

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF CONEY WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY 2017**

PRESENT: Councillors: B. Hogg (Chair), P. Clarke, P. Fleig, C. Flood, D. Haycock, J. Ladell, County Councillor J. Spicer, Borough Councillor A. Smith, R. Jay (Clerk) and six members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr D. Stewardson – accepted.
2. Cllr Hogg welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that the scheme of public speaking was operative. No requests to speak were raised.
3. No declarations of interest were made by Councillors.
4. The minutes of the last meeting (Nov 3rd) were approved and signed by Chair and Clerk after amending the provisional budget total from £8394 to £8694.

5.1 County Cllr Spicer deferred comment until the open formal meeting.

5.2 Borough Cllr Smith informed the meeting that the sum of £9838.23 was available to support public open space projects in Coney Weston; the money has been raised through a section 106 payment derived from developments in the parish. In respect of any project, in order to qualify for grant it should be for the benefit of the village and relate to public open space. The Families & Communities Officer could be used to access alternative funding from other sources if available for projects not qualifying under section 106.

OPEN FORMAL PC MEETING: Matters arising for discussion (Members progress reports/actions)

6.1 Flooding in the Street: The engineering report on the drainage system was summarised by Cllr Hogg; the work required is substantial, so a piecemeal approach is considered inappropriate, it will join about 140 other schemes around the county for an allocation of funding and priority; further information should be available on the County Council website. The ranking of our scheme has yet to be determined.

County Cllr Spicer noted progress with ditch clearing at the Memorial crossroads prior to minor works to kerbing and drains intended alleviate recent flooding of the airfield road.

6.2 Traffic calming: County Cllr Spicer reported that measures are still being considered and will be funded from her Highways budget.

6.3 Website hosting: Cllr Flood confirmed a successful transfer of all data to Suffolk Cloud; more content is required from village groups to report current events. Cllrs Flood & Clarke attended a training course during January.

6.4 Street lighting complaint: Action to constrain the light spread of the offending lantern has been agreed, remedial work expected during January.

6.5 vehicle activated speed sign (VAS): The four location points submitted to County Highways in October were approved; the posts are now in place. The model selected will record speed, date and time for each vehicle passing. Clerk write requesting funding support from County Cllr Spicer who offered £1500; an additional £500 may be available from Borough Cllr Smith.

B. Hogg Chair

R. Jay Clerk

6.6 Vehicle Parking: Cllr Hogg summarised parking regulations (as published on the Highways Agency website), in particular vehicles should be at least ten metres from any road junction. Further to recent work to clear hedgerows from pavements and footpaths it is important that vehicles are not parked so as to obstruct pavements and footways.

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

7.1 Annual Parish Meeting: It was resolved to hold a revised format ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING on April 20th, when village clubs and groups are invited to present their annual reports and to raise matters for discussion in a less formal gathering than when at a Parish Council meeting.

7.2 Approve a specific VAS model: It was resolved to purchase a 'Westcotec mini SID' with recording software plus three additional pole brackets.

FINANCE:

8.1 Budget for 2017/18: After review, the draft budget was approved without change at £8694, Clerk to complete and forward precept request forthwith.

8.2 To authorise cheques for signature: The following cheques were authorised by the Council and signed:

- St Edmundsbury Borough Council – strimming slide mound (annual cost) £145.56
- SALC for Suffolk cloud website training (two delegates) £52.80
- Clerk's administration expenses (Nov-Dec) £19.05

9. Correspondence received since publication of agenda: Although not a Parish Council project, a letter of appreciation was received for the team working to clear and landscape the street pond; this was passed to Andy Betts for circulation among those involved.

10. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council: Cllr Haycock had attended the latest SALC area meeting, details of the business will be circulated in due course.

Cllr Fleig confirmed that he will be relocating his residence away from Suffolk, he will write confirming this move and his resignation from the Council when a date is known. Cllr Hogg endorsed a vote of thanks to Cllr Fleig for his enthusiasm and effort since election as a councillor for the Parish.

11. Date of next meeting confirmed as Thursday 2nd March 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20:40hrs.

B. Hogg Chair

R. Jay Clerk