

BOURN PARISH COUNCIL**The minutes of the Meeting of Bourn Parish Council held on Thursday 19 September 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs: Mr N Ball Mrs X Rees-Howell
 Dr G Pountain Mr L Rolfe
 Dr N Blair Mr S Jones
 Mr R Ansell

In attendance: 9 Members of the public including some residents from Broadway, 2 representatives from Lark Energy and Hilary Gretton from Bourn Youth Project, Rob Mellors-Bourne from Bourn Sports Club, Des O'Brien from BAD and District Councillor A Elcox and Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

1. Comments and observations from members of the public and from the County and District Councillors

A representative from Lark Energy based in Lincolnshire introduced herself and informed the Parish Council that this was an early consultation, obtaining views and opinions on how the village would feel about a solar farm development of this nature. The site in question is the large field at the back of the golf course which has a public footpath around part of it. She advised it would be screened visually by a fence and a hedgerow, and they would also look at the habitat and work on improving species.

A resident from the Broadway spoke of their worries concerning proposals to extend the current solar park and were surprised to hear that Lark Energy was a completely separate organisation proposing yet another solar farm.

After some discussion the representative from Lark Energy accepted that the general consensus was against any further solar farms and she thanked the Parish Council for their time and left the meeting.

The resident from Broadway explained that Chris Poulton had contacted residents on a number of occasions to consult on phase 2 of the solar farm which is a proposal to extend it up to Broadway and abutting Caxton Rd., this would involve an additional 35 panels. The residents are already deeply unhappy about the view from their homes and describe the hedgerow screening as a row of dead twigs. The Oak trees that were planted are also dead and the wildflower planting under the panels is non-existent.

The residents were thanked for attending and left the meeting.

Rob Mellors-Bourne spoke of his concerns regarding the numerous occasions over the summer when the tennis nets were damaged and feels that the only way to prevent this is to restrict use of the courts to sports club members.

Mr Mellors-Bourne then left the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Bruce (out of parish)

2.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda

Cllr Pountain declared an interest in item 7.5 as an allotment holder.

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None.

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 18 July and 22 August 2013

The minutes of the meeting on 18 July were approved ^(Prop GP, 2nd XR-H) as a true record and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendments: under item 5.1.2 ‘stateed’ to ‘stated’ and item 3 to read ‘vary’ instead of ‘very’.

4. Matters arising from the meeting

4.1 To receive the Clerk’s report

Noted.

The Chairman proposed to vary the order of business to take item 8.7 and 8.1 and 4.3 here.

8.7 The BAD Committee request to claim for current and future expenses incurred to run the STOP BAD Campaign; a suggested amount of £2,000

The Clerk’ advice and that of CAPALC was noted.

RESOLVED to set aside £1,000 to fund external help to produce a detailed response document to the draft local plan. ^(Prop NB, 2nd SJ, unanimous)

Des O’Brien and one other member of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Elcox arrived during this item.

8.1 Bourn Youth Project – request to become a sub committee of the Parish Council

RESOLVED ^(Prop NB, 2nd GP) to absorb the Bourn Youth project as a Council committee with membership of Hilary Gretton, Jan Burrell and Suzanne Armitage and Cllr Pountain. The Chairman asked Mrs Gretton to liaise with the Clerk over insurance requirements.

4.3 (4.3) Tree Warden appointment

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Jones and Hilary Gretton as Tree Wardens.

Hilary left the meeting.

4.2 (4.5) To consider the recommendation for the supplier for the Hall Close safety surfacing

RESOLVED to note that Mr Frank Haxton had placed the order for the ground works which was contrary to the regulations as advised by the Clerk. Mr Haxton is to be advised by Cllr Pountain that any future orders should be made through the Clerk and any invoices should be made out to Bourn Parish Council.

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had placed the order with Abacus for the wetpour at a cost of £2174 plus VAT

4.4 (4.2) Proposed diversion of Bourn to Caldecote footpath (FP22) – request for feedback to be given to those who responded

RESOLVED in response to the request from Ms Marcham to refer people to the minutes.

5. To consider planning, tree work applications and any planning related matters

5.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting

5.1.1 S/1020/13/FL – T K Tallent

RESOLVED to receive the report from Cllr Ball who had attended the meeting and reported that SCDC are proposing 5 conditions on noise and 3 on vibration. The level of noise should be no louder than 36 decibels during the day and 25 decibels at night. Caldecote still had some concerns about enforcement.

RESOLVED to recommend approval given that conditions seem to be sufficient to meet with Caldecote’s concerns but that they install continuous noise data monitoring equipment to back up the issue of enforcement. ^(Prop NB, 2nd GP, unanimous)

5.2 SCDC Decision and appeal notices

RESOLVED to note that the affordable housing application on Broadway had been withdrawn.

RESOLVED that Cllr Pountain would contact Mark Howell, Housing Officer at SCDC with a special interest in allotments with a view to discussing that the Parish Council has a better use for the land by using it for allotments.

5.3 Tree works applications

None.

5.4 Tallent application – feedback on the Caldecote meeting re proposed noise conditions

See 5.1.1 above.

5.5 SCDC Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule

RESOLVED that the Planning Working Group is to put forward the Council's response.

6. Finance, procedure and risk assessment including to consider any quotes for urgent work required because of health and safety or risk

6.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

The financial report was received and considered. The invoices, statements and bank statements were checked at the end of the meeting by the signatories before the cheques were signed. RESOLVED that the payments as listed in the finance report plus £871.39 LGS Service (Admin support) be approved. ^(Prop NB, 2nd RA)

CGM (Grass cutting)	£126.22
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Came & Co (Insurance)	£1767.75
Nutcombe (tap repairs)	£54.00
Barton Parish Council (benches)	£150.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£909.37
CAPALC (training)	£70.00
L G Stoehr (salary)	£131.86
HMRC (PAYE/NIC)	£100.80

Credits including bank interest and a VAT repayment were noted.

RESOLVED to note the purchase of the TV by Cllr Rolfe on the Parish Council's behalf and to note that although there was an aerial socket, there was no TV aerial at the Community Centre for the new TV. This is now in hand and Cllr Rolfe will purchase on the Parish Council's behalf within the budget for this project.

RESOLVED to receive the Audit report from Littlejohn that the Audit was completed with the only comment being that a alteration to a figure in Section 1 is to be initialled by the RFO.

7. Members reports and items and actions arising from any recommendations

7.1 Playing Fields including Bourn Youth Project

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should have a notice saying that Bourn Parish Council is responsible for the play area, with contact details and a post code. Also that there should be a sign on the gate asking to keep it closed and to keep dogs out.

7.2 Parish Plan Working Group

Nothing further to report.

7.3 Highways Working Group

RESOLVED to receive Cllr Bruce's report that the work on the improvements scheme was progressing and that the No 18 bus will continue as far as Cambourne, Eltisley and Caxton.

7.4 Planning and Affordable Housing Working Group

RESOLVED to note that SCDC were still working on the suitability of the site for affordable housing in terms of transport, parking etc. With regard to the Local Plan

submission, a joint submission is favoured with BAD. The Transport Strategy will also be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting.

7.5 Allotments

Nothing to report.

7.6 Neighbourhood Watch

It was reported that a van was broken into.

7.7 Liaison between Parish Council and School

Nothing to report.

7.8 Website

Cllr Rolf reported that the process of transferring information to the new website was still in progress.

7.9 SPEP

Cllr Rees-Howell reported that a meeting/presentation would now be planned for spring.

7.10 Proposal to restrict use of tennis courts to members only

RESOLVED that formal agreement between the Parish Council and the Sports Club be amended to restrict the use of the tennis courts to Sports Club members only in order to prevent damage to equipment. (Prop GP, 2nd LR unanimous)

7.11 Proposal to organise a village litter pick

RESOLVED to organise a litter pick for March.

7.12 Proposal to install a dog litter bin and signage at Hall Close

RESOLVED to ask SCDC to support the Parish Council in its initiative in making it a nicer play area, by providing a dog bin and also a sign asking for dogs to be kept on a lead. If this is not successful it was suggested the Parish Council try for a Community Chest grant.

8. To consider correspondence/communications received including

8.1 Taken earlier.

8.2 Resident – trees and ditches in Riddy Lane

RESOLVED to ask Roz Richardson and Hilary Gretton and Cllr Jones to take a look.

8.3 CCC consultation on Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire

RESOLVED that this be looked at by the Working Group.

8.4 CCC winter gritting routes consultation

Noted. There are some volunteers going on the training.

8.5 Lark Solar Farm, proposed Solar Farm

Discussed earlier. The objections against another Solar Farm were noted by the representatives.

8.6 Resident – request to put bins on land near her house

RESOLVED that Cllr Ball will try to find out if the Parish Council owns the land.

8.7 Taken earlier.

9. Closure of meeting

Cllr Jones offered to attend a Parish Liaison meeting at SCDC on 1st October.

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____(Date)