**BOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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**A meeting will be held in the Poppy Room, Bottisham Sports and Social Club on Monday 7 June 2021 at 7.45pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.**

**There will be an open forum prior to the start of the meeting for any resident to address the Parish Council or raise questions. A maximum of 15 minutes is allocated to this session with each speaker allowed a maximum of 3 minutes. It would be helpful if you could email the Clerk in advance of the meeting if you wish to speak.**

**MEETING OF BOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL – AGENDA**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MEMBERS’ DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING of 4 May 2021

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MAY MEETING

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| **Minute** | **Action** | **By whom** |
| Open Forum | Decide on whether a response is to be made to the representation from the Bottisham Early Morning Swimming Club | Parish Council |
| 21b | Obtain contact details of the Electrician to ascertain whether the time settings can safely be changed by a non-electrician | Clerk |
| 21c | Advise the resident who raised the concern about the overgrown hedge in Jenyns Close of action taken by ECDC | Clerk |
| 21e | Contact the donor and the Park Estate about potential location of bench | Clerk |
| 21g | Seek clarification of Planning course content from CAPALC and identify possible times for the session | Cllr Ogborn & the Clerk |
| 21h | Look out archived information regarding ownership of the land at E end of Beechwood Avenue on which overgrown tree is situated | Cllr di Lorenzo |
| 22 | Reconvene the Play Area Working Group to plan how to recommence consultation with residents of Ancient Meadows | Cllr di Lorenzo |
| 26 | Bring a proposal about how to run the Annual Parish meeting to a future meeting of the Parish Council | Cllr Ogborn |
| 28a | Write to ECDC with a copy to D/Cllr Cane highlighting the problem of cycling on the lane between Beechwood Avenue and Ancient Meadows | Clerk |
| 28a | Ask Cllr O’Dell whether he has information about the disappearance of the small green bin from the Cemetery | Cllr Chetwynd |
| 29 | Consult Cllrs Ogborn & Clarke for decision on insurance | Clerk |

5. READOPTION OF

a) Standing Orders

b) Financial Regulations

6. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

8. PLANNING

a) Consultations received - none

b) Planning Applications Approved

21/00439/FUL

4 Lysander Close, Bottisham CB25 9GH

Single storey rear extension and internal alterations

21/00501/FUL

17 Peacock Drive, Bottisham CB25 9EF

Proposed rear extension, window alterations and new front porch

9. ENVIRONMENT:

a) Update from Cllr Chetwynd on areas of responsibility

b) Report back on Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Community Working Group meeting 2 June - Cllr Wilson

10. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT & GOVERNANCE RETURN

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021

12. FINANCE

1. To approve payment of outstanding accounts

June £

Items for approval

Jonathan Giles – Salary, Pension, PAYE and NI 749.60

J Giles – Cemetery shed keys 17.50

I Swift – Litter picking (5 weeks) 65.63

K Levitt – Litter picking (5 weeks) 65.63

TEEC -migration to new website 735.00

Haven Power – Streetlights (paid by DD) 47.82

East Cambs Trading Company 425.81

Community Action Suffolk (Insurance) - paid 401.25

Installation of timeswitch to Bus shelter (tba)

13. UPDATE ON NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND EMAIL

Update - Cllr Winkcup

14. NEW CEMETERY WORKING PARTY

Update – Cllr Ogborn

15. PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY

Update - Cllr di Lorenzo

16. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a) Notification of contribution to grasscutting of £1123 from CCC

b) Publication of [East Cambridgeshire Youth Strategy (eastcambs.gov.uk)](https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/youthstrategy2021AC.pdf)

c) Confirmation of order to repair/replace streetlights from Balfour Beatty

d) Report of damage to bus shelter from resident via D/Cllr Trapp

CORRESPONDENCE/CONTACTS FROM RESIDENTS

1. Concerns re Maple Tree on Bottisham Path 10
2. Notification of Village Litter Pick 12 June 10.30 am
3. Query regarding land ownership and responsibility for trees (High Street)

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday 5 July 2021, 7.45pm.

Jonathan Giles

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Parish Clerk

FURTHER MEETING DATES

Monday 6 September, Monday 4 October, Monday 1 November, Monday 6 December

**Attachment 1**

**BOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting Tuesday 4 May at 7.45pm, held online due to coronavirus restrictions**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Jon Ogborn- Chair. Cllrs Buchanan, Chetwynd, Clarke, di Lorenzo, O’Dell, van Someren, Wilson and Winkcup

D/Cllr Cane

**APOLOGIES**:

Cllrs Marsh, Martin, O’Dell

**PUBLIC OPEN FORUM:** Mr Andrew Clarke spoke on behalf of the Bottisham Early Morning Swimming Club. He explained that having had use of the pool at Bottisham Village College for three mornings per week for 1.75 hours at a cost of £60 per month, in August 2019 the Club received notice that the charge was being increased to £600 per month. Whilst recognising that the previous rate was below the prevailing market rate, the new charge is substantially above it. Based on the Club’s membership, the monthly cost would be £35 per member. This compares with £19.60 per month paid by adult members of the Sports Club and which gives access to other facilities besides the pool. Mr Clarke explained that the Club was responsible for unlocking for their sessions, organising their own lifeguard cover and insurance which would be inclusive for Sports Club members. The BEMSC has appealed to the Chair of Governors over the increase, but the appeal has been rejected. He asked the Parish Council to consider whether it was prepared to make representations to the Governors, bearing in mind the health benefits to the local community offered by the Club. Cllr Ogborn advised that the Council would consider this at its next meeting in June.

**16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**17. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOLLOWED BY SIGNING OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** Cllr Clarke took the Chair for this item. Having heard from Cllr Ogborn that he was prepared to stand again, Cllr Clarke proposed him for the role. This was seconded by Cllr Winkcup and Cllr Ogborn was duly elected

**18. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:** Cllr Ogborn took the Chair. Cllr Clarke was proposed by Cllr Buchanan, seconded by Cllr Wilson and duly elected

**19. RESERVED BUSINESS:** Vacancy - Co-option of Parish Councillor (The Public were excluded from the meeting for this item). Cllr Ogborn introduced Mrs Nadene Cundell who had submitted an application for co-option onto the Council. Her co-option was proposed by Cllr Wincup, seconded by Cllr Buchanan and agreed unanimously

**20. APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING of 6 April 2021:** Amendments to minute 12 Play Area Working Group from Cllrs Ogborn and di Lorenzo were proposed.

Acceptance of the minutes incorporating these amendments was proposed by Cllr Winkcup and seconded by Cllr Wilson. This was agreed unanimously.

**21. MATTERS ARISING FROM APRIL MEETING**

**a) Installation of bollards on the Triangle:** Meads have said they will be able to do the work in about six weeks time. Cllr Martin will meet them at the site to agree the position of the bollards

**b) Removal of graffiti from the Bus Shelter:** This has been carried out by Mr Neal. The light has been repaired but a query has been raised about it being on all night.

**ACTION:** The Clerk has asked for contact details of the Electrician, to ascertain whether the time settings can safely be changed by a non-electrician

**c) Overgrown hedge on lane in Jenyns Close:** D/Cllr Cane advised that a letter has been written to the leaseholder of the property

**ACTION:** Clerk to advise the resident who raised the concern

**d) Representation on Wicken Fen Liaison Group:** Cllr Buchanan asked for information to be sent, so that she can explore the possibility of a contact she knows undertaking this role on behalf of the Council

**ACTION:** The Clerk to send details of the Group to Cllr Buchanan

**e) Location of bench being donated to the Council:** Cllr Chetwynd had sought suggestions for location of a new bench. As the Council owns little land, any location would have to be agreed with the owner of publicly accessible land. The location most favoured was the Dirt Hills, where parents often wait with younger children at the end of the school day.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to contact the donor and the Park Estate

**f) ECDC Consultation on Single Issue Review of the Local Plan:** Cllr Buchanan has responded confirming that the Parish Council supports the Single Issue Review

**g) Proposed Training Session on Planning for Councillors:** CAPALC have responded saying that a session could be provided for £350

**ACTION:** Cllr Ogborn & the Clerk will seek clarification of the course content and identify possible times for the session

**h) Overgrown tree at eastern end of Beechwood Avenue:** This was reported to the County Council, who responded that the tree was on private land and was not affecting the highway

**ACTION:** Cllr di Lorenzo will look out archived information regarding ownership of the land on which the tree is situated

**22. PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY:** Cllr di Lorenzo said that the Working Party had last met in 2019 and a planned consultation with Ancient Meadow residents had been postponed because of the pandemic.

**ACTION:** Cllr di Lorenzo will reconvene the Working Group to plan how to recommence this consultation

**23. ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES:** Cllr Ogborn advised that the only formally constituted Committee with decision-making powers is the Finance Committee. He thanked Cllr Buchanan who is stepping down after many years of service. It was proposed by Cllr Buchanan, seconded by Cllr Wilson and unanimously agreed that the Committee membership should be: Cllrs Clarke (Chair), Ogborn, Chetwynd & Winkcup.

Cllr Ogborn explained that the Planning Working Party is not delegated to make decisions, but makes recommendations to the full Council on any planning applications received. He paid tribute to Cllr Buchanan, who is stepping back as Chair of the group, for her contribution and commitment to planning issues for the Council since 1976. It was proposed by Cllr di Lorenzo, seconded by Cllr Chetwynd and unanimously agreed that the Group membership should be: Cllrs Wilson (Chair), Buchanan, Marsh & Martin

**24. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES:** Cllr Winkcup is a member of the Bottisham Local Charity, which distributes funds allocated to it by the Bottisham United Charities. This body is currently seeking a further representative from Bottisham. Cllr Clarke sits on the John Salisbury Charity which distributes funds to Bottisham and Lode. Cllr Buchanan is the representative on the Bowls Club, reflecting the fact that some of the land used by the Club is on a long lease from the Parish Council

**25. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:** D/Cllr Cane reported that D/Cllr Alan Sharp has been elected chair of the District Council, replacing Liz Every. D/Cllr Cane is on the newly formed Audit Committee and is joined on the Finance and Assets Committee by D/Cllr Trapp. D/Cllr Trapp remains on the Planning Committee and joins the Operations Committee. She noted the failure of the High Court action to allow remote Council meetings to continue after 7 May, in the context that the Grange in Ely is difficult to operate in a Covid-secure manner. D/Cllr Cane’s full report is attached to these minutes.

**26. CHAIR’S REPORT:** Picking up on the issue raised by D/Cllr Cane, Cllr Ogborn said that he and the Clerk were visiting the Poppy Room at the Social Club, to assess how Parish Council meetings could take place safely. Given the numbers who attend the Annual Parish Meeting, the Poppy room would be inadequate and he will investigate the possibility of using the main hall of the Club.

**ACTION:** Cllr Ogborn to bring a proposal about how to run the meeting to a future meeting of the Parish Council

**27. PLANNING:** Cllr Buchanan said that the Working Group had considered the applications received and concluded that there were no concerns arising from them.

**28. ENVIRONMENT:**

**a) Update on areas of responsibility:** Cllr Chetwynd reported that of the items reported by Council members ,the most concerning was that an adult riding a bike on the path between Beechwood Avenue and Ancient Meadows had hit a child. There was some discussion about possible solutions to prevent a recurrence including No Cycling signs and kissing gate to prevent bikes being able to move at speed around the blind corner.

**ACTION:** The Clerk will write to ECDC with a copy to D/Cllr Cane highlighting the problem

The small green bin has gone missing from the Cemetery.

**ACTION:** Cllr Chetwynd will enquire from Cllr O’Dell whether he has information about its disappearance

**b) Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project Community Working Group:** Cllr Wilson attended the inaugural meeting of the group and circulated a report to Council members. He was disappointed that there was no discussion of the suitability of the site, when local villages have stated the view that the need to move from the present site has not been demonstrated. He identified three concerns arising from the implementation of the project: odours carried by the wind; increased traffic (both during construction and when the site is operational) and the visual impact on the local landscape, including the visibility of stacks in local conservation areas.

**29. FINANCE**

**a) Repair and replacement of inoperative streetlights:** The Clerk explained that he had sought three quotations given the likely cost of the works. One contractor was only able to do minor repairs and can’t replace columns. The second contacted seemed reluctant to quote, saying that Balfour Beatty is the main provider in the area – they failed to respond when sent information on the work required. In that context, the Clerk asked the Council to waive the Standing Order requirement for three quotations and to accept the quotation of £3,379+VAT from Balfour Beatty. Cllr Winkcup proposed and Cllr Wilson seconded a motion to this effect which was carried unanimously

**b) The following payments were approved:**

May £

Items for approval

Jonathan Giles – Salary, Pension, PAYE and NI 749.60

I Swift – Litter picking (4 weeks) 52.50

K Levitt – Litter picking (4 weeks) 52.50

Wave (Anglian Water) – Cemetery 13.12

Haven Power – Streetlights 44.48

S Neal Carpentry – Renovation of Bus Shelter 450.00

**c) Finance Committee Meeting 20 April 2021:** Cllr Clarke highlighted the key issues discussed. He welcomed Cllr Chetwynd’s appointment to the Committee, reflecting the significant expenditure on Environment matters. He reported that the Cambridge Building Society Account had been opened and that we are working to overcome some teething problems with the operation of the account. Referring to the financial results for 2020-21, he noted that the limitation on activity caused by lockdown meant that the Council’s expenditure had been reduced. The reserves stand at £138,000 as at 31 March 2021 which is an increase of £23,000 over the year. Given the commitments around future expenditure on a play area and the cemetery these reserves are justified.

The Clerk said that, as our current insurer was refusing was refusing to meet the claim for the damaged streetlight, he had sought quotations from other insurers for the period commencing 1 June 2021. These quotations are awaited and the decision will need to be made before the end of the month on a cost that could be up to £700.

Cllr Winkcup proposed and Cllr Buchanan seconded the proposal that the decision be delegated to Cllrs Clarke and Ogborn after consultation with the Clerk. This was agreed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Clerk to consult Cllrs Ogborn & Clarke for decision on insurance

30. DECISION ON NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND EMAIL: Cllr Winkcup outlined the key points of his report. He proposed using the standard template for Councils offered by “My Parish Council”, as it was well tested in practice by other Councils. The changeover would cost £612 and the ongoing costs would be £270 per annum – the latter figure includes the automatic download from the District Council Planning Portal. Given that our current provider charges £671, the cost of the changeover would be recouped in a couple of years. In response to a question about updating the site, he believes that 80% could be managed within the Council. Creating new pages is much less complex than with the current system. He proposed that the work be commissioned as soon as possible, with the aim of going live in September. This would enable 3 months notice to be given to the current provider.

Cllr Ogborn proposed and Cllr Wilson seconded that Cllr Winkcup be authorised to place the order for the new website with My Parish Council. This was agreed unanimously.

31. NEW CEMETERY WORKING GROUP: Cllr Ogborn advised that representatives of the National Trust would be meeting with the Consultants, the Clerk and the working party on 19 May.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm