Little Downham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Little Downham Parish Council held on Thursday 6th April 2023 at 19:30 in Pymoor Social Club

Present: Councillors
D Parson (Chair)
M. Taylor J. Waters
G. Taylor J. Barker
O. Winters

In attendance: Kate Palmer (Clerk to the Council)

1	044/23	**To receive and accept Apologies for Absence:** (LGA 1972 s85 (1)) Cllrs Maxey, Butcher, Martin, Hills, Spofforth had all given apologies. Council accepted.
2	045/23	**To record any declarations of interest:** Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations) Cllr Mark Taylor – Personal Interest Cllr Gail Taylor – Pecuniary Interest Cllr Dale Parson – Personal Interest Cllr Owen Winters - pecuniary interest Cllr Winters commented on the validity of Cllr Parsons interests.
3	046/23	**Minutes of previous Meetings** LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41 - To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd of March 2023. **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting.
4	047/23	**Public Participation –** *To adjourn the meeting to hear from residents present to a maximum of 10 minutes and Councillors that have declared prejudicial interests, to address the meeting in relation to items on this agenda. Subsequently, the meeting may be interrupted at the Chairman's discretion for public comments relating to a specific item.* There were 7 members of public in attendance and the County Councillor. MOP – asked Cllr Dupre if ANPR was in the proposal for a congestion charge. Cllr Dupre advised the proposal was to levy a charge on Cambridge City residents who travelled around the city to discourage the use of cars. The member of public then asked if this would have a limit on the number of journeys. Cllr Dupre advised the levy would be a daily rate of use. What is the proposed system to track vehicles? Cllr Dupre advised it would mean lots and lots of cameras! Cllr Dupre said she could not support the proposal in its current format and believed other Cllrs would not support it either due to the unfairness of it on residents, rather than due to the implementation of lots and lots of cameras. MOP asked what the GCP is. Cllr Dupre advised it was set up by the Government. It would put in place an infrastructure to provide growth. The GCP board consists of 3 members on a board.
5	048/23	**District and County Councillors Reports** County Cllr Lorna Dupre gave a brief report as shared with Cllrs in advance. Cllr Winters went to the AGM and asked if there were any reports back from the Environment Agency regarding the damage to the clay bank of the 100ft bank. Cllr Dupre responded there had been a change of staff and was of the view that the EA didn't believe there was any risk from this damage. Cllr Winters believed this was a possible attempt to reverse the river to fill in the new reservoir being proposed. Cllr Winters believes there is no transparency. Cllr Dupre advised the new reservoir would not be operational for around 15 years.
7	Ac q	**Finance:** i) To approve the monthly payment schedule as presented. *A list will be sent nearer the meeting to ensure as many payments as possible are included to avoid delays.* **RESOLVED** to accept the payments schedule as presented.

		ii) To consider a grant application from Little Downham Youth Grant. – **Deferred to May meeting.**
8	050/23	**Clerks Report** To consider the report and respond to any requests for comments/actions.
9	051/23	**Planning Applications/Decisions/Appeals:** To consider and comment on new applications, amendments or appeals received. To note any decisions made or discuss any notice of pre-application stage proposals. **List attached.**
10	052/23	**Council Matters –** **i)** Update on election process. **The Chairman formally thanked all the Councillors who have stepped down.** **ii)** To consider seconding the handyman to the VH temporarily. **RESOLVED** to allow the handyman to undertake some tasks at the village hall.
11	053/23	**Parish Council Land and Assets:** i) To update members on the insurance claim for the sports pavilion. The Clerk advised members the building was almost dried out and ready for the next stage of reinstatement works. ii) To update Members on the insurance claim for the height barrier at LD Rec. The Clerk advised the insurance company were dealing with the claim. iii) To consider a design and associated costs for the conversion of the Pavilion to create a meeting room and associated professional costs. Members discussed the design provided by the appointed architect and the costs associated with that. Members **RESOLVED** to go to the next stage of investigating the proposal by obtaining quotes. iv) To confirm the process for grazing permit applications – **RESOLVED** invites for tenders must go in the public domain.
12	054/23	**Parish Matters** i) To consider the introduction of "15-Minute Cities" within Cambridgeshire and the potential impact on the Parish. The Chairman asked the County Cllr if she was aware of the possibility that 15min cities would be brought to Cambridgeshire. Cllr Dupre responded shared the history of the concept. Cllr Dupre advised she was aware there was a belief this would bring restriction of movement and fines and confirmed this was not the case at all in Cambridgeshire and the Council had no intention of implementing this. The concept of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods has been implemented in parts of Cambridge which does restrict movement of vehicles. Cllr M Taylor asked Cllr Dupre if cars would be tracked going into the Hospital. It was stated a Congestion Charge could do that. Cllr Dupre shared the consultation results on the congestion charge will not be produced until July and Cllr Dupre wasn't aware of what the GCP were intending to do. Cllr Dupre believed doing nothing wasn't an option due to the high levels of development taking place in the area, and that many people were disadvantaged due to a lack of public transport and there was no new funding for bus routes. Cllr Winters asked if Cllr Dupre though a bus could come to Pymoor and Cllr Dupre thought it was hard to achieve. Cllr Winters stated CCC could bring in a levy to reduce shop rents to encourage local businesses/surgeries to come to the area in line with the 15 minute city concept. Cllr Dupre responded. ii) To discuss the proposal of a Congestion Charge within Cambridge and the potential impact on the Parish. **AGREED** that Council objects to any proposal for a charge. iii) To consider a request for the Council to set up a committee for the village fete. Clerk to make some enquiries for 2024. **AGREED** to consider the request for the 2024 fete. iv) To consider a request to hire the Recreation Ground and Pavilion for a Coronation Picnic on Sunday 7th May 2023. **AGREED**
13	055/23	**Highways Matters –** I) To consider a request to apply for the 20mph scheme in Little Downham. **RESOLVED** not to support the request.
14	056/23	**Ouse Washes/IDB** - i) To update Members on recent meetings attended, if any. ii) To consider asking the IDB to stop flailing ditches. Members agreed this was

		for the IDB representative to take to the IDB.
15	057/23	**Matters to Share or Inform the Next Meeting** Verbal only, no decisions can be made. i) Query the newly blocked passing place on Cannon Street.
16	058/23	**To confirm the date of the next Meeting** Full Council – 11th May 2023. Pymoor Social Club **Please see the website for meeting location details.** www.littledownhamparishcouncil.gov.uk **Press and Public Welcome**
17	059/23	**Close of Meeting**
18	060/23	**Minutes Approved by Council:** Signed …… Dated ……

Planning Applications

23/00233/FUL – Greenfields, 13 Black Bank Road, LD - Demolition of derelict outbuildings, change of use to paddocks and construction of a manège with associated stores. **NO COMMENT**

23/00383/FUL – 4a Fourth Drove, Little Downham - Proposed construction of two storey dwelling and garage following demolition of existing bungalow. **SUPPORT**

23/00297/FUL – 15 California, Little Downham - Proposed garage conversion, new garage, entrance gates, close boarded timber fence boundary, veranda, and material change to bungalow. **SUPPORT**

Amendments

21/00396/FUM - Redevelopment of Corkers Crisp/Taylor Farms complex - Willow Farm, Pymoor Common, Pymoor - An amended plan/additional information has been received for this application. The following additional information and amended plan has been received:
Drainage Standard Details (1 of 3) - 77735-500-005 Rev P01- Received 12.12.22
Drainage Standard Details (2 of 3) - 77735-500-006 Rev P01- Received 12.12.22
Drainage Standard Details (3 of 3) - 77735-500-007 Rev P01- Received 12.12.22
Drainage Design Settings - Received 12.12.22
Proposed Surface Drainage Overview - 74777.01 100 Rev P01- Received 12.12.22
Proposed Surface Drainage Plan (1 of 3) - 74777.01 101 Rev P01- Received 12.12.22
Proposed Surface Drainage Plan (2 of 3) - 74777.01 102 Rev P01- Received 12.12.22
Proposed Surface Drainage Plan (3 of 3) - 74777.01 103 Rev P01- Received 12.12.22
Drainage Contributing Area Plans - 74777.01 104 Rev P01- Received 12.12.22
Transport Statement - CE-WF1857-RP09 - Final - Received 10.02.23
Amended plan: Proposed site plan - 200954/118 Rev L - Received 12.12.22
DEFERRED TO MAY MEETING DUE TO INQUORATE NUMBERS FOR DISCUSSION

22/01315/FUL – 31 Matthew Wren Close, Little Downham - First floor extension above existing single storey side extension. Demolish part of boundary wall and erect fence Location. An amended plan/additional information has been received and involves changes to Southwest elevation. **NO COMMENT**

Decisions

22/01069/FUL – 8 Bury Green, Little Downham - Proposed two storey rear extension, garage conversion and internal alterations. – **APPROVED**

22/01453/FUL – 6 Second Drove, Little Downham - Construction of first floor extension above existing flat roof extension, addition of 2 pitched dormers on front elevation and internal alterations to layout and external alterations. – **APPROVED**

23/00301/AGN – Highcroft Farm, Main Drove, Little Downham - Agricultural storage building – **APPROVED under Permitted Development**