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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CONEY WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2016**

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

1. Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
Attending: 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.

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4. **Apologies:** County Councillor Spicer and Borough Councillor Wade
5. **Approval of Minutes** of previous meeting on 7th January – having been circulated, they were agreed and signed

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

Hedges – A report has been received by the Council about a number of hedges encroaching along the footway in the Street. After discussion it was suggested an article be placed in the Parish Magazine and on website reminding people generally of the need to keep paths clear especially for pushchair and wheelchair users. Some owners have also been contacted as a result.

Check if all footways are adopted by County Council CLERK
The hedges at Beeches and on bridge at Barningham have been reported and must be cut back.

Potholes in the Street have mostly been filled in but those along Rushford Road have not.

Chairman to complete the survey received from Highways and also to make sure that BEFORE The Street is re-surfaced potholes in the road are filled in. Low manhole cover in Thetford Road is one of a number not raised when the road was resurfaced it is unlikely this will be addressed / improved until the next re-surfacing.

Community Speed Watch and Speed Recognition Sign – Members from Hopton Community Speed Watch are prepared to come to Coney Weston. We liaise regarding dates when they are able to come. We also need to clarify positioning of Speed Gun with Councillor Spicer, at present it seems to be outside the Village Hall (not much traffic along the Street) and outside the Swan Public House only, is there any flexibility? We still need more volunteers to help with Speed Watch. Clarification was requested regarding the sign and need for an active speedwatch and will be sought.

Hopton GP Surgery – Councillor Hogg spoke about the meeting he had attended and we all agreed to support the continuation of GP services at Hopton

Notice-boards – our three new noticeboards are now in position. Thanks to Councillor Fleig

Celebration for Queen's 90th Birthday – Councillor Spicer has indicated she is prepared to purchase a beacon for each of her villages. Positioning needs to be decided.

7. **Matters Arising for Decision**

Cheque for £99.99 signed for software for new PC computer

Bank mandate – saga still continuing. CLERK

Defibrillator – A short film produced by the British Heart Foundation was shown before PC meeting commenced.

The defibrillator will be delivered imminently and, in the meantime, it was suggested we advise villagers and have some training sessions with Stuart Turner, the first responder from Hopton, as soon as possible. The printing of a leaflet explaining the use of the defibrillator and then delivered to all households in the village was discussed, and also mentioning it to those present at the next supper in the village hall, as these are usually very well attended. A security tag was suggested to make checking machine had not been tampered with easier.

New Audit Regime – Clerk advised from 1st April 2017 we will not have an external audit unless requested, but we do need an internal audit

New Clerk – Response to adverts, hours and salary to be discussed

Time of Meetings – decision taken to leave start time at 7pm

8. **Correspondence** – None

9. **A.O.B.** – The question of who owns the land at end of Crow Street was discussed. Clerk will endeavour to find out

A complaint was received of an obtrusive street light on Thetford Road

The next meeting to be on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7pm