect and plant the trees in conservation area.

21/159 Motion to Exclude

Carried over to next meeting

21/160 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 9th March 2022

End meeting 9.05pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

Wave		Cemetery Water	£ 5.00		£ 5.00
Three	AP1176277684	Mobile Phone Charges	£ 8.33	£ 1.67	£ 10.00
CAPALC	3254	New Councillor Training	£ 75.00		£ 75.00
John Skipper	2203	Village Maintenance	£ 135.00		£ 135.00
Camb's ACRE	7439	Membership fees	£ 47.50	£ 9.50	£ 57.00