

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in
Huntington Village Hall

Councillors present: In the Chair: Cllr. N. Dodd
Cllrs. C. Buckler, D. McQuay, J. Moore, C. Walker, M. Williams, J. Scargill, P. Sheen

1. Apologies for Absence - Cll. A. Wilcox

2. AOB – Parking top end of Butterbache Road, Grass verges, Chester Road/Sandy Lane flooding, Sainsbury's planning proposal

3. Public Speaking time

Sgt Julia Bryant from Cheshire Police provided an update on police activity since the last meeting. There have been 23 occurrences in Huntington, 2 burglaries, 2 criminal damage to vehicles, damage to a gate. Regarding the use of Speed Indicator Devices - Clerk to feedback locations to Sgt Bryant.

4. Declarations of interest

Cllr. Williams declared a personal interest on matters concerning the shadow Cheshire West and Chester Council, Chester City Council & Saighton Camp development.

The 2 newly elected councillors signed their declarations of acceptance.

5. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th November 2008 were agreed & signed.

6. Parish Vacancy

Chairman reported that a new councillor be co-opted. Cllr. Moore proposed that the person elected be the person who came 3rd in the recent parish elections . Proposal that someone be co-opted at the next meeting was seconded.

7. Clerks Resignation

Chairman proposed that by end of January a job description be made up & the post be advertised. Current clerk will remain in post until end March. Proposed chairman's discretion be used for advertisement – seconded.

8. 2009/10 Budget - Chairman's Honorarium

Proposed the chairman be paid a reasonable rate as honorarium. Not seconded. Matter closed.

9. Matters Arising

08/03/5/3 - 40mph illuminated warning sign the Clerk has received a reply from Highways stating it is a traffic regulation enforcement matter & it has been passed to them, however, there is a very long waiting list. Clerk has contacted Jamie Barron to ask when it may be done – **Resolved:** Clerk to contact Jamie Barron at Backford Hall - **ongoing**

08/03/14/01 - Application to Land Registry to take over High Bank, Chester Road – **Resolved:** Clerk to chase - **ongoing**

08/06/7/4 - Benches – Cllr Williams to find costs for fitting - **ongoing**

08/06/7/3 – Ideas for village green – (i) keep existing Christmas tree & have socket put in (ii) work towards illuminating each tree by floodlight (iii) separate set of lights for each tree involving extra trunking for electrics. The proposal for money for ropes & pins for the Christmas tree was seconded. **Resolved:** Cllr. Buckler to cost an electrical contractor to dig trunking for electrics to trees. – **ongoing**

08/09/7/1 - Play area – 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 play area. **Resolved:** Cllr. Buckler has sourced a suitable sign & will fit it to the gate of the play area. The sign would cost £19.68 - proposed & seconded to purchase it. **Resolved:** Clerk to order the sign & Cllr Buckler will fit it - **completed**

08/09/7/2 – Play Area Annual Inspection - Clerk had received a telephone call from the inspector & will meet him at the play area on Friday. Inspection completed and report received. The report suggested that a sign be erected stating who owns the field and giving a telephone no. to contact for problems which would normally be Chester City Council's call centre however, due to Local Government Reorganisation, it is not clear what new arrangements will be in place - **ongoing**

08/09/15/1 - Speed Indicator Device –The sites proposed for the smiley SID were the three entrances to the village i.e. either end of Chester Road and Caldly Valley Road. **Resolved:** Clerk to inform Sgt Bryant & Derek Bowker who will be operating the SIDs - **ongoing**

08/09/15/3 - Feasibility of erecting a notice board at the Butterbache bus shelter. Clerk has contacted Peter Simcock to price how much it would cost to make one, however it would not be cost effective.–**Resolved:** - Cll Buckler to look for suitable notice boards on the web - **ongoing**

08/09/16/4 - Parish Council Recycling Champion – Cllr J Moore had volunteered to take on this role. A resident had requested extra pink recycling bags which Cllr Williams had obtained. **Resolved:** Item to be put on the Parish Council website informing people where to get the extra green & pink bags from - **completed**

08/10/14/1 - Historic bus shelter at Saighton Camp – **completed**

08/10/18/1 - Some road signs in the village are faded. **Resolved:** Parish Council to identify and compile a list of the signs which need replacing – Cllrs Buckler & Williams to walk the village and compile list & let the clerk know by end of week to send to city council- **ongoing**

08/11/10/1 - Jubilee Field Gate – A quote had been received from Deva Forge to supply & fit a new gate which it was voted to accept. Clerk contacted them to carry out the work which has been completed. **Completed**

08/11/18/1 - B5130 Road – A suggestion was put forward to reduce the speed limit to 50mph in view of recent serious accidents on this road. Clerk has sent a letter to Highways asking them to review the speed limit given recent accidents. **Completed**

10. Open Spaces

- 08/06/7/5 - Trees in verges – The trees have now been planted. **Resolved:** Clerk to send quote to A Lancaster for the money to be released from Area Committee. Money received from Area Committee – **Completed.**
- 08/05/9/3 – Commuted sums – The Chair said he has approached people who would be willing to be on the sub-committee. Chair asked if any councillors

wished to lead on this – no volunteers. **Resolved:** Cllr Williams to organise the first meeting.

11. Requests for Grants – It was decided that the Parish Council need to draw up a policy on the criteria for giving grants. Cllr. Buckler volunteered to write a draft criteria to be discussed at the next meeting – **ongoing**

12. Communications

MS Publisher Software – **completed**

The discussion forum for the website is still to be done. The Parish Newsletter will be published after the election - **ongoing**

13. Planning Matters

Applications:

- App08/02084/ful – Single storey rear extension & replacement outbuilding – Heath Cottage, Sandy Lane, Saughton
- App08/01996/ful – Conservatory – 10 Willowherb Close
- App08/02115/ful – Two storey extension to side & rear – 22 Bachefield Avenue (Re-application)
- App08/02172/ful – Agricultural building – The Grange, Aldford Road

There were no specific comments on any of the above

Permissions Granted:

- App08/01869/ful – 2 storey side ext & single storey link to existing detached garage with terrace at rear – 1 Cheshires Way, Saughton Camp
- App08/01885/ful – 1st floor extension above garage & 2 storey extension to rear – 12 Sorrel Close
- App08/01980/ful – 2 storey side & rear extension – 8 Bachefield Ave
- App08/01996/ful – Conservatory – 10 Willowherb Close

Refusals: None at time of publication

Cllr. Williams had a note from Highways Agency putting a holding direction on Saughton Camp application.

14. Accounts Paid and for Payment

December Lengthsman duties, Parish By-election costs, Web updates, Materials for cabling on village green received – All were agreed for payment

15. Highways & Lighting Issues

Caldy Valley Road/Chester Road junction - drain sinking

Sandy Lane/Chester Road junction flooding

Clerk to write to Highways complaining about the volume of traffic generated by the DSA & requesting they monitor it. **Resolved:** Clerk to action all the above

Parking in B'batche road – **Resolved:** Clerk to write to both football teams asking them to ask them to be more considerate

Overhanging hedges between Bluebell & Lucerne - **Resolved:** Clerk to contact Eddie Jones at Highways

16. Correspondence

CWAC launch – Cllrs M. Williams, & J. Scargill will attend **Resolved:** Clerk to inform the organisers

17. Other Business

Cheshire West Housing survey has been distributed to selected households in the district,

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25p.m. The next meeting will take place on Monday 16th February 2009 at 7.30p.m.