

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 19th November 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in
Huntington Village Hall

Councillors present: Chair – Cllr. M. Williams
Cllrs. D. McQuay, C. Walker, N. Dodd, L. Turner

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs., D. Moore, J. Moore, C. Buckler

2. Public Speaking time

Sgt. Julia Bryant of Cheshire Police attended the meeting to report on incidents reported in the village & discuss latest matters. 12 incidents reported since last meeting. Clerk asked if the play area was being patrolled at nights & Sgt. Bryant will check with the PCSO's. Cllr. Turner asked if the checks on illegal parking outside the school could be done on a more regular basis.

3. Declarations of interest - Cllr Walker on anything related to Walkers Nurseries.

4. Minutes of previous meeting – Agreed subject to small change on Quality Status.

5. Matters Arising - Cllr. Turner asked about the hole for the Christmas Tree. In the absence of the hole being dug, it was decided to continue as in previous years. Discussion about the electricity supply. Cllrs. Dodd & Williams will review the situation re. erecting the tree. Time tba. Walkers Nurseries have agreed to store the barriers on the understanding they are not liable for any loss or damage to them & removal to be advised via Cllrs. Walker or Williams.

Dog ban – The Chairman raised this with the relevant executive member of the City Council. He has received a reply by e-mail. There are three criteria for a total dog ban. The Parish meets all three criteria. The Chairman will ask if the ban is going through the system at the next full council meeting. He will report back at the January meeting.

6. Village Web Site

This was launched 3 weeks ago. Cllr. Dodd suggested it be advertised by parish newsletter.

Councillors asked if each could contribute an item to the newsletter. Cllr. Williams will organise printing.

6(a) Quality Status – with the possibility of the East/West split & abolition of the City Council or a Unitary council being formed, new councillors will be elected. Huntington will then only have one councillor for Huntington, Gt Boughton, Vicars X and Dodleston. Clerk to put on the Agenda for January/Feb. The Parish should think about moving towards Quality status. The Chairman distributed a guide to becoming a Quality Council – he feels we already meet most of the criteria.

7. Ownership of high bank on Chester Road – The Chairman engaged a contractor - Greenacres. The cut will be done in the near future. The Chairman has put a note out to nearby houses explaining that the footpath may be closed whilst this is being done & the plans for the future upkeep of the bank. A maintenance programme will be implemented to look after it for the future. Clerk to write to Land Registry re registering the high bank as common land owned by the Parish Council – put on future agenda.

8. Delegates Reports -

The Chairman reported on the Saughton Camp liaison meeting. Gerry Choat has been replaced by Charles Johnson.

S106 agreement. Cllr. Williams has lobbied a question to full council to clarify how the money's going to be spent. Cllr. Dodd has contacted Beatty Communications to ask if they would like to use village website to communicate their future plans.

9. City Council Minutes – none.

10. Planning Matters

Applications

APP 07/01913/ful – 16 Butterbache Road– Single storey rear extension

APP07/01853/COU – 102 Chester Road - Change of use from A1 to A5

APP07/01906/ful – 2 Chester Road - Demolition of single storey rear extension & construction of new single storey extension

A discussion on the application for 102 Chester Rd ensued and objections are to be submitted.

Permissions Granted:

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

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

APP07/01699/ful – 7 Harebell Close – Two storey extension to rear.& side

APP07/01678/ful – 24 Sorrel Close – Conservatory to rear

Refusals: None

11. Accounts for Payment – None

12. Highways & Lighting Issues - parishioners had raised that they thought the footpaths in Butterbache Road are in bad condition. Clerk to send a letter to Highways to highlight problem & ask them to inspect them & ask if they have a schedule of inspection.

Cllr. Walker said that she had had difficulty overtaking buses on the new route along Caldley Valley Road - noted

13. Other Business

Obstructed footpath Walkers Nurseries. Clerk has contacted Highways & is awaiting them to come back on the footpath's status.

Cllr. Dodd said a parishioner had raised the possibility of having an illuminated speed sign indicator on Chester Road. He had investigated the criteria & apparently Chester Road is very low on the list. Clerk to contact Highways for info on criteria & costs & mention that may be a possibility that Parish will contribute towards cost. Put on next agenda.

14. Budget

The Chairman went through the figures and expenditure and suggested the precept be set at £13,400 for 2008/09. Proposed & seconded.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 21st January 2008 commencing at 7.30 p.m.