

**Lode Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 14 April 2014**

**Present** Cllrs P Dean (Chairman), P Lane, E Mitchell, F Platten and A Tomlinson.  
D/Cllr R Stevens, Mr M Lord (NHW), Mr T Cassidy (Internal Auditor) Mr C Platten (Tree Officer) and Mr Duggan (Kerbside Collections).

**Apologies** Cllrs C Rickard and S Woolley

**25/14 Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 March 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.

**26/14 Matters Arising** The Clerk reported that only Cllr Rickard had submitted the names of the buildings he considered to be of interest. These are the Guildhall and the old Station House.  
Cllr Woolley reported that it was Mr Hatley, and not he, who had replaced the Longmeadow cricket weathervane on the gable end of Fassage Hall.

**27/14 C/Council Report** In the absence of C/Cllr Shuter there was nothing to report.

**28/14 D/Council Report** The Report produced by D/Cllr Stevens is printed below.

**29/14 Parish Council Reports**

**Finance** The accounts for the 2013/2014 financial year presented by the Clerk were signed off by the Chairman.

**Invoices** With the addition of Mr Cassidy's claim the Council agreed that the following payments could be made either electronically or by cheque.  
Last month's payments were checked and signed off.

Clerk	Salary	277.17	Local Govt Act 1972 s112
Clerk	PAYE	69.29	Local Govt Act 1972 s112
R Dean	Cemetery Maintenance	137.15	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10
Green Energy	Fassage Hall Electricity	192.72	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10
CPALC	Subscription	325.53	Local Govt Act 1972 s112
Tony Cassidy	Internal Audit	100.00	Local Govt Act 1972 s112

**Planning** There were no planning applications.

**Allotments** Cllr Tomlinson reported that only three payments were outstanding and these would be chased up.

**Cemetery** Cllr Tomlinson reported that:-

- the fencing panels which had been blown down in the recent high winds had been removed from the cemetery extension.
- the plastic flowers had been tidied up.

Cllr Dean reported that the caretaker had sprayed off the weeds.

**Fassage Hall** Cllr Rickard reported that:-

- at a recent meeting of the committee the future requirements of the Hall were discussed.

- usage of the Hall seems to have picked up and with the nursery providing a good base-load, albeit on a four-day week. The finances are, therefore, sound.
  - John and Jackie Lince have expressed an interest in joining the committee but they were unable to attend the meeting so it is not known how committed they are. It is known, however, that Jackie does not wish to take on the role of treasurer which leaves Jean Howard reluctantly continuing in this role.
- F'paths/L'ting** Cllr Rickard reported that:-
- the community pay-back team had done a reasonable job of clearing overhanging vegetation along Harvey's Drove.
  - with regard to the new finger posts in Longmeadow he had asked the CC to advise, in advance, any works they intended to carry out in the parish so that comment can be made and, if necessary, the way smoothed with landowners.
- Play Area** Cllr Rickard had reported that:-
- with the assistance of Charlie Platten and John Collicot he had replaced the bushes and shackles on the second swing.
  - a few of the fence posts near to the cemetery end are quite loose and the fence could be easily pushed over. It was agreed that Cllr Platten should contact Mr Hamit and ask him to carry out suitable repairs.
- Playing Field** The Clerk reported that the weeds would be sprayed off on 22 April 2014
- Signs** Cllr Rickard reported that there appeared to have been no progress on repairs to the village sign.  
Cllr Woolley reported that:-
- he had spoken to Mr Hatley and on his return from holiday will meet with him to inspect the sign and agree what repairs should be carried out.
  - Mr Hatley had pointed out that it would be advisable to repaint the sign whilst it was down. It was agreed that a person with an artistic bent should be sought to carry out this task.

### **30/14 Parish Reports**

**Anglesey Abbey** Mr Cassidy reported that there was a large collection of dog waste in the area surrounding the wishing gate. As this is on NT land it is their responsibility to clear it up. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Ms Crack's replacement, after he had taken up office, to draw this matter to his attention.

**N'hood Watch** Mr Lord reported that:-

- the village had been visited by a group collecting scrap. As this, without official sanction, is illegal the police took an interest in the operation. Unfortunately as they were not actually observed loading any scrap no action could be taken.

- the inconsiderate parking of cars along the High Street continues to give cause for concern. At the time of the harvest there will be an even greater problem. He felt that members of the village should be made aware that vehicles which impede the progress of farm machinery are causing a punishable offence and in the more extreme of cases the vehicles can be towed away.

**Social Club** Mr Cassidy asked what part the Council intends playing in resolving the future of the Club. It was agreed that the solution is best left in the hands of club members and that the Council should not become involved unless asked for help through its association with CAPALC

**Cycle Way** Cllr Platten, in reference to a number of emails forwarded to Councillors, reported that:-

- the land owners involved had contributed their thoughts to the process.
- she was investigating a number of funding agencies including ECDC. She will also approach Quy with a request that they take up the funding matter with South Cambs.

<b>Daffodils</b>	Cllr Rickard reported his disappointment that, despite the commitment to avoid regimental planting, there are several areas where a linear display has been achieved. It was agreed that over time this problem could be resolved.
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**31/14 Kerbside Collections** Cllr Dean welcomed Mr Duggan to the meeting. Mr Duggan then described the history and development of his company, Wisser Recycling, the names of the villages which are presently involved in the scheme and the procedures for the collection of any electrical waste which is suitable for recycling. After he had responded to a number of questions, one of which identified that Parish funds would benefit by £40 per tonne, it was agreed that:-

- a collection will take place within the village on Tuesday 15 July 2014.
- Cllr Mitchell and the Clerk in his monthly report would advertise the date of the collection.
- Wisser Recycling would display, around the village, notices which would advertise the collection.

**32/14 Corres'dence**

<b>Broughton Hall</b>	The Clerk drew attention to the invitation to see the transformation of the Hall received from Lady Fairhaven. He was instructed to respond to the invitation.
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**Other Items noted.**

Cambs and P'borough Clinical Commissioning Group	Proposals to improve older people's healthcare and adult community services – a consultation document..
CPRE	Fieldwork Spring 2014
Neighbourhood Panel	Minutes

**33/14** There being no further business the meeting was formally closed by the Chairman at 8.55pm.

**Date of Annual Parish Council Meeting** – Monday 12 May 2014

**Date of Open Parish Meeting** – Monday 19 May 2014

..... **Signed by the Chairman Cllr P Dean**

Attached ECDC Report

**These Minutes consist of 4 Pages**

## DOG FOULING

There have been reports once more of dog mess being left on the ground or discarded in bags. If you see persons doing this and you know for sure where they live or their car registrations, please report this to the District Council. They will receive a visit from the Environmental Enforcement Officer. It is an offence to leave mess on the ground or discarded in bags, which includes footpaths and pavements and all places where the public are entitled to be. Leaving it in bags is also an offence. It is not an excuse not knowing where a dog has been, for instance if it has been let off a lead, or not carrying a bag to put the mess in.

## PLANNING

The Committee has approved the Environment Statement stage in the planning applications for two large housing schemes either side of Lynn Road, between Ely and Chettisham. These would allow up to 2,000 homes, together with open space, play areas and parks, ponds and lakes, cycle paths, playing fields, allotments, schools, a care home and retail and business units. The Committee was assured that drainage issues have been addressed to protect the sites and nearby land.

The Planning Inspector has considered that the Crystal Structures Site, off Tunbridge Lane in Bottisham, should not be in the new Local Plan, since it is already an employment site within the Development Envelope and other policies in the Plan cover such sites. The District Council continues to envisage the site, as in the Bottisham Village Vision, being developed for a mixed-use scheme delivering 15 dwellings and employment for 64 persons. A planning application has since been received for a purely residential development for this site for 24 dwellings. The application and replies from consultees may be seen on the ECDC website under 14/00359/FUL. The application will be considered by the Planning Committee at a public meeting in Ely, usually held on the first Wednesday of the month, possibly in June or during a later month.

## HOUSING GRANTS

Officers have recently discussed with Councillors the problems faced by reduced Government funding to provide adaptations to improve access to and within homes for disabled residents. These should be provided, regardless of tenure, up to a cost of £30,000, but do depend on the financial situation of residents. There are also discretionary grants and loans to improve habitation for vulnerable residents and grants for smaller work up to a cost of £2,000. There is increasing demand because residents, old and young, are fortunately living longer, but often with a disability. Recently, Sanctuary Hereward have agreed to provide 40% of the cost of disabled facilities in homes they own, with the remainder coming from ECDC. The District Council should be contacted for help in all cases.

## RETAINING COMMUNITY FACILITIES

There may be planning implications if owners of buildings or land used by the local community require a change of use, or development work to be carried out. Planning decisions are made in accordance to the Local Plan. If there is a loss, or partial loss, of community facilities, replacement or upgraded facilities may need to be provided elsewhere from funds arising from proceeds. Assets of Community Value may be officially registered under the Localism Act.