

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in
Huntington Village Hall

Councillors present: In the Chair: Cllr. N. Dodd
Cllrs. D. McQuay, J. Moore, C. Walker, A. Wilcox, M. Williams.

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Cllrs Buckler, R. Edwards

The Clerk had received two resignations, one from Cllr. Turner and the other from Cllr. D. Moore. She has informed the Returning Officer who will send her the appropriate notices to post.

2. **AOB – ChALC Annual meeting, Annual Parish Partnership Meeting, DEC seminar on play equipment, Parish Recycling Champion**

3. **Public Speaking time**

Susie Woodward-Moore from Chester City Council gave a brief overview of her findings from the feasibility study for the S106 money.

Sgt Julia Bryant from Cheshire Police provided an update on police activity since the last meeting. There had been 4 incidents of rowdy behaviour around the Jubilee Field, 1 burglary & 3 sheds & a car broken into all during August. A theft of number plates and 3 cases of criminal damage. Operation Nature operated during the summer holidays & will again operate during half-term holidays.

Chalky White from ChALC attended to talk about the benefits of Quality Status. The cost for Quality Status is £50+VAT & parishes need to be re-accredited every 4 years.

It was agreed that Quality Status be put on the agenda for the October meeting.

4. **Declarations of interest**

Cllr. Wilcox declared a personal interest on the Parish Website. Cllr. Williams declared an interest on matters concerning the shadow Cheshire West and Chester Council and Chester City Council. Cllr. Walker declared a personal interest in Walkers Nurseries.

5. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st July 2008 were agreed & signed subject to deleting “anything to do with” under personal interests for Cllr Williams

6. **Matters Arising**

08/03/5/1 - The bollard erected by Highways on the verge adjacent to 140 Chester Road - **completed**

08/03/5/3 - Photo required of 40mph illuminated warning to be taken – **Resolved:** Clerk write to Highways pointing out they do exist in other areas & would they kindly reconsider erecting one on Chester Road.

08/03/14/01 - Application to Land Registry to take over High Bank, Chester Road –
Resolved: Cllr McQuay to find out the costs of a sworn statement. Clerk to contact Parish Council insurers to see if premiums would increase as a result of registering ownership.

08/04/16/1 Cllr. J. Moore asked whether United Utilities had ever replied to the Parish Council's request for the Parish Councillors to visit Huntington Waterworks.

Resolved: Clerk to write again to UU liaison officer inviting them again to a Parish Council meeting as they have declined allowing a visit to the works.

08/04/16/4 e-mail received from residents of 81 Chester Road re pooling on drive since footpaths resurfaced.

Resolved: Clerk has contacted Highways – **completed**

08/06/7/2 - Dog bins – Cllr Walker is awaiting an update from the dog warden as to where they are to be placed - **ongoing**

08/06/7/4 - Benches – Cllr Williams agreed to take over this matter - **ongoing**

08/06/7/3 – Ideas for village green – **ongoing**

08/07/7/6 – Requests to use Jubilee Field – to be reviewed at the end of the current football season - **completed**

08/06/11/1 – Blocked public footpaths within the parish – reported to Highways who have inspected & contacted the landowners responsible - **completed**

08/05/15/1 – Grass verge 79-81 Chester Road – Cllr Williams had an assurance from Highways to reinstate the verge & we are awaiting completion of the works - **ongoing**

08/07/15/1 – No. 9 Chester Road – the issue is being dealt with by the City Council - **completed**

7. Open Spaces

08/09/7/1 - Play area – Cllr Moore said there had been reports of children on bikes riding over the mound by the slide. It was decided that the Parish Council erect a no bikes sign for the whole field including the play area. **Resolved:** Clerk to obtain costs & sourcing of sign.

08/09/7/2 - **Resolved:** Clerk to e-mail Phil Davies, City Council again re inspection of play area & when will it be carried out.

08/06/7/5 - Trees in verges – decision deferred until further quotes received - **ongoing**

08/09/7/3 - Jubilee Field dog ban – confirmation received by clerk that a ban has been imposed. **Resolved:** Clerk to check the appropriate sign has been put up

10. Vice Chair Roles

08/06/7/6 – Communications – Cllr. Wilcox said there had been a couple of unwelcome links put on the Parish Website which had been removed. There had been 207 new visits to site since the last Parish Council meeting

12. Planning Matters

Applications:

- App08/01372/ADV – Signage, Hartwell, Chester Road
- App08/01503/ful – 183 Butterbache Rd – Demolition of outbuilding & conservatory & construction of two storey side extension
- App08/01555/REM – Saughton Camp – Construction of 9 dwellings (alteration to permission to provide 2 additional dwellings)

Parish comments on the above as follows: Treat on its merits and question what the implications for additional low cost housing may be if more houses are built.

Permissions Granted: None

Refusals: None

14. Accounts Paid and for Payment

- Fixing of new gate for children's play area in the Jubilee field
- Rich Bros - Cutting of Jubilee field
- July & August Lengthsman duties
- Website updates
- Print cartridges
- Clerk's salary Jul-Sep

15. Highways & Lighting Issues

08/09/15/1 - Speed Indicator Device – **Resolved:** Clerk to send a letter to Anne Lancaster requesting the use of the SID and whether she is in a position to provide volunteers to operate it.

The owner of Penny's Food & Drink had spoken to a Councillor about the parking situation in front of the shops. This had been noted and the situation will be monitored.

08/09/15/2 - Old notice board on shops bus shelter – **Resolved:** Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to remove it

08/09/15/3 - The Clerk asked about the feasibility of erecting a notice board at the Butterbache bus shelter – **Resolved:** Clerk to check prices & suppliers

16. Correspondence

08/09/16/1 - Saughton Camp bus shelter – **Resolved:** Clerk to contact S Gardner at the City Council to enquire when work is likely to be completed – put on next agenda

08/09/16/2 - Philippa Emmonds, PCSO – **Resolved:** Clerk to invite her to a future Parish Council meeting.

08/09/16/3 - Parish Partnership Meeting 29th October – **Resolved:** Clerk to inform the Council that Cllrs J Moore, M Williams, N Dodd, D McQuay, the Clerk and possibly Cllr Wilcox will attend

08/09/16/4 - Parish Council Recycling Champion – Cllr J Moore volunteered to take on this role

17. Other Business

ChALC Annual Meeting – No Parish Councillors are available to attend.

DEC Seminar on Play Equipment – no Parish Councillors are available to attend.

The Chairman said that regretfully 2 councillors had resigned. The appropriate notices will be posted by the Clerk.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 20th October 2008 at 7.30p.m.