

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

18th October 2011 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. M. Williams

Cllr. Jackie Creswick

Cllr. John Creswick

Cllr. N. Dodd

Cllr. M. Kemp

Cllr. C. Walker

None Councillors

Public – 14

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

APOLOGIES

Cllr. David Ferguson – Personal Commitment

Cllr. David McQuay - Work

Cllr. Anthony Wilcox – Family Commitment

CO-OPTION

Cllr. Williams read an e-mail from Roy Shelton apologising for being unable to attend the meeting and stating why he wanted to become a councillor. John Griffiths introduced himself and explained his reasons for wanting to be a councillor.

11/172 RESOLVED – That both Mr. Shelton and Mr. Griffiths be considered for co-option and that a paper ballot be held.

11/173 RESOLVED – That Mr. Shelton be elected to Huntington Parish Council and will sign his acceptance of office at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Kemp declared a prejudicial interest in Item 14 Planning, application 11/04518/EXT, 1 Cheshires Way as the applicant.

MINUTES

11/174 RESOLVED - That the Chairman signs the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th September 2011 as a true and proper record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The clerk reported that PC Sally Malone had sent her apologies as she was attending Great Boughton Parish Council however she had reported there would be two driver engagement days before the Parish Council's November meeting. It was explained a driver engagement day is when drivers are stopped by the police for minor traffic offences and offered the choice of points and a fine or taking part in road safety training. The clerk confirmed she has asked PC Malone to provide an update on the outcomes of these days.

A resident raised concerns that Gorse Way at the junction with Sedum Close is being narrowed by the widening of the pavement/cycleway. It was felt this was highly dangerous due to the size and speed of vehicles travelling along the road and that road width should not be reduced to provide a grass verge. It was noted that the information regarding the capacity of Gorse Way/ Caldy Valley Roads as circulated since the last meeting was far higher that would be expected on a road of their kind.

It was suggested that if the road has been narrowed there will be a need to extend double yellow lines along Gorse Way to prevent parking.

A resident questioned who had made the decision to install the cycleways on the pavements rather than on the roads and what impact the reduction of road widths will have an impact on the roads capacity.

Concerns were voiced again regarding the lack of pedestrian priority on the new paths particularly with some pedestrians being unable to hear on coming cyclists.

It was noted that it was safer for children to use cycle paths on pavements rather than on the road.

Mr. Ackerley (resident) noted there had been 2 deaths of Children on Chester Road since he had lived in the area.

He raised concerns about the height of the Sainsbury's roundabout and also the adverse camber when travelling off the roundabout onto Caldley Valley Road.

Concerns were raised that the Huntington sign had been left lying on the pavement and could be easily stolen.

It was confirmed that the bar had been removed from the footpath style at the Rake & Pikel as reported at the last meeting.

The clerk will continue to pursue the parking obstructing the pavement in front of the Rake and Pikel. It was also noted there is a lack of a pavement from the bus stop to Walkers Nursery and the Post Office.

It was reported that dog bins on Caldley Valley Nature Park need emptying.

The clerk reported the new post box (The Green) will be installed once Royal Mail have received confirmation on water mains location and planning permission has been received.

A resident suggested a meeting of Huntington and Great Boughton Parish Councils with representatives from CW&C highways and CEG and the residents association. It was noted that the residents association should invite representatives to their own meeting as appropriate.

It was noted that a number of residents were writing to CEG to complain about the organisation of their last meeting which comprised of display boards and no seating. It was noted that people attending the meeting were given forms to submit questions however these forms included no contact details or information on how these questions would be answered.

JUBILEE FIELD

The clerk read a letter sent to the Parish Council by Mr. Bonner who confirmed that there is a restriction registered on 6th May 1976 on the Title Absolute of the Jubilee Field which states that '*except under an order of the registrar no disposition by the proprietor of the land is to be registered unless made in accordance with local government act 1972 or some other Act or authority.*' Mr. Bonner was thanked for providing this information.

The clerk reported she had had a positive meeting with a representative from WREN and CW&C landscape architect on the Jubilee Field which had been very positive and that the decision of the WREN grant application should be known by the beginning of December.

The clerk had become aware of another funding stream from Sport England which will open for applications in February 2012 which could be pursued to purchase green gym equipment which could be included on the Jubilee Field or possibly Gorse Way.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

The clerk reported she had had meeting with CW&C Jan Walters (area working) about how to move

forward on this project. The Community Forum meeting at the Bishop Blue Coat School had identified 6 areas which people had commented on which could form a basis for future work which included transport, housing, green spaces, health and wellbeing, education and community facilities and services. It was agreed an article will be included in the next newsletter and that a public workshop would be held at the February meeting of the Parish Council (20th February 2012).

The clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Great Boughton Parish Council confirming Huntington's intention to produce a neighbourhood plan and that they were discussing the matter at their meeting tonight.

COMMUNICATIONS

The council noted the communications strategy as agreed by the Council in August 2010, a number of areas of improvement to the strategy were noted, including more detail about:-

- Creation of working groups including members of the public.
- Surgeries.
- Special Meetings.
- Methods of consultation - questionnaires.
- Face Book.

It was agreed the strategy would be reviewed at each annual meeting of the Council in May and would include an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the success on the Council's communication strategy.

It was agreed that when the agenda is posted on the website additional information will also be posted including the work programme where appropriate.

It was agreed that the Council should consider a specific communications budget when setting the precept for 2012-2013.

CALDY VALLEY ROAD SPEEDING

The clerk confirmed that Dave Reeves CW&C road safety officer will be attending the January 2012 meeting of the Council to explain how the council and community can get involved in road safety and traffic calming.

It was agreed that the SID would be booked for the week commencing 31st October and that Cllr. Creswick would draw up a rota for manning the SID including the members of the public who wanted to get involved.

STREET SCENE

The clerk reported she had requested updates on installation of new bins as requested on the recent walk and on plans to improve the path past the former Post Office on Chester Road.

Street Scene had confirmed they would be prepared to provide in benches for outside St. Lukes and at the bus stop by the Rake and Pikel. The clerk showed councillors the proposed benches it was agreed that the bench with additional arms should be requested for by Walkers in dark green and that the bench with arms at the ends be requested for by St. Luke's. The clerk will seek confirmation on how many benches street scene will install and who will be responsible or their future maintenance.

REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY

11/175 RESOLVED - That the council purchase a poppy wreath for £100 to be laid at the Service of Remembrance at Burera. It was agreed information about the service should be included in the newsletter and on the website as well as on the notice board.

ACCOUNTS

11/176 RESOLVED – That the accounts and payments were accepted as on page 47 of the cash book.

PAYMENTS

11/177 RESOLVED – That R&R Book keeping be paid £60 for payroll services for 2010-2011.

PLANNING

Cllr. Kemp left the meeting and took no part in the following discussion.

11/178 RESOLVED – That for application 11/04518/EXT, Extension of time to implement planning permission 08/01869/FUL for two storey side extension and single storey link to existing detached garage with terrace at rear, 1 Cheshires Way, the council return comment judge on merits.

11/179 RESOLVED – That for application 11/04436/FUL, Removal of study and gallery above two storey block, first floor extension above two storey block, single storey extension to side, new two storey extension to replace existing utility room (amendments to planning permission 11/02013/FUL), 53 Chester Road, the council return comment judge on merits.

WORK PROGRAMME

The Council noted the work programme.

Christmas

It was agreed MJBs be booked to help with the putting up of the Christmas lights.

Tree Planting

11/180 RESOLVES – that the council accept the additional clause (8) to the tree planting licence which states *‘The licensee shall at its own cost inspect and maintain the trees so that they remain in all times in proper condition and in good order thereby ensuring that they do not become unsightly or hazardous as particularised in schedule 4 hereto.’*

The meeting closed at 9.15

**The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 21st November 2011
at Huntington Village Hall.**

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright 27th September 2011