

Lode Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 1 December 2014

Present Cllrs C Rickard (Chairman), P Dean, P Lane, E Mitchell, F Platten, A Tomlinson and S Woolley.
D/Cllr R Stevens, Mr M Lord (NHW) and Mr C Platten (Tree Officer/Social Club).

82/14 Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 November 2014 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Declaration of Interest

(a) Prejudicial There were none.

(b) Other There were none.

83/14 Matters Arising The Clerk reported that:-

- Even though he had tried to contact two ECDC staff members he had not yet received a response to his question about the restraint of dogs on the playing field.
- Emily Tydeman (NT) had assumed that the PC was happy for her to go ahead and draft an agreement for the use of the skate board area. All she now needed to know was for how many years the lease should run. It was agreed that 10 years would be a suitable period.

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Finance

Invoices The Council agreed that the following payments could be made electronically. Last month's payments were checked and signed off.

Clerk	Salary	289.25	Local Govt Act 1972 s112
Clerk	PAYE	72.31	Local Govt Act 1972 s112
R Dean	Cemetery Maintenance	676.08	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10
Green Energy	Fassage Hall Electricity	227.54	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10

Planning

Social Club	14/01006/FUL Traffic report and revised design of extension had been received. The traffic report is discussed below.
Social Club	A discussion on the traffic report had been carried out via email. In discussion of this item at the meeting a number of comments were made and these are recorded in the report printed below which has been forwarded to ECDC by Cllr Rickard. D/Cllr Stevens reported that the planning meeting scheduled for 3rd December had been rescheduled for the first Monday in January 2015. Mr Platten reported that:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .The aspiring purchaser of the club building is proposing to take advantage of a recent change in the law which

<p>NT Land</p>	<p>would allow him to run the premises as a pub/restaurant for up to two years without first obtaining “change of use”. This would be acceptable provided that the contract of sale requires change of use to be obtained within the two year period. This is currently under negotiation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A successful sale of the equipment and furniture from the club had raised valuable funds which would be used to help to settle the legal fees. Some furniture and cutlery had been given to the Bottisham Airfield for a small donation with the agreement that these would be available for loan to any village organisation. <p>It was noted that triangle of NT land which ran along the boundary to Harvey’s Drove had been fenced off. The Clerk was instructed in his reply to Ms Tydeman to ask if this work had been approved.</p>
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Cemetery Road

Cllr Rickard reported that it is the width of the equipment in use which is damaging the fences on either side of the entrance to Cemetery Road. In discussion of this item it was noted that:-

- The type of equipment used is necessary to bring the playing surface up to a suitable standard for the playing of cricket.
- It would not be acceptable, even though it may be possible, to create a new entrance over the allotment bordering Fairhaven Close as this could create a new and less acceptable problem.

It was agreed that Cllr Woolley should speak to the contractor responsible for the maintenance of the Swaffham Bulbeck playing field as his equipment may be more suitable.

Fassage Hall

In answer to a question Cllr Lane agreed to speak to Mr Lamb about the purchase of the defibrillator at the next Fassage Hall management committee meeting.

Shelters and Seats

It was noted that a timber seat on Station Road was damaged. Cllr Rickard agreed to investigate.

Play Area

Cllr Platten reported that Cllr Woolley will source two suitable trees for which she will organise the planting during February.

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Anglesey Abbey

Mr Bradshaw reported that:-

- Work on the mill had been completed.
- Work had been carried out on the muddy patch on the fen side of the bridge.
- The first weekend of the Winter Lights event had gone of successfully. This was probably due to the facts that it was an all ticket event with allocated times of arrival and the lighting within the car park having been rearranged.

D/Cllr Stevens reported that he had raised concerns about the official address for the Anglesey Farm shop as this was too similar to Anglesey Abbey and could, therefore, lead to confusion

- N'hood Watch** Mr Lord reported that he had been able to arrange, with the Quay NW co-ordinator to receive South Cambs police reports which would enable him to build up a more comprehensive picture of wrongdoing in the area.
- Tree Officer** Mr Platten reported that:-
- the NT was prepared to provide suitable trees for planting along the B1102. As the number being provided may not be sufficient to complete the work he asked permission to approach members of the village seeking suitable specimens. This was agreed.
 - He hoped to form a working party which would carry out the planting of the trees in February.
- Cycle Way** Cllr Platten reported that:-
- a successful meeting involving the major players in the project had been held. Many valuable contributions had been put forward by those attending. One item tabled had been a report on the Greater Cambridge Cycle Rings which proposes a series of circular routes centred on Cambridge. The proposed “rings” include the B1102 route, the Leisure route and the route to Waterbeach.
 - Ms Fletcher (Marshall’s Wing Development) had offered to organise and pay for a topographical survey of the B1102 route.
 - Planning approval is not required for those sections of the route which are located on the highway verge. The requirements for planning applications for sections on private land are being investigated with a view to getting planning approval in due course.
 - To reduce costs it may be possible to employ contractors registered with the County to carry out parts of the work. Cllr Mitchell is to investigate the Harston cycleway and the ways in which the work was carried out.

86/14 Other Items noted.

Street Lighting	Mr Lord reported that as the contractor had a number of lanterns left over from another job the old type of lantern in the High Street had already been replaced. This shows that the lanterns, with the possible exception of those on the concrete lamp posts in Millards Lane and Northfields, can be replaced without changing the existing posts. The rest of the village will be completed before the end of 2016 but no date for the work has been scheduled. Directly the date is agreed there will be an extensive advertising campaign with leaflet drops, a meeting if required, web information etc through which any questions will be answered.
S106 – Tennis Court	The question of resurfacing the court has been raised with the company originally responsible for its repair in the mid 90’s and for the ongoing

	<p>maintenance over the intervening years. They recommend covering the tar with a type of carpet surface which would give an indefinite lifespan and remove the need for the costly regular cleaning and repainting of the surface. However, a number of club members who have experienced a poorly installed carpet surface at Bottisham Village College have expressed their reservations about the new surface. To cover the cost of any work club members will contribute £6000, with the balance coming from the £2996.98 held in the S106 Public Open Space funding and a Small Villages allocation. The Council agreed that the S106 grant could be used for this purpose and the Clerk was instructed to hand the matter over to the members to carry the project forward.</p>
Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire	<p>The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out an electoral review of Cambridgeshire County Council. The review will draw new electoral division boundaries across Cambridgeshire. The Commission has also announced that it is minded to recommend that 63 county councillors should be elected to the council in future, six fewer than the current arrangement. Evidence is being sought from residents about their local area to help us decide a new pattern of electoral divisions for Cambridgeshire County Council. The Clerk was instructed to prepare a suitable notice for inclusion in the January Lode Star publication.</p>
Village Sign	<p>Cllr Platten reported that Mr Hatley has completed the repairs to the village sign and it awaited painting. She had thanked him personally for carrying out this work efficiently and at no cost and suggested that he be thanked officially.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he would extend the Parish Council's thanks to all those involved when the work was completed.</p> <p>With regard to painting the sign was suggested that Peter Swannell be approached as he has painted the sign previously. Cllr Woolley agreed to investigate with the hope of getting the sign reinstalled by February 2015.</p>
Cycling	<p>It was noted that Fassage Hall had been used by Mr Peck as a venue for demonstrating the cycle rollers. Cllr Mitchell will speak to him about future advertising in the Lode Star to make sure that villagers are aware.</p>
Church Walk	<p>The Clerk reported that ECDC was aware of the need for an official road sign for Church Walk, however it will need site visit as there does not appear to be a suitable location for its installation. It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of ECDC.</p>

87/14 There being no further business the meeting was formally closed by the Chairman at 8.45pm.

Date of Next Council Meeting – Monday 12 January 2015

..... **Signed by the Chairman Cllr C Rickard**

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Lode Parish Council's Comments on the Transport Statement dated 18th November 2014

We view the traffic assessment as an attempt to counter the concerns about a potential increase in vehicle movements and parking. We believe that it does this by (a) exaggerating the previous levels and (b) playing down the future levels.

On the specific issue of employment levels the following statement is, in our view, a gross exaggeration:

"The Social Club is currently closed, but when it was open there were 3 members of staff working during the week full time and up to 7 employed during functions held at the club"

It also goes on to say:

"It is assumed that most members of staff would have travelled to the site separately so generating between 3-5 car movements per day."

As far as we are aware the people who did work at the social club walked to work and there was only one full-time employee.

The following statement from the submission does not seem to make sense if one considers that the aim of the improvements is to increase utilisation of the "club"

"Whilst there is an argument that due to the new extension visitor numbers will be increased, any increase will be negated by the fact that the interior of the building is being redesigned to provide much larger areas of seating thereby reducing the actual potential number using this part of the building."

Once again there is no mention of conversion to a pub/restaurant.