

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 24th November 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in
Huntington Village Hall

Councillors present: In the Chair: Cllr. N. Dodd
Cllrs. C. Buckler, J. Moore, A. Wilcox, C. Walker, M. Williams,

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Cllrs R. Edwards, D. McQuay

2. **AOB** – B5130, Erection of Christmas Tree, Saighton Camp Planning Application

3. **Public Speaking time**

PC Keiron Lavery from Cheshire Police provided an update on police activity since the last meeting. There had been a theft of a motor vehicle from the Rake & Pikel and incidents reported of vans around village who may be travellers (Reg. X835 DRP - residents are advised to be vigilant), theft of computers from UU, 4 reports of criminal damage.

Parking outside Hartwell - tickets have been issued. Cllr Dodd raised the issues of the speed of traffic in Butterbache Road & the dog ban in the Jubilee Field.

Rachel Bentham (CSW) gave an overview on the issues they are currently dealing with – vandalism & dog fouling in nature reserve & underage drinking. PC Lavery also mentioned the number of cycles being ridden without lights. Philippa Emmonds (PCSO) mentioned having a suggestion box in the PO for residents to raise any concerns.

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 & Saighton Camp development.

5. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th October 2008 were agreed & signed subject to omitting the sentence “agreeing in principle to help” the Scouts.

6. **Parish Council By-election** – Seven candidates had been put forward for the election. The Chairman wished all candidates good luck.

7. **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 – **Resolved**: Clerk to contact Jamie Barron at Backford Hall to ask when it may be done - **ongoing**

08/03/14/01 - Application to Land Registry to take over High Bank, Chester Road – Cllr. McQuay reported that it would cost £75 + VAT to swear an affidavit. A majority were in favour of adopting the land. **Resolved**: Clerk sent off form at Cllr McQuay’s suggestion to await the Land Registry requesting further information - **ongoing**

08/06/7/2 - Dog bins – Cllr Walker is awaiting an update from the dog warden as to where they are to be placed -**completed**

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**
Volunteers were requested to help erect the Christmas Tree. Saturday 6th December at 10 o'clock was agreed as the best time for all volunteers. **Resolved:** Clerk to inform Peter Moore-Dutton.

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 - **completed**

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 - **ongoing**

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 - **ongoing**

08/09/7/3 - Jubilee Field dog ban –Cllr. Wilcox to put an item informing of the dog ban under Huntington News in the Chronicle & on the web site - **completed**

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. - **completed**

08/09/15/3 - Feasibility of erecting a notice board at the Butterbache bus shelter – **Resolved:** Clerk to contact Peter Simcock to price how much it would cost to make one - **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 - **completed**

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.

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

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 - **ongoing**

8. **Area and Neighbourhood Working** – This will be brought up as a future item as and when required

9. **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
- 08/05/9/3 – Commuted sums – The Chair said he has approached people who would be willing to be on the sub-committee.

10. Jubilee Field Gate – A quote had been received from Deva Forge to supply & fit a new gate which it was voted to accept **Resolved:** Clerk to contact them to carry out the work

11. Quality Status

08/10/11/1 – It was proposed that the Parish Council go for quality status – approved. **Resolved:** Clerk to note extra hours involved in achieving the CILCA qualification and invoice for payment.

12. **Requests for Grants** – It was decided that the Parish Council need to draw up a policy on the criteria for giving grants – **ongoing**

13. **MS Publisher Software** – It was suggested that Powerpoint would be better for compiling Newsletter. Cllr Wilcox will explore options - **ongoing**

14. **2009/10 Budget – Resolved:** The budget was agreed subject to further discussion about an honorarium for the Chairman which will be discussed at the January meeting. £13,400 was proposed for the precept for 2009/10. The proposal was seconded. **Resolved:** Clerk to inform the City Council of the amount for the precept.

15. Communications

The Blog for the website is still to be done. The Parish Newsletter will be published after the election.

16. Planning Matters

Applications:

- App08/01869/ful – 2 storey side ext & single storey link to existing detached garage with terrace at rear – 1 Cheshires Way, Saighton 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 – comments due by 4th December
- Complaint of signage at The Rake & Pikel Inn

There were no specific comments on any of the above

- APP08/ 02000/out - Saighton Camp – planning app for 375 houses + ancillary uses & new primary school – **Resolved:** Posters informing residents are to be made and put up in bus shelters, shops etc throughout the village. Cllr. Wilcox will contact the Chronicle to put an item under Huntington News and also try to get an article in paper with the Parish Council's viewpoint.

Permissions Granted:

- App08/01676/ful – Erection of new housing over sludge loading bay – United Utilities Huntington Water Treatment Works
- 08/01555/REM – Reserved matters application for construction of 9 dwellings on part of site of outline planning permission 05/476/OUT to provide 2 additional dwellings – Saighton Camp

Refusals: None at time of publication

17. Accounts Paid and for Payment

Trefellers, October Web Updates, Auditors Account have been received – All were agreed for payment

18. Highways & Lighting Issues

All the street lights around the village green are out **Resolved:** Clerk will inform Highways

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 **Resolved:** Clerk to send a letter to Highways asking them to review the speed limit given recent accidents

19. Correspondence

The Chairman had been informed that a resident will be 100 years old on 28th November. It was felt appropriate that congratulations should be sent from the Parish Council **Resolved:** Clerk to send a card to Mr Morris.

20. Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50p.m. The next meeting will take place on Monday 19th January 2009 at 7.30p.m.