

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Charlotte Mitchell, Cllr Tracey Durham, Cllr Kilby, Cllr Ian Driver and Cllr Olibhe Collins-Neat.

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

24/27 Welcome

Cllr Michell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24/28 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

None

24/29 Councillor's Declarations of Interest

None

24/30 Public and Press Participation Session

A resident shared information around the dangers that horse riders are facing on our roads. There has been an increase in rider deaths due to dangerous driving. Changes to the highway code have been implemented to keep riders safe. These changes are pass wide and slowly when you see a horse with a maximum speed of 10mph.

The British Horse Society are currently promoting a campaign to councils to put up signage within villages, local councils such as Witchford are promoting this.

It was agreed for the clerk to contact the BHS to get information about supporting this campaign in Little Thetford.

24/33 The Village Hall

It was agreed to move this agenda item forward.

Richard Church came to give an update on potential EV charger points at the village Hall as well as a shop update.

Richard thanked the Parish Council for the grant of £7k which helped complete the electrification project at the village hall.

Richard went on to say that the village hall received another grant from the Queens Platinum Jubilee fund, which was administered by DEFRA, being only a handful of village halls to receive this grant DEFRA have contacted the village hall to host a ministerial visit on Monday. The minister will talk to stakeholders as well as villagers during this meeting as well as plant a sapling in the conservation area. The village hall suggests that a column housing two charging points is erected on the very edge of the carpark nearest to the village hall, different speed chargers are currently being discussed as well as potential grant opportunities to fund these.

The shop/café- Richard thanks the parish council for the initial £700 grant which has enabled the village hall to do the exploratory work and gain business advise from the Plunkett Foundation.

The village hall is now constituted as a CBS reg with the FCA 9031. Grants have been awarded and larger grants will be available later to get equipment installed and stock. The hall will take on the task

of financing the build and the CBS will operate on a long-term lease or occupational licence. It is a cooperative venture meaning the shop/café will be owned by the village and operated for the benefit of the village. The shop will make a profit but solely for the shop to employ a manager, the plan is for the rest of the time to be covered by volunteers. Any updates will be shared in the village newsletter.

24/31 Approval of minutes

1. It was **proposed** by Cllr Collins-Neat and **seconded** by Cllr Durham and **agreed** unanimously to accept the minutes from Wednesday 7th February 2024.
2. None
3. No questions regarding the clerk's report.

24/32 Finance Matters

1. It was **proposed** by Cllr Durham and **seconded** by Cllr Kilby, with a unanimous vote to **accept** the council's financial position.
2. It was **proposed** by Cllr Mitchell and **seconded** by Cllr Kilby, with a unanimous vote to pay the invoices for March. There are an additional three invoices that were received to late for the agenda which are the clerks payslip, Red shoes @ £57.60 and Burlinghams Transport @ £474 these were agreed by council.
3. It was **proposed** by Cllr Mitchell and **seconded** by Cllr Collins-Neat to transfer £22500 (council reserves) from The Cambridge Building Society to CCLA as agreed in the February meeting. It was agreed for Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Durham to visit CBS to transfer the funds.
4. It was **proposed** by Cllr Durham and **seconded** by Cllr Kilby, with a unanimous vote to open a current account for the field to make paying invoices easier.

24/34 To receive County Councillor & District Councillor Reports

None

24/35 Planning Matters

None

24/36 Progress on Planning Applications (For Information)

None

24/37 Council Administration Matters

1. It was agreed that Little Thetford Parish Council would employ a professional company to come in and clean the changing rooms every Monday. The clerk will explore this option.
2. It was **proposed** by Cllr Kilby and **seconded** by Cllr Driver, with a unanimous vote to agree for the feast to hold their annual feast on the sports field on the 8th of June. It was agreed under the condition that the feast would forward their insurance, licences, and risk assessments to the parish council before the event date.
3. It was **proposed** by Cllr Durham and **seconded** by Cllr Driver, with a unanimous vote to agree to purchase the container from the Sports and Social Club for £750.

24/38 Open Spaces

1. It was **proposed** by Cllr Michell and **seconded** by Cllr Collins-Neat, with a unanimous vote to agree to the ACS quotation for the remaining tree work to be completed in the Spring. The clerk will arrange with ACS for a date for these works to take place.

24/39 Little Thetford Eagles

Little Thetford Eagles shared their plans for this year with the council. They talked about the success they are having with the popular sport. Little Thetford Eagles committee will be putting on a course for 4–5-year-olds in April called Little Dribblers.

Little Thetford Eagles have asked the councils support in their Little Thetford club.

24/39 Field Accounts

It was agreed for Cllr Driver to explore grant opportunities with the football foundation for a new mower to cut the sports field. Cllr Driver has been working with Thurlow Nunn Standen regarding the type of mower needed for the field.

24/40 Date of next meeting

4th April 2024

Please note this meeting has been moved forward by one week.

End Meeting: 9.24pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

Wave			Cemetery Water	£ 5.00		£ 5.00
Three	AAP1176277684		Mobile Phone Charges	£ 8.33	£ 1.67	£ 10.00
NEST	324	05-Mar-24	Clerk Pension	£ 67.63		£ 67.63
Amy Jacklin	1223	01/03/2024	March Salary	Confidential		Confidential
John Skipper	2404	31/01/2024	Village Maintenance	£ 320.00		£ 320.00
Balfour Beatty			LED lighting for the MUGA (CIL)	£ 3,019.01	£ 603.80	£ 3,622.81
Ward Gethin Archer Solicitors	207666	14/02/2024	Final invoice for lease break costs	£ 425.00	£ 85.00	£ 510.00
Dyno Rod	7625	21/02/2024	Deep Clean of MUGA	£ 900.00	£ 180.00	£ 1,080.00
Remember When UK	2	21/02/2024	Telephone box refurb (CIL)	£ 2,620.00		£ 2,620.00
Shane White Plant Hire	2419	15/02/2024	Plant Hire for ditch works	£ 340.00	£ 68.00	£ 408.00
SLCC	2481841	27/02/2024	Membership- Amy Jacklin	£ 144.00		£ 144.00
Amy Jacklin	10224	27/02/2024	Clerk Expenses Jan/Feb 24	£ 122.20		£ 122.20
Red Shoes	12856	07/03/2024	Quartely Payroll	£ 48.00	£ 9.60	£ 57.60
Burlinghams Transport		05/03/2024	Transport to collect telephone box	£ 395.00	£ 79.00	£ 474.00
Payments for Field Account						
E-on	1	09/02/2024	Electric for MUGA/Changing rooms	£ 111.38	£ 22.27	£ 133.65
John Skipper	1	29/02/2024	Field Maintance Dec,Jan and Feb	£ 150.00		£ 150.00
Wave	1	27/02/2024	Water for the changing rooms	£ 44.99	£ 9.00	£ 53.99