

Lode Parish Council – Meeting Information for 13 July 2020

Matters Arising

Parish Council Vacancy	Clerk	Still no interest expressed to date.
Topsoil to repair subsidence in Cemetery	Clerk	Will Jaggard has now obtained grass seed to complete the work of levelling the graves which had subsided
Cycle Way	Clerk	Highways (Dennis Vacher) has confirmed agreement to the price quoted by Truelink for cutting the Cycleway three times per year
Lode Cricket Club	Cllr Stevens	Alan Lamb and Mr Allen from the Cricket Club have met with FHMC to discuss arrangements to apply when cricket matches are allowed to recommence
Trees to replace those felled on A1303	Cllr Small	Update on outcome of group convened by Cllr Small to confirm the type and location of the trees so that Liz King can confirm the order to Cambridgeshire County Council for delivery in October
Speed indicator	Clerk	No further information on when the second indicator will be delivered
Road markings at Shrub Corner	C/Cllr M Shuter	Cllr Stevens has pointed out to C/Cllr Shuter that he had previously advised that the work was scheduled for this year and that the recent response from Highways did not acknowledge this previous commitment

Planning

No notifications received this month

Accounts for Payment

J E Giles	Salary & PAYE	£393.33	Local Govt Act 1972 s111
W Jaggard	Cemetery	£173.39	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 & 10
BP Express Fuel	Cemetery	£5.44+VAT	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 & 10
Homebase	Cemetery grass seed	£4.00+VAT	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 & 10
Zoom (pd by card)	Remote meeting software	£14.39	Local Govt Act 1972 s 111
Truelink	Grass cutting	£240+VAT	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 & 10
Lloyds Gardens	Play area – replacing posts	£386.42	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 & 10
Ridgeons (via Lloyds)	Posts for Play Area	£177.99+VAT	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 & 10
Caloo	Bushes for Cantilever swing	£29.00+VAT	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 & 10
UK2	Website domain registration – pd by card	£17.56+VAT	Local Govt Act 1972 s111
Lionel Johnson	Internal Audit	£120.00	Local Govt Act 1972 s111

The Parish Council is asked to authorise routine payments (including Clerk's Salary, Cemetery and grounds maintenance, utilities) to be made when they fall due in August. These are to be reported at the September meeting

Receipts since last meeting

CCC Grasscutting grant: £1010.00

Bank balances as at 9 July 2020: £32,445.81

Correspondence

ECDC Licensing	5 year review consultation
Alan Lamb/Clr Stevens	Correspondence regarding Cricket Club Agreement
Anglian Water	Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant – relocation project
British Horse Society	Project to record legal rights, preserve and reinstate routes

Jonathan Giles
Clerk
10 July 2020

District Councillors' Report to Parish Councils June 2020

Operational Services Committee met on 8 June. They approved the Environment & Climate Change Strategy & Action Plan and required detailed targets to be set by June 2021. They also approved the Homelessness & Rough Sleeper Strategy 2020-2025 with the continued focus on early intervention, avoiding B & B accommodation, and preparation for the expected upsurge of homelessness due to Covid-19 and Brexit. One of the Councillors on this committee is expecting a baby soon, and John Trapp will be substituting for her on the Committee.

Finance & Assets Committee met on 18 June. They noted the report from the external auditors on the Accounts to the year ended 31 March 2019 – i.e. over a year after the year being audited – and approved the external audit plan for the year ended 31 March 2020. We expressed concern that this will not report until November – to be useful audit reports need to be timely as well as thorough. They also approved the internal audit plan, although we expressed concern that it didn't cover anything arising from Covid-19 or Brexit – both risks which had been highlighted by the external auditors. They approved £150,000 from CIL funding for road improvements and we stressed that more thought needed to be given to safe routes for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders. They established a COVID-19 Member Working Party to work with businesses, community groups and other authorities from parishes through to central government to help drive an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable recovery for East Cambs. Charlotte is a member of this working group, which will hold its first meeting on 9 July. The next meeting of Finance & Assets is on 23 July and will include items carried over from March and June, such as the approval of the Supplementary Planning Documents on Environment and Self Build, as well as the 2019/20 accounts. Council will meet again on 16 July. A major item will be a finance update from ECTC which has already warned that it may not be able to repay its £1m loan to ECDC when it falls due.

We are holding our surgeries and 'Meet your Councillors' by Zoom. The next one is Tuesday 21 July – please contact John Trapp on john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk for the link if you want to join. The surgery will start at 6.30pm, with 'Meet your Councillors' from 7.00pm.

Because we can't get out and about, Charlotte has set up a Facebook Page where she posts latest information. The address is - fb.me/charlottecanelibdem