

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 13th July 2022 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr C Mitchell, Cllr Dan Peacock, Cllr Olibhe Collins- Neat, Cllr Phil Hadley and Cllr Tracey Durham

Clerk: Amy Jacklin
Members of the public- seven
Start Time 7.32pm

22/25 Chairman Welcome

The chair welcomes everybody to the meeting and shared news Cllr Kilby has resigned from the Parish Council.

22/26 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Cllr Ian Driver

22/27 Councillor's Declarations of Interest

None

22/28 Public and Press Participation Session

A member of the public asked the following questions

1. The local bus- The Zipper 2 is becoming increasingly popular in the village, with the recent news of its uncertain future the member of the public asked whether the Parish Council would support its continuation. Cllr Mitchell advised the Parish Council were in full support and had already written to the Mayor. The clerk read out the reply from the major on the situation.
2. MUGA- The member of the public would like to see a notice on the MUGA in relation to who to contact if hire was required. The clerk will take this action away.
3. Holt Fen train track- The member of the public would like to know what works Network Rail are performing on the tracks, there has been disruption during the day and night. The clerk will enquire with Network Rail and then let the member of the public know the outcome.
4. With the current heatwave and long delays on ambulances the member of the public would like to know if there are any provisions in the village for the vulnerable during this time. Cllr Mitchell suggests speaking about this at the coffee mornings held at the Village Hall.

22/29 Approval of minutes

1. It was **proposed** by Cllr Peacock and **seconded** by Cllr Collins- Neat and **agreed** unanimously to accept the minutes from Wednesday 8th June 2022
2. Potential change to speed limit through the village- A question from June's minutes.
3. meeting- First stage is to set up village speed watch to establish whether Little Thetford has a speed problem, please contact Cllr Mitchell if you are interested.

The electronic sign on the slip road into the village and large green traffic sign on the A10 have both been authorised for repair work.

Village sign potential refurbishments- The clerk advised CIL money could be used for such repairs.

The clerk has not yet had a response from Eleanor Seymour RE the continuation of the flooding work/actions in the village. The clerk will email her again in July.

It was also asked if The Village Hall could have an agenda item on October's meeting to discuss works from conditions survey they have had completed. The chair agreed that this item would go on October's meeting.

4. No questions for the clerk on her report.

22/30 To receive County Councillor & District Councillor Reports.

None

22/31 Finance Matters

1. It was **proposed** by Cllr Mitchell and **seconded** by Cllr Hadley and **agreed** by unanimous vote to agree the financial situation for May and June. Cllr Durham advised the clerk to research interest rates to see if the Parish Council could earn more interest on its capital balance.
2. It was **proposed** by Cllr Mitchell and **seconded** by Cllr Durham and **agreed** by unanimous vote for the July's invoices to be paid shown at the bottom of the agenda.
3. It was **proposed** by Cllr Peacock and **seconded** by Cllr Hadley and **agreed** by unanimous vote to add Cllr Durham as an authoriser onto the councils Unity Bank account.
4. Paperwork was completed to add Cllr Durham and Cllr Mitchell to the Cambridge Building Society accounts- This was agreed in the June meeting.

22/32 Planning Applications

22/00763/VAR- It was **proposed** by Cllr Durham and **seconded** by Cllr Hadley and **agreed** by unanimous vote to **support** this application.

22/33 Christmas in Little Thetford

Unfortunately, Clair Melloy (Feast Committee) couldn't attend to talk about the potential plans for Little Thetford at Christmas. The clerk on her behalf asked if the Parish Council would support another Christmas Event in December 2022 and use their Event insurance to cover the event. It was **agreed** by unanimous vote that the Parish Council were happy for another event to be organised for this year. The clerk will share this information with Clair and the Feast Committee.

22/34 Dewsberry Gardens

The clerk shared the feedback from the village regarding the potential access via the Cemetery to the village for Dewsberry Gardens. With 5 letters of support and 20 letters of objection. After a long discussion and every councillor sharing their own view, it was **proposed** by Cllr Collins-Neat and **seconded** by Cllr Durham and **resolved** by unanimous vote NOT to have a footpath through the cemetery. It was advised by the Parish Council that Dewsberry Gardens investigate traffic calming for the slip road in question regarding safety.

22/35 The Happy Circus

After reviewing all terms and conditions and additional questions asked by the clerk, it was **proposed** by Cllr Hadley and **seconded** by Cllr Durham and **agreed** by unanimous vote to allow the Happy Circus to use Parish Council land in June 2023. This event will be organised by the Friends of Little Thetford School (FOLTS)

22/36 Council Administration Matters

1. It was agreed by councillors to be mindful about the time WhatsApp messages are being communicated unless of an emergency.
2. The clerk shared the internal audit with councillors. It was **proposed** by Cllr Hadley and **seconded** by Cllr Durham and **agreed** by unanimous vote to accept feedback from the internal audit.
3. It was agreed for the clerk to obtain quote to get the village sign refurbished. The clerk mentioned that CIL money could be used for this.
4. Awaiting return from installers to replace the half wooden poles on the equipment due to splintering hazards on existing. Also awaiting metal feet to be attached to the baby swings and bolts to be applied to the roundabout. This should be completed by mid-July. The playpark has had its external inspection and can be opened safely as soon as the half round poles have been replaced. The grass will be re-seeded in September /October when it has a better chance of survival.
5. The clerk **notes** she will be on holiday from 22nd July until 5th September. There will be no Parish Council meeting in August.

6. The clerk has a meeting with East Cambs District Council on the 14th July to discuss a way forward with the fly-tipping at Red Fen Road. Surrounding Parish Clerks will all be in attendance.

22/37 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 14th September 2022

End meeting 9.08pm.

Signed.....

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Wave			Cemetery Water	£	5.00		£	5.00	Continues to be collected	
Three	AP1176277684		Mobile Phone Charges	£	8.33	£	1.67	£	10.00	Paid by DD
Soveriegn Design Play	126868	19-May-22	Playpark renewal- Full Cost	£	43,030.00	£	8,606.00	£	51,636.00	paid 14/7/22
John Skipper	2238	30/06/2022	Village Maintenance	£	848.00			£	848.00	paid 14/7/22
ROSPA	64136	04-Jul-22	Post Installation Inspection	£	395.00	£	79.00	£	474.00	paid 14/7/22
Jonney Gates	2186	15-Jun-22	Refurb of cemetery gates	£	945.00	£	189.00	£	1,134.00	paid 14/7/22
Canalbs LTD	IA0493	10-Jun-22	Internal Audit	£	172.73			£	172.73	paid 14/7/22
Red Shoes	RS8866	15-Jun-22	Quarterly payroll fees	£	39.00	£	7.80	£	46.80	paid 14/7/22
Netwise	#2516	11-Jun-22	Yearly subscription fees	£	415.00	£	83.00	£	498.00	paid 14/7/22
Amy Jacklin	0	07-Jul-22	Clerk Expenses	£	158.87			£	158.87	paid 14/7/22
Amy Jacklin	722	27-Jul-22	Clerk Salary	£	611.52			£	611.52	paid 27/7/22