

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CONEY WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2015**

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

1. Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
Attending: County Councillor Joanna Spicer and 6 members of the public
2. Request for any items from Councillors not already on agenda - None
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. Mr John Wallace, who farms in the village, gave a short talk on 'Minimising Nuisance to Villagers'. He particularly referred to mud on the road, large vehicles using the road, noise from machinery and bird scarers and pesticides. John was thanked for coming and we all welcomed his efforts to minimise the nuisance and felt more informed after listening to him.
5. County Councillor Joanna Spicer reported it was unlikely the lay-by on Thetford Road would be extended.
Parish Council had received an email from a resident living along Thetford Road who was concerned about the number of large lorries using that road. Councillor Spicer suggested we monitor the lorries (their names, where they are travelling to, if possible, date and time travelling and how many) in the first instance, then it might be possible to get the police involved. We need definite information.
Speed Recognition Sign – Councillor Spicer explained it was possible she could provide some finance towards this but that we really needed to get the Community Speed Watch group up and running, then the police would become involved with training, sighting of sign etc.
Community Speed Watch - Our laser gun is kept with Jean Mills at Hopton, with help from Hopton members positions are set up about once a week for one hour. Volunteers required to help – contact clerk 01359221216

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6. **Apologies** Councillor Stewardson and Borough Councillor Wade
Declaration of Interests: None
7. **Approval of Minutes** of previous meeting on 1st October –having been circulated, they were agreed and signed

8. **Matters Arising for Discussion**
Hedges/Footways/Public footpaths and Roads/Potholes

Speed Recognition Sign and Community Speed Watch – See Councillor Spicer's report

Hedge – has been cut at Trellis house
Holland Cottage, Coles Path – dead tree falling over public right of way - having previously contacted Public Rights of Way, Clerk to write to owner

Potholes – We still have potholes along the Street - all Councillors urged to report potholes on the website.
The road outside The Lodge and the Church Cross roads towards the airfield get flooded due to the excessive rain. Clerk to report

Playingfield – The equipment has been repaired and repainted. A favourable Inspection Report has been received.
The hedges around the playingfield are very overgrown, it was suggested that we ask Mr John Wallace if, when he has his hedge cutter set up, he would cut them. Clerk to ask, but contact to be made with Councillor Stewardson before any cutting takes place. Clerk

Notice-boards – Costings for making 2 new notice boards were presented to the meeting by Councillor Fleig who was prepared to do the work. Figures were accepted and included in this years' budget. Thanks extended to Councillor Fleig

Defibrillator – Information had been produced on the possibility of having a defibrillator in the village. The British Heart Foundation gives grants if we satisfy the criteria for needing one. Councillors agreed to see if the village qualifies for one and £300 was allowed in the budget. It was suggested we approach Hopton's First Responder to see if he would attend a meeting to explain the workings. **Councillor Clarke**

Celebration for Queen's 90th Birthday – agreed to make a grant of up to £500

9. **Matters Arising for Decision**

Monthly Meetings – following some negative views after last months meeting it was suggested we go back to bi-monthly meetings. After further discussion it was decided to review in April 2016. No meeting in December.

Cheques signed for poppy wreath £17, playingfield grass cut £649.20 and website course £24

Quotation from SEBC to cut Playingfield for 2016 – To cut grass and surrounds of football pitch £43.90 per occasion. To cut the slide mound £12.90 when required. Assuming 12 cuts each, total would be £526.80 and £154.80 totalling £681.60 plus VAT which we can reclaim. Councillors decided to accept quotation from SEBC.

Bank mandate –Lloyds Bank has mislaid papers and still not processed
Councillor Hogg as a signatory

Budget/Precept 2015/16 - After discussion total precept agreed of £3866 to include £1701 administration, £1138 other services and £1027 Section 137

Advertisement for New Clerk – after some discussion wording was agreed. Notice to be put in parish magazine, on web-site, notice boards and Clerk to look into placing it in the Local Councillor.
Advertisement to be circulated to Councillors.

9. **Correspondence** - None

The next meeting to be on Thursday 4th January 2016 at 7pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.20p.m.