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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CONEY WESTON PARISH COUNCIL  
THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

Present: Councillor B Hogg Chairman  
Councillor J Ladell  
Councillor D Stewardson  
Councillor D Haycock Clerk  
Councillor C Flood  
Councillor P Clarke  
Councillor P Flieg

1. Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting  
Attending County Councillor Joanna Spicer, Borough Councillor Paula Wade and 3 members of the public
  2. Request for any items from Councillors, not already on agenda
  3. Chairman explained the scheme for public speaking and asked if anyone had a specific item on the agenda they wished to speak on.
  4. **County Councillor Spicer** advised meeting of her various roles as County Councillor and in particular to Coney Weston.  
On the agenda **Speed Recognition Sign (VAS)**. She explained these are operated in conjunction with Community Speed Watch, the sign has to be securely housed, poles installed for positioning sign on side of road, the electricity to power provided by village, they record number of vehicles and their speed on a print out. Cost approx. £2500-£3000, some funding available from County Council/Locality Budget. Suggested setting up a meeting for discussion, to include PCSO Claire Teakle, Claire Starling SCC Highways Department and Parish Councillors.  
Councillor Spicer also advised on the problems caused by a horse, which had resulted in the closure of a public footpath in Barningham, this also affects walkers in Coney Weston, at this point Clerk advised, that very recently speaking to the landowner, it was confirmed the horse had been purchased and was no longer in the meadow.  
A new Doctor's Surgery is to be included as part of the development planned in Hopton.  
**Potholes** – Councillor Spicer apologised to Clerk for her emails to the Highways Department not being acknowledged and that the Street would be included for re-surfacing next year. It was suggested that largest potholes be photographed and sent to SCC Highways Department **Councillor Hogg**
- Borough Councillor Wade** advised the County Council would not be prepared to extend the lay-by on Thetford road to provide extra parking. Havebury Housing only own a minority of the properties so would not contribute to funding which would be in the region of £20,000.
- Police** sent a report advising 2 burglaries and 1 criminal damage in the village  
**Speeding** – One check had been carried out in Coney Weston and this had resulted in 4 letters

**Burglaries** – there has been a recent increase in homes that are temporarily unoccupied (owners on holiday) being burgled. Residents are asked to be vigilant for suspicious vehicles or people in the area. Property should be regularly checked during absence, access gates secured, lights on timer switches, neighbours leaving their car on the driveway, dustbins put away and mail cleared from view.

**Hare coursing** - there have been 2 incidents already so please call in if you see anything suspicious.

## **OPEN FORMAL P.C. MEETING**

5. **Apologies and Declaration of Interests:** None
6. **Approval of Minutes** of previous meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July – they had been circulated, were agreed and signed
7. **Matters Arising for Discussion**  
**Hedges/Footways/Public footpaths and Roads/Potholes**

**Hedges** – the hedge from Coney Weston Hall towards Hopton has been cut by the owner – it was suggested Clerk write and thank him. **Clerk**

Two residents have had ‘near misses’ on the bridge at Barningham. The hedge on Barningham Hall side of the road needs cutting back to ensure vehicles are not pulling out into the road to avoid brambles. **Clerk**

Overgrown hedge on land by Village Hall towards Hopton, owner Mrs Amy Mann. Clerk, having written to her, received a telephone call from her to say this work would be carried out shortly.

For information Riddlesworth Estate, as such, no longer exists (Mrs Noel deceased).

**Public Footpath No 5 Coney Weston** was blocked but has now been cleared from Barningham end. Clerk had spoken with Rights of Way Department and paths are cut at ground level regularly.

**Potholes** see Councillor Spicer’s report and include Three Cross Ways, The Street, Church Cross Roads and Rushford Road

**Bardwell Road** – a fallen tree is obstructing the road. Clerk to contact owner

**Playingfield** – Councillor Stewardson reported a new committee of volunteers, namely herself, George Stewardson, Peter Ladell, and Andy Betts with help from Chris Pelling and Steve Bryanton, have repaired and painted the play equipment. Full report on website and in playingfield file. The Parish Council thanks everyone involved for their work.

**Grass outside the bungalows** Thetford Road, see Councillor Wade report  
Parking on the actual playingfield on next agenda for discussion

**Speed Recognition Sign** - see Councillor Spicer report

**Website** – Councillor Flood advised the front page has been updated.  
Roles and interests, and photos to be discussed at later date

**Notice-boards** – It was suggested we should consider updating the notice-boards and a photograph of what a board could look like was provided. Matter to be discussed at next meeting, how many boards, where to position, ownership of land, if planning permission is needed and cost.

#### 8. **Matters Arising for Decision**

**Treasury Stock** – 2½% Consolidated Stock redeemed on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Bank mandate** for change of signature – signed forms are with Lloyds Bank

**Web-site Training Course** – Councillors agreed to pay for the beginners course on the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> October for Councillor Clarke at a cost of £20. It was suggested it would be preferable to work with the contents of the first course and then take the advanced course at a later date. Councillor Clarke to cancel the additional reservation he made for the afternoon advanced course.

**Monthly Meetings** – Chairman Ben Hogg (as he was not present at the previous meeting) suggested we should review meeting monthly in February 2016.

**Cheque** was signed for P.C. insurance £365.22

#### 9. **Correspondence** - None

10. **A.O.B. Community Speed watch** – we need more volunteers, training is given, there are always 2 persons together and only a small amount of time is involved – advertise in parish magazine  
Appointment of new Clerk – on next agenda  
Mr John Wallace of Hall Farm would like to come to the next P.C. meeting to update the attendees on farming practices and the movement of machinery through the village – to be arranged **Councillor Hogg**  
The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday next year 2016 – It was suggested perhaps we arrange a village celebration. Discuss at next meeting

The next meeting to be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 7pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.45p.m.