

**MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in  
Huntington Village Hall

Councillors present: In the Chair: Cllr. M. Williams  
Cllrs. N. Dodd, R. Edwards, D. McQuay, L. Turner,  
C. Walker, A. Wilcox

**1. Apologies for Absence - Cllrs J & D Moore**

**2. Election of New Chairman:**

Proposals were requested for the new chairman.  
Cllr. Williams proposed Cllr. N. Dodd. This was seconded by Cllr.  
McQuay - unanimously carried.  
Cllr. Dodd then took the Chair.  
Cllr. Buckler joined the meeting at 7.35p.m.

**3. Public Speaking time**

PC Keiron Lavery (no. 4701) the new community beat officer joined the meeting as Sgt. Bryant was on holiday. Matt Browell PCSO for Upton accompanied him. They gave the number for the Cat Mailbox (no. 0845 4586375) to leave messages on. It was reported as generally quiet in the last month One attempted burglary. 1 neighbour dispute. Criminal damage to 10 vehicles in Butterbache Road. A male has been apprehended. A mail drop was done by police to other households in case any further incidents had not been reported.

Parking on grass verges was discussed. Cllr. Dodd asked the police to check on their rounds & ticket any vehicles parked illegally.

**4. Declarations of interest - Cllr. Wilcox declared a personal interest on the Parish Website.**

**5. Minutes of previous meeting –** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008 were agreed & signed subject to Cllr. R Edwards being present and item 5a changed to reflect that the donation of £250 for Huntington CP School's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations was amended to £500.

## 6. Matters Arising

08/03/5/1 - The bollard erected by Highways on the verge adjacent to 140 Chester Road is not deterring vehicles from driving over the footpath to reach houses in 'Sergeant's Row'. Clerk has spoken to Highways who will come & inspect it – ongoing.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact Highways again to ask them to speak to Cllr. Buckler's wife when they come to inspect it.

08/03/05/3 - Photo required of 40mph illuminated warning to be taken as Cheshire Highways has advised that these signs are only available in 30mph zones. Clerk to write to Highways stating they do exist for 40mph zones and there is one in West Kirby – ongoing.

**Resolved:** A portable speed sign to be requested from Highways, the criteria for using it and people willing to operate it. Clerk to come back with details at next meeting.

08/03/05/4 - Water leak – Caldy Valley Road/Gorse Way.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact Dee Valley Water letting them know the verge has not been reinstated properly – ongoing.

08/03/08/3 - The Clerk had contacted a firm for a quote to repair the surface of the play area on the Jubilee Field but was still awaiting their response.

**Resolved:** – Clerk to check if new surface has been laid & chase contractor.

08/03/16/1 - Grass overgrowing pavement at bottom of slope where high bank meets lower footpath on Chester Road and branches & thorns left on footpath after cutting

**Resolved:** Clerk to write a strong letter to Highways saying we want it cutting and the edges need redefining and that it is considered a hazard. However if it will take too long then the village Lengthsman will be asked to do it. Clerk to chase Highways. Chairman to make a decision on action if Highways will take too long.

08/03/14/01 - Application to Land Registry to take over High Bank, Chester Road.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write a formal letter to the Land Registry stating that we have been responsible for maintaining the land for over 10 years and now wish to register ownership. Clerk to chase up.

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 asking if they will arrange a visit for Parish Councillors – ongoing if no response by next meeting, then Clerk to follow up.

08/04/16/3 Cllr. Dodd asked who would obtain and plant a new tree for village green .

**Resolved:** To be discussed at the next meeting under ideas for the village green – to be discussed at the June meeting.

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

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact Highways – ongoing.

## **7. Accounts prepared for Audit**

The Accounts were agreed by the Parish Council.

## **8. Village Web Site**

The stats are fairly consistent month on month – approx 200 visit per month. Cllr. Dodd suggested putting a guest book on it.

## **9. Vice Chair Roles**

08/04/7/1 The Chairman proposed one role for communications & production of newsletters, one for planning and special projects the S106 monies and Quality Status. He asked for nominations.

Cllr. Turner proposed Cllr. Wilcox for communications which was seconded by Cllr. Williams - carried unanimously.

Planning – Cllr. Williams proposed Cllr. Edwards, seconded by Cllr. Turner – unanimously carried.

Special projects – Cllr. McQuay proposed Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Edwards – carried with one abstention.

## **10. Open Spaces Committee**

08/04/10/1 - Cllr Walker is to cost 3 bins & contact the Council to see if we can get them for free. She has e-mailed the dog warden but not had a response as yet – ongoing.

08/04/10/2 – Cll Turner is to look at the cost of benches -ongoing to get prices.

Cllr. Dodd proposed an Open Spaces Meeting be held prior to the Parish Council meeting next month starting at 6.30 until 7.15p.m. He has spoken to Susie Woodward Moore of City Council's Landscape Architects who has agreed to attend.

### **11. Ideas for Village Green**

08/05/9/1 - Need to look at new lights and power supply, ducting etc. to allow lights to be erected on the other trees on the village green. Cllr. Buckler volunteered to do this.

**Resolved:** Cllr. Buckler to action

### **12. Jubilee Playing Field**

08/05/10/1 – A discussion took place on the ridges on the field. It was decided to leave as is for now. Cllr. Buckler suggested the Saighton Camp developers should input more money for improvements. Cllr. Edwards asked exactly how much money will be available from the Section 106 monies. Cllr. Williams said if the Parish Council want to take ownership of it all, a letter to the City Council would be required. £88K is currently ring-fenced for Huntington with the remainder being held back for consultation fees and maintenance of proposed projects.

08/05/10/2 - New gate for Jubilee Field Play Area.

**Resolved:** Clerk to approach Deva Forge for quote to fit new gate when it arrives.

### **13. Delegates Reports**

Cllr. Turner reported on the CEG meeting which took place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Only six people attended. A public exhibition is to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May at Saighton Camp.

**14. City Council Minutes** – none received.

## **15. Planning Matters**

### **Applications:**

Appo8/00624/adv – The Stable Lodge, Chester Road – A Board sign – subsequently withdrawn

### **Permissions Granted:**

None at time of publication

### **Refusals:**

Appo8/00534/ful – Old Hall Country Club, Aldford Road – Signage

## **16. Accounts for Payment**

Shaw Austin Accountants

## **17. Highways & Lighting Issues**

08/05/15/1 - Grass verge 79-81 Chester Road has been driven on and is in a bad condition.

**Resolved:** Clerk to send letter to Highways to reinstate the verge as we are concerned it could be a tripping hazard and to be done as a matter of urgency.

08/05/15/2 - Path between Primrose Close and cycle path - hedge needs cutting.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact Highways

08/05/15/3 - Manhole cover outside 168 Chester Road in the road damaged 01244 603 475.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact Highways

## **18. Correspondence**

Copy ChALC letter on Local Government Review debate on 23<sup>rd</sup> June given to Cllr. Dodd.

## **19. Other Business**

08/05/17/1 – Cllr. Dodd asked about sending out minutes within a week of the Parish Council meeting.

**Resolved:** The other councillors decided it was preferred that they be distributed 1 week before the next meeting as at present – Electronically to those preferring it & hard copy to the rest.

08/05/17/2 – Cllr. Williams read out a letter recd some years ago from Highways re tree planting in the verges in which they said they would support it to deter parking on the verges.

**Resolved:** There is money available from Area Committee for this (£2K) but it needs to be spent before September. It was suggested they be purchased and planted wherever appropriate.

08/05/17/3 – A letter had been received from Mr Mark Rogers re speeding on Caldley Valley Road.

**Resolved:** Cllr. Williams to draft a reply to him.

Cllr. Buckler left the meeting at 9.37p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.30p.m. preceded by an Open Spaces Meeting at 6.30p.m.