

# Little Thetford Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr C Mitchell

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## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm

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

**Clerk:** Amy Jacklin  
Members of the public- 2  
Start Time 7.30pm

### 23/24 Chairman Welcome

The Chair welcomes everybody to the meeting.

### 23/25 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

None

### 23/26 Councillor's Declarations of Interest

None

### 23/27 Public and Press Participation Session

A member of the public shares his concerns about an aggressive dog in the village after an attack on a person this week on the recreational field. The Chair urges for the victim of this attack to report this incident to the police and dog warden before this dog potentially attacks again. Another member of the public shares his concerns of the dog fouling on the field and suggests a poll should be created to ask members of the public their opinion on whether the Parish Council should introduce a rule to keep dogs on leads. It was agreed for the clerk to put a poll on Facebook to understand the village views on this.

A member of the public has asked for a map of all Parish Council owned land. The clerk was instructed to send this information.

### 23/28 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 8th February 2022.
2. i) Tree survey will be carried out in May this is because the best time to complete this survey is when there are leaves on the trees.  
ii) Sovereign the play park installers are coming back 9<sup>th</sup> March to complete surplus jobs which includes loose fittings and missing caps.  
iii) It was agreed mid-month to accept John Skippers quote to complete the mound work in the play park and get the grass seed sown. The Parish Council wanted this job completed with urgency due to the area being closed off at present, the Parish Council hope the grass seed will take quickly and the area can be opened very soon- This job was £931.76. This work has been completed to a very high standard. It was **proposed** by Cllr Hadley and **seconded** by Cllr Collins- Neat and **agreed** by unanimous vote to accept John's quotation for the work.
3. No questions

### 23/29 To receive County Councillor & District Councillor Reports

None

### 23/30 Planning

None

### 23/31 Finance Matters

1. It was **proposed** by Cllr Hadley and **seconded** by Cllr Durham and **agreed** by unanimous vote to agree the financial situation for February. The clerk has highlighted that the interest rates on the savings accounts are earning 1% and 1.5%, it was agreed for the clerk to see if there are any better accounts earning more interest.
2. It was **proposed** by Cllr Driver and **seconded** by Cllr Durham and **agreed** by unanimous vote for the March invoices to be paid shown at the bottom of the agenda.

**23/32 Council Administration Matters**

1. It was **proposed** by Cllr Peacock and **seconded** by Cllr Hadley and **agreed** by unanimous vote for the clerk to complete her CILCA training at the cost of £400. It was also **noted** for the clerk to record additional hours if any whilst completing CILCA.
2. It was **proposed** by Cllr Mitchell and **seconded** by Cllr Hadley and **agreed** by unanimous vote that Cllr Peacock would step down due to other commitments and Cllr Collins-Neat would remain as the Parish Council representative for the Village Hall. For 2023 Little Thetford Parish council would provide one representative.
3. After a long discussion and vote (five votes for and one against) it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would be happy to break the lease with the sports and social club meaning the MUGA, changing rooms and field would be managed by the Parish Council. It was **agreed** the Parish Council would use Ward Gethin to complete the formalities and pay any fees. It was **agreed** for the clerk to get written confirmation for the three field committee members that they are happy to go ahead before a solicitor is instructed.
4. It was **agreed** to re-visit this action once ownership is finalised regarding the break in lease.
5. The works have been completed on the mound as previously discussed so this should now eliminate the medium risk in the most recent risk assessment. Sovereign, the playpark provider is due to attend 9/3/23 to replace any lost caps and tighten any loose bolts that have contributed to several low-risk areas in the assessment.
6. It was **proposed** by Cllr Collins-Neat and **seconded** by Cllr Peacock and was **agreed** to use section 137 monies to donate four hundred pounds (£400) to East of England Ambulance Service for some new kit. As Little Thetford is directly covered by the first aid responder the Parish Council felt very strongly to support in the purchase of the new kit needed.

**23/33 Date of next Meeting**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023

End meeting 8.40pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

**March Agreed Invoices**

Wave			Cemetery Water	£ 5.00		£ 5.00	Continues to be colle
Three	AP1176277684		Mobile Phone Charges	£ 8.33	£ 1.67	£ 10.00	Paid by DD
Boston Seeds	534515	28-Feb-23	Grass seed	£ 34.99	£ 1.00	£ 35.99	Paid 1/3/23
John Skipper	2309	28-Feb-23	Village Maintenance and Mound	£ 1,066.76		£ 1,066.76	Paid 13/3/23
Amy Jacklin	10223	02-Mar-23	Clerk Expenses Jan/Feb	£ 163.70		£ 163.70	Paid 13/3/23
Amy Jacklin	323	20-Mar-23	Salary	£ 680.24		£ 680.24	
East of England Ambulance Service			Donation under S137- Equipment	£ 400.00		£ 400.00	Paid 13/3/23

