

**MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in  
Huntington Village Hall

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

**1. Apologies for Absence - C. Buckler.**

Additional agenda item – proposed donation to Huntington school for 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations

**2. Public Speaking time - none**

**3. Declarations of interest -** Cllr. Wilcox declared a personal interest on Parish Website. Cllrs. J. Moore & D. Moore declared a personal interest on Huntington school matters.

**4. Minutes of previous meeting –** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008 were agreed & signed

**5. 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’.

**Resolved:** Clerk has spoken to Highways who will come & inspect it – ongoing.

08/03/05/2 - Clerk has sent letter to Highways re 30mph sign at entrance to Gorse Way from Chester Road. - closed

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.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write to Highways stating they do exist for 40mph zones and there is one in West Kirby.

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

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

08/03/05/5 - The numbering system for the Parish minutes was discussed and the system – e.g. year/month/agenda no./ sub number 1, 2 etc. was agreed on. – closed

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 attempt to get the repairs done urgently.

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.

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.

### **5a. Donation to Huntington School for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.**

08/04/5a/1 - It was proposed that £250 be donated which was seconded. The figure was then amended to £500 and it was agreed that this amount be donated.

### **6. Village Web Site**

There have been 201 visitors – 150 new ones. A new website called Huntington & Boughton website took content from our website and displayed as their own. They have now removed this.

It is now possible to determine the most popular pages.

Apparently, the Parish Council's 'current issues' page not very popular & may need revising.

## **7. Vice Chair Role**

08/04/7/1 The Chairman suggested that there be no deputy but vice chairs for various roles as some other parishes use and asked for views. This was agreed in principle.

**Resolved:** Agree 2 or 3 vice roles for the next meeting

Cllr. D. Moore left the meeting at 21.08pm.

## **8. Open Spaces Committee**

Cllr. Dodd has been in touch with Rebecca Imber Area Committee Manager for her help to run through suggestions for spending the \$106 monies. She is bringing on board professionals from City Council to help formulate costs and viability for the suggestions.

## **9. Jubilee Playing Field**

08/04/9/1 A letter has been received from Waverton Girls Football team requesting permission to use the field for training and occasional matches.

**Resolved:** Clerk to respond that unfortunately the field is already fully utilised this year but they are welcome to apply next year.

## **10. Benches & Dog Bins**

08/04/10/1 - Cllr Walker is to cost 3 bins & contact the Council to see if we can get them for free.

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

## **11. Delegates Reports - None**

## **12. City Council Minutes – none received.**

## **13. Planning Matters**

### **Applications**

App08/00534/ful – Old Hall Country Club, Aldford Road – Signage

App08/00579/ful – 23 Lupin Drive – Kitchen & Bedroom extension

No observations please treat it on its merits.

### **Permissions Granted:**

App07/02367/cou – 106 Chester Road – Change of use from shop A1 to Indian Takeaway

App08/00137/ful – 55 Chester Road – Conversion of first floor to class D1 to allow a third dental practice on the ground floor

App08/00206/ful – Chalet Petite 3A Sandy Lane, Saughton – Demolition of existing dwelling & construction of replacement dwelling – information only neighbouring parish

**Refusals:** None at time of publication

#### **14. Accounts for Payment**

Cheshire Playing Field Assoc Subs

ChALC Affiliation fee

Allianz Cornhill – indemnity insurance

All the above were agreed for renewal

Cheshire Community Council – It was decided not to take membership

#### **15. Highways & Lighting Issues**

None

#### **16. Correspondence**

No comments

#### **17. Other Business**

08/03/16/2 - Riversmead to no. 80 Butterbache Road - footpath in bad condition – closed.

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.

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.

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.

**Items for next Agenda:**

Ideas for village green including Christmas lights.

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

The next meeting will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30p.m.