

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cantley Parish Council held on
Thursday 15th February 2018 at 7pm in Cantley Village Hall.**

Present: Dot Machin (Chairman)
Peter Key
Steve Bennett
Kevin Francis
Norma Knight
Ray Smith
Vicky Powell, Clerk

Also present: One member of the public was in attendance

1 Public Forum

A member of the public asked whether the minutes of the Limpenhoe Working Group were available on the Council's website. The Clerk confirmed that she had yet to add a sub heading to the website menu, but the minutes could be found on the Parish Council homepage, under Limpenhoe Village Green Working Group.

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Kevin Francis noted that he had received a complaint from a member of the public with regard to sugar beet lorries using the back lanes through the Spong and Limpenhoe to the factory. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to British Sugar regarding the use of narrow lanes through the Parish.

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2 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Brenda Pawsey.

3. Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda

None received

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2018

The minutes of the meeting were **agreed** as an accurate record, proposed by Steve Bennett, seconded by Ray Smith, all in favour.

5. Urgent Items

The Clerk noted that a response had been received from Network Rail with regard to a number of questions raised at the public drop in sessions. The level crossing will be replaced by two full barriers, electronically controlled by a signaller at Colchester. The new crossing is likely to improve safety by 8-10% by removing the human error aspect locally. Following a question regarding staff, many of the existing signallers will either be retiring, taking voluntary redundancy or being retrained into new operations roles locally. The crossing gates at Church Road were stopped of all traffic, with the exception of use as a public footpath in 1961. There is no right of way for the public to use the crossing other than by foot. Once improvement works are complete in spring 2019 there will no longer be a signaller to unlock the gate.

6. Matters Arising

a) Limpenhoe War Memorial – Historic England

The Clerk had received a response from Revd Greenland with regard to the ownership of Limpenhoe War Memorial. The Church had contributed to the cleaning of the memorial in the past, but it was not owned by themselves. In law a memorial in a churchyard continues to belong to the family who installed it. After discussions it was **agreed** that Norma Knight would investigate ownership. The Clerk would write a

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response to Historic England following the outcome of the investigation.

b) Fouling - Hobbs Lane

The Clerk had received notification of further incidences of human fouling in Hobbs Lane close to the public right of way. Kevin Francis noted that incidences had also occurred on the Cow Meadow footpath. It was **agreed** for Peter Key and Kevin Francis to investigate ownership of the land at Hobbs Lane and to ascertain if the nearby business had toilet facilities. The issue would remain on the agenda for next month.

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7. Highways and Transport

a) Dualling of A47 – Blofield – Burlingham

The Clerk had received notification of the proposed plans for the dualling of the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham. The proposed plans would see a new carriageway being built to the south of the existing road. Further information was available on the Highways England website.

b) Closure of Station Road

Station Road would be temporarily closed between 11pm on 3rd March – 4am on 5th March 2018.

8. Finance

a) It was **agreed** to pay the following, proposed by Norma Knight, seconded by Kevin Francis, all in favour.

Vicky Powell	Clerk's Salary January (SO)	£191.60
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9. Correspondence

a) The Greater Norwich Local Plan consultation will run from 8 January to 15 March 2018. Residents can find out more and have their say via the following website www.gnlp.org.uk

10. Planning

None received.

11. Ongoing Matters

a) Limpenhoe Working Group Update

Steve Bennett confirmed that further dumping had taken place on the site. Norma Knight noted that David Johnson had now retired. She was awaiting a response from Nplaw as to whether another officer would be able to take on the council's legal questions. After discussions it was **agreed** to erect a fence around the site to prevent further dumping. The Clerk would investigate costings. To allow the public to access the site, it was proposed that the fence was staggered or a small gap was left. Ray Smith noted that the probation service may be able to help with erecting the fence. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to the probation service.

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12. New Matters

a) Items for Newsletter

Staithe Charitable Trust free water activity courses at Whitlingham Adventure Centre.

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13. Items for the Next Months Agenda

None

14. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Due to the sensitive nature of the matters to be discussed, it was agreed to exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for item 15 – Recruitment of Parish Clerk.

15. Recruitment of Parish Clerk

a) Ratify appointment of new Clerk

It was **agreed** to appoint Melanie Eversfield to the post of Parish Clerk. The contract and pay scale were agreed by all.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday 15th March 2018, 7pm at **Limpenhoe Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 8:00pm

CHAIRMAN