

## Minutes of Cople Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Present:	Mr S Smith	Vice Charirman
	Ms L Davis	Councillor
	Mr T Fisher	Councillor
	Mr D Hughes	Councillor
	Mr D Whitehead	Councillor
	Ms A Baldwin	Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30.

### 1 **Apologies for Absence (44)**

Apologies received from Cllr Mike Vacher & Cllr P Moore. In the absence of Cllr Moore, Cllr Smith as Vice Chair took the meeting.

### 2 **Approval of Minutes (45)**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were approved as a true record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

### 3 **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009 (46)**

**Minute 26** – Clerk received a reply from Stagecoach who are going to try and attend the meeting scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**Minute 29** – Clerk received an email from the Planning Department at Bedford Borough Council regarding the Golf Course development and was made available to Councillor to comment.

**Minute 41** – Clerk to remind Council in March that Parishioners are invited to view works being carried out at the Quarry.

Minute 42 – Clerk written to new Mayor of Bedford inviting him to attend a future council meeting and to dated has not received a reply.

### 4 **Correspondence (47)**

The Clerk made available to Councillors the following correspondence:

Minutes of the Bedford Borough Council's Standard Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Letter regarding process to be followed before placing temporary signs for Community Events.

**It was decided that Cllr Hughes would provide the Clerk with a list of local organisation and clerk is to send a copy of the letter to them.**

Letter from Anna Askels & Bernard Wallace regarding noise pollution in the village from the by pass.

**It was decided that the clerk write to Willington Parish & Great Barford Councils to enquire as to whether they have received complaints regarding noise from the by pass and write to Bedford Borough Council asking if more trees and shrubs could be erected along the road.**

### 5 **Planning & Development (48)**

Cllrs decided to register a no comment on the planning application for a single story rear extension at 83 Willington Road, Cople.

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### 6 Standing Order & Finance Regulations (49)

It was decided to defer this item to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

### 7 Meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council (50)

Cllr Vacher had previously emailed a report to Cllrs on the Joint Action Group meeting he attended.

### 8 Budget/Precept 2010/2011 (51)

Cllrs were provided with a breakdown of Income/Expenditure to date and to the end of March 2010. The Clerk had also provided an estimate of costs for the year 2010/11 and it was decided to keep the precept requested at £17,730.

### 9 Finances (52)

#### Current Financial Statement – Lloyds Current Account

Expenses			
Ref.	Payee/From	Detail	Total
DD	Eon	Street Lights 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	£201.10
640	Lawn Lord	Grass Cutting Churchyard 24.11.09	£79.00
641	A Baldwin	Clerks Wages Nov 2009	£414.24
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>£694.34</b>

#### Bank Balances as at 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Lloyds Current Account (after above payments)	£917.66	
Lloyds Flexible Savings	£8,365.00	
NS & I Investment Account	£11,100.00	

Permission was granted to transfer £2,000 from the Flexible Savings Account to the Current Account.

Cllrs Hughes asked the Clerk to find out if it would be possible to transfer funds from Savings to Current account by online banking. It was also suggested that the Clerk seek other ways of investing the sums held in the NS & I Investment Account as the passbook has to be sent away to obtain funds from it.

Cllr Ellis, at the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, stated that she had funds available through the Ward fund scheme. It was suggested that a new notice board be purchased and the clerk was asked to write to Cllr Ellis asking her to set aside approximately £1,500 for this purchase.

It was also suggested that the Cricket Club needed some new equipment. Cllr Hughes was asked to contact the Cricket Club and arrange for 3 quotations be sought for a specific piece of equipment needed. The Clerk is to also Inform Cllr Ellis that approximately £2,000 be set aside for this.

### 10 Any other Business (53)

Concerns were raised about the recent burglaries in the Village to two properties. It was suggested that Cllrs email [ringmaster@befordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ringmaster@befordshire.pnn.police.uk) and register for viewing local current crime

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I certify these minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Chairman

Cllr. P Moore

25<sup>th</sup> January 2010

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