

Clerk report to Bourn parish Council 18 February 2015

Paul Duggan of Wisser Recycling will attend to speak about the electrical waste recycling scheme. Tom Tree of CGM Ltd will also attend the meeting.

Where I have information to support the agenda this is detailed below.

- 4.1 (6.1) Bourn Sports Club water use - update
- 4.2 (6.7) Broadway Public Open Space – to set up a strategy working group

The following items were deferred at the last meeting. Any information I have has already been circulated to members.

- 4.3 (7.4) School liaison and parking ^(NB)
- 4.4 (7.5) Grit spreader ^(LR)
- 4.5 (7.6) Bourn to Run – offer of donation for bench ^(NB)
- 4.6 (8.1) Wisser Recycling collections
- 4.7 (8.3) NALC – Quality Councils and new Local Council Award Scheme
- 4.8 (5.1.4) Solar farm S106 community contribution

Chris Poulton writes “I am sorry things are taking so long on our side but we are still waiting for feedback from Robin Freebairn, a governor at the school. In the end we were able to find them a package to get a large 50kW system installed at no cost to the school with the capital paid back out of the feed-in tariff over seven years, after which they would enjoy the full feed-in tariff income and free electricity.

I shall chase Robin again now to see if we can move this forward. If the school doesn't want to go ahead, I suggest that we pay the full £10,000 to the Parish Council to spend on something appropriate.”

Cllr Aldridge reports that the School is back in discussions.

Other for info only

- (4.1) Oak tree in Riddy Lane ^(NB)

Ian Lorman, Trees Officer at SCDC, will not allow removal of this semi-mature oak tree. A resident has applied for a TPO to be put on this tree and the consultation on the proposed TPO will be undertaken in due course. His view is that it should have a TPO and be protected unless it can be proven that it is causing damage to infrastructure but even then root reduction could be done rather than removal. Residents wishing removal of the tree have been advised and their comments and details have been passed to Ian Lorman.

- (4.1) Hall Close play area wooded border – to consider what works are required

At the last meeting it was RESOLVED to ask SCDC if they will clear the wooded border as suggested by Frank Haxton, and if not, whether they will grant permission for the Parish Council to do so.

No response has as yet been received from SCDC.

- (5.3.1) The Old Vicarage, 28 High Street

The Parish Council asks that the landowner is aware of the application, but has no objection to reducing all three trees by 30%, but not for removal of one of the three.

- (5.3.2) 163a Caxton End

RESOLVED to respond that the Parish Council had no objection to pruning the cherry tree and to comment that the willow tree is a fine tall tree that can be seen from the road over the top of the bungalow. If there is rot at the base, the tree does not need to be removed altogether. Willows can be coppiced. It would then re-grow healthily from the base.

(6.1) The payment of £683.05 to Cambridge Water was placed on hold pending the outcome of the complaint regarding the bill. However members signed the cheque and it was sent. A refund has been received from £235.41. Cambs Water will not reimburse commercial accounts with any credit for lost water only give a sewerage allowance.

(6.7) Mr Ward of Rockery Farm has agreed to provide four benches for the Broadway new play area

5.2 SCDC Decision notices

5.2.1 S/2677/14/FL – Chapman’s Farm, 167 Alms Hill – Replacement of redundant building with holiday let and adjoining staff room and facilities – permission granted.

5.3 Tree works applications

5.3.1 6 Baldwins Close - attached

6.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills – attached.

6.2 Hall Close play inspection report – to consider Mr Haxton’s report and recommendations and to consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety – Wicksteed report attached

6.3 To review Bourn Sports Club agreement – attached

8. Correspondence

8.1 SCDC consultation on use of Article 4 directions to help retain village pubs and Campaign for Real Ale – re SCDC protection of public houses

“South Cambridgeshire District Council is currently seeking views concerning the proposed use of article 4 directions to help retain village pubs. Article 4 directions could be used to withdraw the permitted development rights which currently allow their conversion to other uses such as retail or offices, or for their demolition. An article 4 direction does not prevent the development but does require planning permission for the development to be obtained first. <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/consultation-greater-protection-public-houses> The consultation closes midnight 23 February 2015.

The results will be considered by the Economic Development Portfolio Holder and ultimately the Planning Committee, who must determine whether this approach should be adopted as council policy.”

“Please could you bring to the attention of Bourn Parish Council a public consultation that South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is currently holding on the potential use of Article 4 Directions to prevent pub losses either through change of use or through demolition. The conversion last year of the Pear Tree Hildersham to an on-line furniture business without the need for planning permission highlighted the issue in South Cambridgeshire. CAMRA believes that no pub should be lost through change of use or through demolition without it first being subjected to the scrutiny of a planning system that allows the public to express their views. We have urged local authorities to use Article 4 Directions to bring this about. SCDC are consulting on doing just that. For more details please visit their webpage <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/consultation-greater-protection-public-houses> I also attach an article that will be appearing in the next edition of our ALE magazine.

Although we have no reason to believe that The Willow Tree is under any current threat we do believe that pub losses should be regulated by the planning system and would urge Bourn Parish Council to make a submission to SCDC.”

8.2 Seetec – Community Work placements programme

Seetec are sending this email in regards to our Community Work Placements Programme. As requested please see the attached document for an overall briefing of the programme and how it could be of benefit to you.

If you are interested in working with us, or have any further questions please contact us on – 01702 780110, or alternatively you can visit our partnership webpage at www.seetec.co.uk/partnership-opportunities.

Please note all work placements are unpaid and are at no cost to the company – any supervision can be arranged if needed – if this is of interest to your company a meeting can be arranged with your local Seetec centre where by any queries can be answered accordingly. If unable to offer work placements please could you let us know so your details can be taken off the system, much appreciated.

Kind regards,

The Community Work Placement Team

- 8.3 Draft A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Development Consent Order – attached. The deadline for representations is Thursday 12th March 2015
- 8.4 Bourn Scouts request for S137 financial support towards tents – Cllr Blair to report.