

**Minutes of Comberton Annual Parish Meeting
on Wednesday 27 April 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**

Present: 19 parishioners

In attendance: Jon Crisp (Education Officer, Ameycespa) and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

Cllr Miss Amanda Bacon presided.

The written reports from the meeting are appended in full to the master minutes and are available from the Clerk on request.

On a proposition by the Chairman, the order of business was varied to take the presentation from Jon Crisp of AmeyCespa first.

Mr Crisp spoke on environmental waste disposal and explained how Ameycespa deal with waste at their site off the A10. The work covers both black bin and dry recyclables. Approximately 50% of all waste is recyclable. Free compost (soil improver) is available subject to a bagging charge of 50p per bag. 100,000 tonnes of waste goes to landfill. The CCC bill is £8m per annum. An opportunity was given for questions. Films on blue bins, the dry recyclable process and on composting were shown.

Apologies for absence were received from: Mr Robert and Mrs Penny Cook, Mrs Sophie Higman, Mr Hywel Griffiths and Mr Simon Moffatt.

1. Approval & signing of the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting on 6 May 2015

The minutes were approved by the meeting ^(Prop A Bacon, 2nd N Taylor) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

3. Report of the Parish Council for the year from Cllr Amanda Bacon, Chairman

The report, appended in full to these minutes and included in the Annual report, was not read as it had already been circulated to every home and copies were available at the meeting.

4. Report from Gail Stoehr, Responsible Financial Officer, on the Parish Council's finances including the presentation of audited accounts

Gail Stoehr, Responsible Financial Officer, presented the Audited Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2015. She invited inspection of the accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2016, and explained the audit procedure. Questions on S106 funds were answered. Money provided from the building of new homes was earmarked for either indoor or outdoor recreation facilities. The draft accounts in the Annual Report showed that the Parish Council had already started spending the money.

5. Report by District Cllr T Scott on District Council Matters

District Cllr Tim Scott outlined the Local Development Plan process and progress, and the proposed Bennell Farm development for 90 homes.

Cllr Scott had received complaints that bins were not put back by refuse collectors but the overall process was very good. He reported on fly tipping. Solar farm subsidies had dried up. An application for a 500 acre solar farm at Childerley had been refused by SCDC. Cllr Scott's report also covered the City Deal and devolution.

6. Report by County Cllr S Frost on County Council Matters

No report was received from the County Councillor. The meeting expressed disapproval of his non-attendance at either Parish Council meetings or the Annual Parish Meeting and decided that he should be censured. RESOLVED that the meeting write to the Conservative Party and the Cambridgeshire County Council CEO, conveying the views of the meeting. (Prop D Hughes, 2nd N Taylor)

7. Report on the work and activities of groups and organisations including those who have either received a grant from the Parish Council or which have Parish Council appointees on their charity or organisation including:

7.1 Herringland Charity (trustees appointed by the Parish Council)

Jane Hughes reported as a member of the Herringland Charity, which had met and had allocated funds in accordance with the trust deed. The Charity was considering replacing the bench in Nursery Way which was in need of repair, for the benefit of the residents of Nursery Way, and also considering a contribution to the Picnic in the Park.

7.2 Comberton Village Institute (trustees appointed by the Parish Council)

Dr Malcolm Wright reported that the Village Hall was used for a wide range of purposes. The Trustees organise events for the village and had given support to Picnic in the Park. Dr Wright spoke on the administration of the village hall and stated that he would be standing down in 2017.

The second Thursday in November is the 10th anniversary of the Village Hall.

Disappointment was expressed that there was no mention of the Village Hall in the Parish Council's Annual Report.

7.3 Comberton Playground Project (trustee appointed by the Parish Council)

The Parish Council had contributed toward the projects for the new play equipment on the recreation ground.

7.4 St Mary's Church (Grant)

Mr Don Fisher reported that the Church had received £750 from the Parish Council by way of a grant. The Parochial Church Council maintain the church yard. The meeting agreed that the church yard has been well maintained.

8. Reports from other village groups and organisations on their activities

None.

9. Questions on any of the above reports

None.

10. To consider resolutions of which advance notice has been given

None.

11. Any other Parish Matters

Residents asked about the pedestrian crossing and enquired what provision the Parish Council was making to ensure that parking was not a problem when the crossing was installed. Cllr Nick Taylor reported on the scheme for the crocodile markings by the crossing and double yellow lines. These will be enforced by the Police. The residents expressed concerns that the crossing would push the parking problems further along the road.

The Meeting agreed that this was something that a County Councillor should take up on behalf of residents and he should have been present to hear and answer to this matter.

Dr Wright stated that he had received his Annual Report only today and that the Parish Council should advertise the event better. He questioned what had the Focus Group had done this year. Cllr Chris Westgarth reported that it was detailed in the Annual Report.

Residents enquired whether the S106 money for Bennell Farm was going to Comberton or Toft. Cllr Tim Scott explained that the precept would go to Toft and the S106 money of £40,000 would go to Comberton. The money has to be spent within the development or it would be going to Toft.

A question was asked as to how firmly the Parish Council had a hand on their money.

A resident complained about pot holes. The Clerk urged residents to report pot holes and other highway issues to the County Council on line. While the Parish Council had already reported pot holes problems and requested grips be cut in Swaynes Lane the County Council seemed to respond better to those issues where numerous people had reported them.

Residents were urged by Mrs Hughes to respond to the consultation on the future of pharmacies.

12. Closure of meeting

Cllr Bacon was thanked for all her efforts.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed

(Chairman)

(date)