

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
CONEY WESTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 AT 7.00PM  
AT CONEY WESTON VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Clarke, Craig, Duncan, Flood, Ladell & Mihr  
(Chair)  
District Councillor A. Smith  
4 members of the public  
A. Morris (Clerk)

Councillor Mihr, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7pm.

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1. To receive apologies for absence and approve the reasons given.</b> Apologies received from County Councillor Spicer due to work commitments	
<b>2. Declarations of interest</b> Cllr Craig on any item regarding the Bowls Club	
<b>3. To approve draft minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022</b> These had been previously circulated and were unanimously agreed as a true and correct record of that meeting.	
<b>4. Scheme of public speaking</b> 2 members of the public requested to speak at item 7.1	
<b>5. County Councillor's report</b> None as Councillor not present	
<b>6. District Councillor's report</b> – Cllr Smith reported the following: Firsfield Solar Farm planning application – final decision by planning pushed back to 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 as more work is required on biodiversity, archaeology and highways. Communication is ongoing between Norfolk CC and Suffolk CC on the proposed traffic route for the project;  £500 from locality budget still available for CW Playing Field Committee;  Damien Parker has responded to Cllr Mihr regarding queries on the Playing Field land ownership (see item 7.1)	
<b>7. Councillor's Reports</b>	
<b>7.1 Defibrillator, village and volunteer groups</b> – defibrillator has recently been removed from the cabinet but was returned and has now been tested as fully operational. Village Hall Haywain painting – Keith Lewis has been in contact and asked if past minutes could be checked to see if there is any record on how the painting was gifted to the village or to an individual in the village.	

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Geoff Mihr, Chair



Andrea Morris, Clerk

Minutes have been checked back to 1968 and no reference found. Village Hall committee (VHC) have minutes from 1997. Mr Lewis will check the earlier VHC minutes which may now be stored in the Bury St Edmunds Archives. VHC have removed the painting from display in the Hall and is being looked after, for the time-being, by Mr Lewis . Issue ongoing. **ACTION**

Legal situation of the ownership of the Playing Field land – Cllrs Clarke and Mihr have tried to complete forms for the land registry but this requires the services of a conveyancer. 3 quotes required – work in progress. **PC/GM**

Cllr Clarke reported that a compost heap at the Playing Field site had caught fire recently – scraps of singed paper were discovered nearby and this may suggest that it was started deliberately but there is no hard evidence to support this. A member of the public alerted neighbours and collectively they doused the heap with water. Fire brigade were called who confirmed that it had been properly extinguished and police were also informed. 2 members of the public reinforced the serious nature of the fire - Cllr Clarke agreed to draft a leaflet for all residents to alert them to the dangers of overheating compost heaps and to ask Fire Brigade for advice. **PC**

Cllr Clarke in process of getting quotes for the cutting of the grass at the triangle by the village sign as this is not on the WSC schedule. A separate quote for the grass cutting on the playing field will also be sought **PC**

**7.2 New residents, community engagement** – congratulations extended to Cllr Craig on the success of the Jubilee weekend. The Jubilee Committee will now become 'Special Events Committee' to be reformed when and if another National Event takes place. Selection of fridge magnets for new residents now at The Swan. Cllr Craig will continue to visit new residents when they move into the village to give them an introductory letter and a fridge magnet.

**7.3 Environmental initiatives, neighbourhood watch liaison** – Cllr Duncan advised that the level of the village pond is going down due to warm weather. The environmental items suggested by Knettishall Heath group are being worked on.

Neighbourhood Watch AGM scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> August – more people needed for the group – Cllr Flood will advertise on website. **CF**

**7.4 Website, Facebook page and publicity** – access to Google analytics has changed so data not currently available. Traffic on Facebook dropped by 44% since Jubilee weekend. Speed data most popular post.

**7.5 Planning, monitoring of noticeboards** – a new planning application has been received since the issue of this Agenda for the installation of solar panels at a residence – this will be subject to an Extra Ordinary meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Cllr Ladell reported that the village noticeboards are in a poor state of repair and need repairing or replacing. Cllr Ladell will get 3 quotes for the replacement of 2 noticeboards. **JL**

**7.6 Highways, hedges and footpaths, speed device** – Cllr Mihr reported that no date for the start of drain works has yet been confirmed. The hedge by Coney Weston Hall has now grown over the footpath





**ACTION**  
**GM**

– Cllr Mihr will write a further letter to the landowner asking for the hedge to be cut and will also contact Highways for them to do this in the Autumn. Speed device working well and capturing speeds of between 35 to 60/70mph driving through the village. An ANPR camera may be available for the village soon.

**8. Financial Report**

Cllr Mihr proposed to accept previously circulated bank reconciliation and statements dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Seconded by Cllr Craig. Unanimously agreed.

Cllr Mihr proposed authorising all payments listed on payment schedule as previously circulated:

- A Morris (Clerk) – stationery items - £8.25, VAT £1.65, total £9.90
- SLCC membership renewal 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023- £80.00
- Suffolk Cloud website hosting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 £120.00
- Admin payments (not itemised due to GDPR) - £383.10

**8.3 To discuss introduction of petty cash float** – after discussion it was unanimously agreed not to introduce this initiative to our finance systems.

**9. To receive an update on the proposed Jaynic development site at Stanton**

Cllr Mihr gave the meeting an overview of this proposed project after his attendance at a public community event in Stanton. Formal planning application has not yet been lodged. All details of the project are available at [www.yoursay-stantonbusinesspark.co.uk](http://www.yoursay-stantonbusinesspark.co.uk)

**10. To consider the Playground land registration and discuss the immediate and medium-term future**

Discussed at item 7.1

**11. To review and adopt the new LGA 2020 Model Code of Conduct as previously circulated**

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the 2020 Code of Conduct. Updates required to policy document on website.

Clerk

**12. To consider correspondence received and matters for Council’s attention since the publication of the Agenda**

The Clerk advised the meeting of the upcoming annual electoral register canvass – for information and to be advertised on the website.

CF

Cllr Mihr advised the meeting that he completed the lorry route survey but that no items he had included in the return had been referred to.

**13. Personal statement from Cllr Duncan**

Cllr tendered his resignation from the Parish Council – effective immediately. Clerk will advise WSC and a vacancy notice issued for circulation.

Clerk

Cllr Mihr, as Chair, thanked Cllr Duncan for his hard work and enthusiasm during his time on the Parish Council.



**14. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Cllr Mihr, Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Geoff Mihr, Chair



Andrea Morris, Clerk