

Minutes of Cople Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th January 2010 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Present:	Mr P Moore	Chairman
	Mr S Smith	Vice Chairman
	Ms L Davis	Councillor
	Mrs C Ellis	Borough Councillor
	Mr T Fisher	Councillor
	Mr D Hughes	Councillor
	Mr M Vacher	Councillor
	Ms A Baldwin	Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30.

1 Apologies for Absence (54)

Apologies were received from Cllr Whitehead.

2 Approval of Minutes (55)

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th December 2009 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters Arising from the meeting held on 7th December 2009 (56)

Minute 26 – Stagecoach attending meeting scheduled for the 8th March 2010.

Minute 42 – Mayor of Bedford attending Council meeting on 8th March 2010.

Minute 47 – Organisations have been provided with a copy of the letter received from the Borough Council regarding the process to be followed before placing temporary signs for Community Events.

Minute 52 – Clerk has not had the opportunity to speak with Lloyds Bank regarding online banking and has not looked into investing sums current held in the NS & I Account.

4 Correspondence (57)

The Clerk made available to Councillors the following correspondence:

Minutes of the Bedford Borough Council's Standard Committee held on 11th January 2010.

Letter from Anne Currie regarding parking on the verge immediately in front of the churchyard and village sign.

It was decided that the clerk write to the Head of the Lower School requesting that staff find alternative parking. It was also decided that the Clerk contact D C Locke to obtain a quote to place raised edging along the area.

5 Planning & Development (58)

The following Planning Applications and decisions were discussed as below

Plan Number	Location	Proposal	Outcome
09/03035/FUL	Maalba 23 Northhill Rd	Two storey rear extension. New pitch roof areas to from	No Objections
09/01755/FUL	Octagon Farm, Bedford Road, Cople	Permission Refused	
09/02768/FUL	83 Willington Road	Permission Granted	

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6 Standing Order & Finance Regulations (59)

A few minor amendments were made to the Finance Regulations and these along with the Standing Orders are to be adopted at the next meeting.

7 Meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council (60)

None attended

8 Finances (61)

Current Financial Statement – Lloyds Current Account

Expenses			
Ref.	Payee/From	Detail	Total
DD	Eon	Street Lights 1 st Dec to 31 st Jan	£201.10
640	Lawn Lord	Grass Cutting/Litter pick	£235.00
641	A Baldwin	Clerks Wages Dec 09 & Jan 10	£829.72
Grand Total			£1,265.82

Bank Balances as at 7 th December 2009		
Lloyds Current Account (after above payments)	£1,955.61	
Lloyds Flexible Savings	£6,365.00	
NS & I Investment Account	£11,100.00	

Clerk is to dig out the information on the recent Notice Board purchase in order that the same board can be purchased through Cllr Ellis's ward fund.

Cllr Ellis also stated that there is a Community Chest Fund available should any local organisations require funding.

9 Maintenance Renewals 2010/11 (62)

The following quotes for the year April 2010 to March 2011 have been received

Grass/Hedge Maintenance

Cllrs reviewed the renewal quote received from Lawn Lord. The maintenance costs listed in the quote were unchanged from the current year and it was agreed by all to accept the renewal for the year April 2010 to March 2011.

Street Light Maintenance

Cllrs reviewed the renewal quote received from Andy Muskett Ltd. The maintenance costs listed in the quote were unchanged from the current year and it was agreed by all to accept the renewal for the year April 2010 to March 2011.

The clerk is to write to both parties informing them that the quotes have been accepted and ask for a copy of their Liability Insurance Cover.

10 Any other Business (63)

It was reported that the path leading into Dog Field from Willington Road has become very

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overgrown despite requests from the home owner to cut it back. It was decided to ask Lawn Lord to cut back the vegetation and provide two further cuts throughout the year.

Lawn Lord are to Contact Cllr Vacher who will accompany them to the field to identify the area needing attention.

I certify these minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on 25th January 2010

Chairman

Cllr. P Moore

8th March 2010

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