

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 20th October 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in
Huntington Village Hall

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

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Cllrs C. Walker, J. Moore, R. Edwards

2. **AOB**

Request for grant from Huntington 40th Chester Scout Group.

Flowers for Councillor Walker.

Note from J. Blythyn Head of Huntington CP School

3. **Public Speaking time**

Sgt Julia Bryant from Cheshire Police provided an update on police activity since the last meeting. There had been 11 incidents reported including poor parking and 2 domestic incidents. Hartwell parking continues to raise concerns – Sgt Bryant will raise the matter with Highways to see if anything can be done to alleviate it. The PCSO Philippa Emmonds is currently off sick but will be back next week. There will be extra patrols on bonfire night & Halloween.

It was noted that Cllr. Walker gave birth to a son on 9th October – congratulations and a card to be sent from the Parish Councillors.

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, Chester City Council & Saughton Camp development.

5. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th September 2008 were agreed & signed.

6. **Parish Council By-election**

Resolved: Poll cards are required. **Resolved:** Clerk will inform the Returning Officer.

7. **Matters Arising**

08/03/5/3 - Photo required of 40mph illuminated warning to be taken . 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 – **Resolved:** Clerk to acknowledge & ask for contact details of who will be dealing with it - **ongoing**

08/03/14/01 - Application to Land Registry to take over High Bank, Chester Road –. Clerk has contacted Parish Council insurers who have informed her that premiums would not increase as a result of registering ownership. Cllr. McQuay reported that it would cost £75 + VAT to swear an affidavit. A majority were in favour of adopting the land. **Resolved:** Cllrs. Moore & Williams to swear the affidavit as long serving councillors to vouch for upkeep. Cllr. McQuay to prepare the paperwork.

08/04/16/1 Parish Council's request for United Utilities for the Parish Councillors to visit Huntington Waterworks.

Clerk has written again to the UU liaison officer inviting them to a Parish Council meeting but has still received no reply - **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 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 - **Resolved**: Clerk to request Christmas tree from UU. Cllr. Buckler volunteered to dig a permanent hole for the Christmas tree - **ongoing**

08/05/15/1 – Grass verge 79-81 Chester Road – Cllr Williams has had an assurance from James Orme, Highways that it will be done this week - **ongoing**

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**: Cllr. Buckler to source sign & arrange fitting - **ongoing**

08/09/7/2 – Play Area Annual Inspection - Clerk has received a reply from Phil Davies, City Council who has informed her that the inspection of play area should have been completed last week (wc 13/10/08) & reports received by the end of October - **ongoing**

08/09/7/3 - Jubilee Field dog ban – Clerk has checked & the appropriate sign has been put up. However, as people are continuing to use it as a dog walking area the Clerk has asked the Dog Warden to patrol at certain times to try to catch those people. **Resolved**: Cllr. Wilcox to put an item informing of the dog ban under Huntington News in the Chronicle & on the web site.

08/09/15/1 - Speed Indicator Device – Clerk has sent a letter to Anne Lancaster requesting the use of the SID and whether she is in a position to provide volunteers to operate it but not received a response as yet. **Resolved**: Clerk to chase - **ongoing**

08/09/15/2 - Old notice board on shops bus shelter – Clerk has asked the Lengthsman to remove it - **completed**

08/09/15/3 - Feasibility of erecting a notice board at the Butterbache bus shelter – Clerk has obtained some prices & suppliers which she passed to Cllr. Buckler to come up with suggestions for next meeting - **ongoing**

08/09/16/2 - Philippa Emmonds, PCSO – Clerk has invited her to a future Parish Council meeting, however she is absent from work at the moment - **ongoing**

08/09/16/3 - Parish Partnership Meeting 29th October – Clerk has informed the Council that Cllrs J Moore, M Williams, N Dodd, D McQuay, the Clerk and possibly Cllr Wilcox will attend. Cllr. Buckler can attend but Cllrs. McQuay & Wilcox now can't. Former clerk Mrs Ackerly has received an invite. **Resolved**: Clerk to get her removed from the list but also invite her & ask if she would like to go with the rest of the councillors.

08/09/16/4 - Parish Council Recycling Champion – Cllr J Moore had volunteered at the last meeting to take on this role. A resident has requested extra pink recycling bags. **Resolved:** Cllr. Williams will make enquiries about extra green & pink bags from the City Council.

8. Development of Saighton Camp

08/10/8/1 - CEG are proposing to put in a planning application for 370 houses without putting in a link road. **Resolved:** It was proposed that the Parish Council support the development of Saighton Camp provided a new link road is provided & that the Parish Council oppose modifications to Caldly Valley Road & Boughton Heath Roundabout. The proposal was carried with Cllr. Williams abstention as he is on the City & Shadow Authority.

9. Area and Neighbourhood Working

08/10/9/1 - Cllr. Williams said the proposal is that West Cheshire to be broken into 5 area programme boards but may have non-elected representatives e.g. Police, Fire Brigade. A layer below that would be Area Programme Forums. The process is still in transition. Current procedures are to stay as is for time being e.g. raising parish precepts etc.

10. Open Spaces

- 08/06/7/5 - Trees in verges – Of the three quotes received, Treefellers quote was deemed the best value. A proposal to accept this quote was agreed. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact to inform them of successful bid & ask them to let us know when they will commence. Also Inform unsuccessful quotes.
- 08/05/9/3 – Commuted sums – The Chair asked the Parish Council if anyone would be willing to lead a sub-committee on this – there were no volunteers. **Resolved:** The Chair will approach someone from outside the Parish Council

11. Quality Status

08/10/11/1 – The Parish Council is in favour of it in principle. **Resolved:** Chair to discuss with Clerk the qualifications necessary for the Parish to achieve Quality Status.

12. Annual Village Hall Committee Grant

Proposed £400 be donated to the committee this year – agreed unanimously
Resolved: Clerk to pay the grant

13. 2009/10 Budget – To be put on November Agenda

14. Historic Bus Shelter

08/09/16/1 - Saighton Camp bus shelter –Clerk has contacted S Gardner at the City Council to enquire when work is likely to be completed & has received a reply that it should be completed by now including glazing. **Resolved:** Clerk to check & chase if necessary

15. Communications

Cllr. Wilcox said there had been 169 visits to the site since the last meeting. Vists are tailing off slightly but those visiting are staying for longer. There was a suggestion that a blog be inserted to spur discussion on village matters. **Resolved:** It will be tried to gauge success.

Cllr. Wilcox is also in the process of putting together an Autumn Newsletter which will include details of any planning applications by CEG.

16. Planning Matters

Applications:

- App08/01613/ful – Demolition of 2 storey side extension & erection of part 2 storey/part single storey side-rear extension with dormer window to side – 22 Bachefield Ave, Huntington
- App08/01676/ful – Erection of new housing over sludge loading bay – United Utilities Huntington Water Treatment Works – comments due by 26th October “Comments – treat on merits”

Permissions Granted:

- App08/01372/ADV – Signage, Hartwell, Chester Road
- App08/01503/ful – 183 Butterbache Rd – Demolition of outbuilding & conservatory & construction of two storey side extension

Refusals:

- Appeal APP/X0605/H/08/1203224 - Old Hall Farm, Aldford Road, Huntington – New Signage

17. Accounts Paid and for Payment

- Rich Bros – High Bank Cut
- September Lengthsman duties

18. Highways & Lighting Issues

08/10/18/1 - Some road signs in the village are faded. **Resolved:** Clerk to approach highways to ask if they have a programme of replacing defective signs e.g. Chester Road sign at the bottom of the hill

19. Correspondence

No comments on any correspondence.

20. Other Business

Cllr. Williams asked for any suggestions for the 2009 budget. A new bus shelter for Butterbache & improvements to the shops bus shelter were suggested. Also to expand tree planting to other areas.

A letter had been received from the Huntington 40th Chester Scout Group requesting financial assistance. It was agreed that the Parish Council will consider the application. **Resolved:** Put on next agenda.

Parish Councillors decided to contribute personally towards some flowers for Cllr. Walker.

A note had been received from Mr J Blythyn, Head of Huntington Primary School informing the Parish that he will be retiring at Easter 2009. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50p.m. The next meeting will take place on Monday 17th November 2008 at 7.30p.m.