

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on Monday 15th October 2007 at 8.00 p.m. in
Huntington Village Hall

Councillors present: Chair – Cllr. M. Williams
Cllrs. D. McQuay, C. Walker, R. Edwards J. Moore, N. Dodd,
Cllr. C. Buckler joined the meeting at 8.10p.m.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. L. Turner, D. Moore

Sgt. Julia Bryant of Cheshire Police attended the meeting to report on incidents reported in the village & discuss latest matters. She informed the meeting that Inspector Ian Thorp had recently taken over the Chester Outer Neighbourhood Policing Team and had instigated an anti-social patrol group.

2. Public Speaking time

Mrs Jackie Creswick reminded the parish council that at this time of the year, free trees are available from the Landscape Trust.

3. Declarations of interest – N. Dodd on planning application for 16 Foxglove Close.

4. Minutes of previous meeting – Cllr. Turner had declared an interest in the village hall donation.

5. Matters Arising - Cllr. Buckler had been in touch with First Buses about the No. 41 bus. First Bus don't appear to know they operate this route. Cllr. Williams asked if the Christmas tree had been requested from United Utilities. The Clerk informed him it had. Cllr. J. Moore asked whether the hole for the tree had been dug. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had written to him several months ago but no reply had been received. Cllr. Moore will ascertain his address. The barriers which surround the tree are currently at the now vacant shop & need moving. Cllr. Walker volunteered that they be kept at Walker's nurseries and will check that this would be agreeable. The Village signs have been cleaned. Cllr. Walker has planted daffodils on verges throughout the village. She will buy some more. The matter of construction traffic using Caldby Valley Road to access the Townfield Lane site in Farndon had been raised & the clerk had written to Highways – A reply had been received from Highways saying it's an 'advisory route' and the problem will eventually go away. Cllr. Buckler said the 'Access Only' sign covers Townfield Lane in Farndon.

6. Village Web Site

Progressing very well. Domain names were discussed. www.huntington-chester.co.uk proposed & seconded. It was unanimously carried. E-mails to the website will be forwarded to the clerks e-mail address who will pick them up & forward them on as appropriate .Antony Wilcox will

organise hosting. The website needs advertising. It was felt limited advertising e.g. Huntington Handbook, Chester Chronicle, schools etc. would be adequate.

7. Ownership of high bank on Chester Road

Cllr. Williams contacted Chester City Council Tree Officer who gave some advice. He asked the parish council to agree quotes up to certain value and this was agreed. Cllr. Williams is to contact the relevant people & organise the work.

9. New Model Code of Conduct

The Clerk told the meeting she had sent all the necessary paperwork back apart from one councillor who had not returned his. Cllr. Williams ran through the changes to the new model code of conduct where anyone with a prejudicial interest must leave the room at the vote.

10. Delegates Reports - None

11. City Council Minutes – no one wanted to see them.

12. Planning Matters

Applications

APP 07/01798/ful – 16 Foxglove Close – Single storey rear extension

APP 07/01861/ful – 9 Willowherb Close – Two storey front extension

The parish council recommended that comments be submitted re.

9 Willowherb that it is overbearing & overdevelopment & question whether it's contrary to local guidelines. The applicant has the option to extend at the back.

Permissions Granted:

APP07/01509/ful – 158 Chester Road – Single storey extension to rear.

Refusals: None

13. Accounts for Payment – None

14. Highways & Lighting Issues - Celandine towards Bramble Close - 2 street lights out & numbers vandalised off. Behind Daniell Way Nos. 1-8 out and one by Millenium Bridge. Cllr. McQuay mentioned overhanging hedges on Gorse Way. Discussion ensued. Homeowners are responsible for keeping the trees cut.

15. Other Business

Tiles removed in play area. Clerk to ask Reg. Binnersley if he is able to replace them.

Kissing gates – agreed to go ahead

Bank signatories. – All recommended signatories re-signed the forms
Archaeological dig at Saighton Camp – Clerk has asked the City
Archaeologist to keep the Parish Council informed of any developments.
The bungalow on Chester Road by Butterbache bus-stop – garden wall
removed & no safety measures in place to prevent people falling into the
trench. Clerk to contact Highways.

Parish partnership meeting. Cllrs. Williams & possibly Dodd attending.
It was proposed that future parish council meetings start at 7.30p.m. The
councillors present agreed this.

High level footpath – Highways suggested that the parish council write to
Land Registry to register the bank as common land owned by the PC.

At Area Committee, the total dog ban on the Jubilee Field had Huntington
down as recommended for refusal. It will be discussed again in 3-4 weeks.
Trees in verges. There are places we can plant officially. It was decided to
reconvene the Open Spaces Committee and every councillor should be on it
on an ad-hoc basis.

Cllr. McQuay asked if we can find out what we need to achieve Parish Quality
status.

Cllr. McQuay raised the question of emergency Parish Council meetings and
a general discussion took place.

Cllr. John Moore left the meeting at 9.45p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 19th November 2007
commencing at 7.30 p.m.