

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 18th February 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in
Huntington Village Hall

Councillors present: Chair – M. Williams
Clls. N. Dodd, C. Buckler, L. Turner, C. Walker, R. Edwards, D. McQuay

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. D. Moore, J. Moore, V. Hammond (Clerk)

2. Public Speaking time

Sgt. Julia Bryant of Cheshire Police attended the meeting to report on incidents reported in the village & discuss latest matters. She introduced Philippa Emmonds to the Parish Council who is a part time PCSO whose usual working hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and part of the week-ends. There were 5 occurrences reported..

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr. Turner on the planning application for 3 Riversmead.

4. Council Vacancy

There were two presentations for the vacancy:

Jacky Creswick and Anthony Wilcox. Both candidates gave a short presentations and a vote followed.

Anthony Wilcox was co-opted as Parish Councillor for Huntington by a majority vote.

5. Minutes of previous meeting – The minutes were agreed & signed subject to the changes noted

6. Matters Arising

Cllr Buckler raised local concerns that the bollard installed by Highways on the verge/pavement by 140 Chester Road is still allowing the use of the pavement to gain access from Chester Road. It was agreed that a provisional plan is to drawn up of possible bollards/position and the Clerk to write to Highways and arrange to visit the site. Should a successful new review of the area be concluded - the Parish Council would be willing to consider an offer of a contribution to costs.

Clerk to ask for apology from Dee Valley water for night working. Letters were posted to councillors stating that water would be shut off overnight.

Clerk has sent letter to Highways re 30mph sign at entrance to Gorse Way from Chester Road & is awaiting a response.

Photo required of 40mph illuminated warning to be taken as Cheshire Highways has advised that these signs are only available in 30mph zones.

7. Village Web Site

Letter from former resident to be published on the website.

There have been 103 visits to the website, 77 of which are new visits.

Cllr. Wilcox is to reply to the letter from an ex resident c. 1939-46.

8. Huntington Seniors Club

Cllr Williams read a letter that had been received from Huntington Seniors requesting the Parish Council to consider a grant. Following a debate Cllr Buckler proposed £200 grant to be given. This was seconded by Cllr Dodd This was passed unanimously by the PC and agreed that the possibility of further grants would be reviewed on an annual basis

9. Section 106 Working Group

S.106 – Working Group to be 'Open Spaces Group' & to involve all Parish Councillors.

Open spaces meeting to be before PC meeting and open to all interested parties.

The first meeting is to be held 1 hour before the next PC meeting as a one-off.

10. Quality Status

Cllr Williams stated that this is on hold at moment.

11. Delegates Reports - None

12. City Council Minutes – None

13. Planning Matters

Applications

APP07/01853/COU – 102 Chester Road - Change of use from A1 to A5 - (Hot Food Take Away) Comments made by Cllr Williams as on PC comments to Chester City.

APP 07/02280/ful – 3 Riversmead – New roof to conservatory & continuation of pp96/00012/ful extensions. Now acceptable as the window has been amended

APP 08/00044/ful – The Bungalow, Aldford Road - Amendments to replacement dwelling including change of roof & elevations, erection of detached garage & proposed new vehicular access

APP 08/00130/ful – 32 Lucerne Close – Rear PVCU conservatory

APP 08/00137/ful – 55 Chester Road (Dental Practice) – Conversion of residential flat above to class D1 use for additional facilities to support ground floor dental surgery & removal of restriction on number of dental surgeries to allow ground floor to be 3rd dental surgery - PC feels it was a highway issue. Questions were raised on the comments made on original previous application as this was rejected on Highways concerns.does this still stand?

Permissions Granted: None at time of publication

Refusals: None at time of publication

14. Accounts for Payment

Tea, coffee, biscuits

15. Highways & Lighting Issues

Gorse way Caldby Valley Road

Leak from Dee Valley Water

Clerk to write to Dee Valley

Considerable verge damage (Rake & Pikel island & bollard knocked over) –
clerk to write to Highways

16. Correspondence

e-mail received by Clerk from Mike Morris, city archaeologist – Clerk to respond that the PC is very interested in items from Saighton Camp. Pictures required & possibly display in local school

17. Other Business

Chairman thanked Cllr Walker for planting tulips & daffodils.

Cllr Williams to a format templates for clerk and this is to be reviewed at next parish meeting.

Cllr Walker commented that she felt the village green needed improving and needs to be neater with a possibility of planting & bark to area to go to open spaces meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.06p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 17th March 2008 at 7.30p.m.