

Lode Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 13 July 2015

These minutes comprise 4 pages.

Present: Cllrs C Rickard (Chairman), P Dean, E Mitchell, F Platten and A Rolland.
Mr M Lord (NHW).

Apologies: Cllrs P Lane, J McNeely and Mrs A Crack

46/15 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 June 2015 having been accepted as a true record were signed by the Chairman.

Declaration of Interest

- (a) **Prejudicial** – there were none
- (b) **Other** – there were none

47/15 Matters Arising

- Church Walk Road Sign. As no action had been taken on the installation of the sign the Clerk was instructed to take the matter up with ECDC again.
- Lucy Frazer MP. It was noted that Fassage Hall had been booked for the session to meet Ms Frazer on 4 August. It was agreed that it would be of benefit to bring the cycleway project to her attention.
- Swan Corner. The Clerk reported that an order for the work to be carried out by the chosen contractor, Mr M Downs, had been placed. In discussion of this item it was agreed that the logs cut from the dead willow tree should be offered to residents. Cllr Rickard will investigate when the work is to be carried out.
- Play Area. Cllr Platten reported that she had not had the opportunity to carry out the handover of responsibilities to Cllr McNeely.
- Play Area Gate. Cllr Dean reported that the fencing posts held in stock were too small and that he would need to arrange the purchase of extra posts.

48/15 C/Council Report

In the absence of C/Cllr Shuter there was nothing to report.

49/15 District Council

In the absence of D/Cllrs Campbell and Chaplin there was nothing to report.

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Finance

Invoices

The Council agreed that the following July payments could be made.

Clerk	Salary	295.61	Local Govt Act 1972 s112
Clerk	PAYE	73.90	Local Govt Act 1972 s112
Green Energy	Fassage Hall Electricity	205.16	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10
Truelink	Grass Cutting	575.10	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10
W Jaggard	Cemetery (May)	144.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10

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W Jaggard	Fuel/New Strimmer head	41.86	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10
Anglian Water	Cemetery Water Rate	12.80	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10

Last month's payments were checked and signed off.

As there will be no August meeting the Council agreed that the following payments could also be made.

Clerk	Salary	295.61	Local Govt Act 1972 s112
Clerk	PAYE	73.90	Local Govt Act 1972 s112
Green Energy	Fassage Hall Electricity	TBA	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10
Truelink	Grass Cutting	TBA	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10
W Jaggard	Cemetery (May)	144.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10
W Jaggard	Fuel	TBA	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9 and 10

Planning The results of the following applications were noted.

Mr & Mrs A Taylor 34 Mill Road (Original application)	15/00439/FUL 2 storey rear extension to provide double bedroom with en suite facility on footprint of existing conservatory.	The PC had no comments on this application
Mr & Mrs A Taylor 34 Mill Road	15/00439/FUL Plan amended to replace existing balcony with a Juliet balcony and amending height of proposed velox roof lights to high level roof lights	ECDC Approved
Mr C Purbrook Gally's Farm	15/00172/OUT Erection of rural worker dwelling with ancillary out buildings	ECDC Rejected The need was not adequately justified.
Mr S Isaacson 67 Longmeadow	15/00560/FUL Proposed Side and Rear Extension	ECDC Approved
Mr & Mrs P Moulding 69 Longmeadow	15/00693/FUL Single storey extension to the side and rear.	The PC had no comments on this application

The Clerk reported that a resident had drawn his attention to the apparent change of use of Broughton Hall from residential to commercial. He had ascertained that the ECDC planning enforcement officer had been approached. It was agreed that this was a planning matter, already in the hands of ECDC, so no action by the PC would be required.

Allotments

The Clerk reported due a lengthy period without any significant rain crop levels will be much reduced.

Cemetery

The Clerk reported that:-

- the cemetery is being maintained to a high standard.
- Mrs Day had asked permission to exchange the two burial plots purchased for her and her husband for two cremation plots, one for her son's remains and the other for the joint disposal of her husband's and her ashes. As a result of this a £10 refund should accrue to her but she had asked that this be accepted as a contribution to village funds.

Play Area

Cllr Rolland reported that due to excessive wear a depression had formed at the top of the slide creating a hazard for the children who use it. It was agreed that pieces of turf should be placed in the hole to remove the hazard.

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Anglesey Abbey

Mrs Crack reported that the installation of the mill stones had been carried out without incident and the team is now working with them. As the stones are of a different size to the originals, the team has had to carry a series of tests with varying water levels. The mill is now back to the normal level of working.

Cllr Platten reported that she had been asked if the PC would support a planning application for the use of the paddock for overflow parking. After discussion it was agreed that the appropriate approach would be to identify to ECDC the benefits which accrue to the village of having parking in the paddock. It was noted that recently the area has been used for weddings, funerals, the village fete and the village open gardens event.

Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Lord reported that:-

- After a break of some 5 years the problem of 'boy racers' on their motor cycles has reappeared. He has reported this problem to the police as speeding up Mill Road passing concealed entrances endangers the safety of pedestrians.
- The no entry sign at the entrance to Mill Road has been hit so many times by vehicles reversing that it is leaning over at a dangerous angle. In discussion of this item it was noted that as the whole village is signed at the crossroads as a no through area the sign is redundant. The Clerk was instructed to contact Highways recommending that it be removed.

Cycle Way

Cllr Platten reported that with the exception of the Garrow Estates negotiations with landowners are progressing well. After discussion it was agreed that it may be of value to draw the attention of the owner of the Garrow Estate (through his agent) to the strong desire of the Parish Council to locate the cycle path away from the road verge wherever possible. Cllrs Platten and Mitchell are to draft a suitable letter.

52/15 Correspondence

Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan - It was reported that Mr Rohan Wilson had approached the PC asking it to support his plan for Waterbeach to extend its proposed Neighbourhood Area beyond the proposed boundary of the banks of the River Cam. He recommended that it should extend for a further 1 mile radius across the Cam from Bottisham Lock and Clayhithe Bridge, ie into Lode and Horningsea parishes, to make

the development of a Lode/Waterbeach cycleway much easier to achieve. In discussion of this item it was noted that a distinction should be drawn between this application which identified the boundaries of the proposed Waterbeach Neighbourhood Area and the development plan which may affect the construction of a cycleway and which would be produced after the area has been approved. It was agreed that Cllr Rickard should respond to Mr Wilson as follows:-

“We discussed this at our Parish Council meeting this evening. We agreed with your aim of getting Waterbeach to consider the surrounding areas when putting together their plan, with particular reference (in our case) to the proposed cycle path to Waterbeach Station. However, we were less convinced about the argument to expand the area of the plan to encompass parts of other parishes. In particular we felt that the River Cam forms a natural boundary to the Waterbeach area. Nevertheless, we will continue to promote the cycle path link to Waterbeach”.

53/15 There being no further business the meeting was formally closed by the Chairman at 8.40pm.

Date of Next Council Meeting – Monday 14 September 2015.

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

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