

**MINUTES OF
HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 20th July 2009 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall**

PRESENT

Chairman – Mr. N. Dodd (Vice-Chairman)

Mr. J. Moore

Mr. J. Scargill

Mr. P. Sheen

Mrs. C. Walker

Public – 3 (left after Open Forum)

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Buckler – Holiday

Cllr. Kemp – Business

Cllr. McQuay – Business

Cllr. Wilcox – Business

Cllr. Williams – Cheshire West & Chester Council (CW&C) Business

None Parish Councillors, Community Safety Warden Rachel Bentham, Sgt Julia Bryant, Cllr

Pamela Hall (CW&C)

Cllr. Sheen asked his apologies be noted for the June meeting of the Parish Council.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The following personal interests were declared

Cllr. Dodd – Item 9 Donations (Scouts) as son is a scout

Cllr. Scargill – Item 12 Planning – lives near planning application 09/10890/FUL, 7 Bluebell Close.

OPEN FORUM

The report of Community Safety Warden Rachel Bentham was read to the council and stated that the wardens have continued to monitor the Jubilee Field for dog fouling/walking and motorcycles. These problems seem to have been reduced by the gate being locked. The wardens have also been in contact with local shops reminding them about the problems of selling alcohol to those underage as the summer months have seen an increase in the evidence of underage drinking in the Huntington and Caldly Valley areas. The wardens have also contacted the private housing team at CW&C regarding a property on Butterbache Road.

A report was read from Sgt. Bryant which stated the last month had been quiet in Huntington with 15 occurrences reported which relate to 5 crimes. There had been no reports of anti-social behaviour. PCSO Pippa Emmonds is back at work following her knee injury but remains on restricted duties. While Sgt, Bryant is on maternity leave her position will be covered by Sgt. Mark Woollam.

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION ON 106 MONEY

Michelle Talgram Chester Area Manager, Cheshire West and Chester Area Manager introduced herself and explained her role as a 'conduit' to the parish council.

The discussion resulted in the following actions to be taken:-

Michelle Talgram to provide clarification as to how or what the 106 money can be spent on and also on the amount of money that can be spent and the amount which is reserved for future maintenance.

Michelle Talgram to help arrange a meeting with a representative from CW&C Research and Intelligence Department to start work on a questionnaire/consultation which could be the parish council's next news letter. Questions to be considered included whether residents use the Jubilee Field, parking and access to the Jubilee Field, where residents would like to see facilities (include map) and what facilities they would like.

Consultation also to include local schools.

Drop-in sessions to gain information to be carried out by councillors assisted by CW&C who can provide guidance on getting the right information. Suggested locations for these sessions included The Green and Sainsbury's.

It was also highlighted that if CW&C officers time was to be charged against the 106 money that Huntington Parish Council should be informed of this in advance allowing the parish council to decide whether this is acceptable.

The chairman thanked Michelle for her time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

MINUTES

09/017 RESOLVED - That the Chairman signs the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th June 2009.

HIGH BANK

The clerk reported she is still awaiting information from the CW&C Highways Department regarding a transfer of ownership.

The clerk read a letter from Shelley Seeds regarding work which had taken place on High Bank at the end of June beginning of July. Primarily a significant amount of persistent weeds have been removed including Ragwort and Ground Elder. Seed stock had also been obtained some of which is growing in cell trays. The main work on the bank was due to start on Sunday 5th July weather permitting.

The clerk is to request regular updates on the progress on the Bank and bring the next update to the September meeting.

DSA DRIVING CENTRE

An e-mail was read from Paul Parry CW&C Principle Development Officer (Highways) regarding traffic flow resulting from the creation of the Driving Centre. The e-mail confirmed that he will be monitoring the situation on an ad hoc basis as a formal survey was not seen as an effective use of resources at this point. His findings will be forwarded to the parish council.

PLANNING

The council accepted page 4 of the planning register.

09/020 RESOLVED – The council agreed the following observations for application 09/10890/FUL – 7 Bluebell Close – Conservatory to rear -That the application should be judged on its merits.

JUBILEE FIELD & OPEN SPACES

JUBILEE FIELD - The clerk reported she had received confirmation by e-mail of the work to be carried out on the safety surfaces at the Jubilee Field which had been agreed at the May 2009 meeting. This is to include:-

1. gluing & filling of edges around the swing base (which have come away and been lifted)
2. Removing both springy animal bases
3. Replacing the 1 remaining springy animal (Freddie Fish) in the centre of the safety surface
4. Filling the holes in the safety surface (from springy animal bases) with coloured wetpour.

The clerk will now confirm this work is to go ahead.

Also the letters regarding usage of the field by the Hoole Hornets have been posted.

THE GREEN – A meeting has taken place to instruct the blacksmith where the two benches are to go on the green. The council requested the year and name of the parish council be put on the benches. These should be installed by the end of August 2009. Also the clerk had received a copy of the stonemasons public liability insurance and had given him the go ahead to install the plaque on the green.

CALDY VALLEY ROAD – The council considered planting more trees on Caldly Valley Road. Cllr. Dodd is to draw up plans regarding possible location of trees to be agreed by the council and highways department. It was hoped this could all be agreed by the October meeting at the latest to allow planting this winter.

IT EQUIPMENT GRANT

It was agreed the clerk should pursue a grant for a projector for the council for use on planning matters and to display council information etc.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

09/021 RESOLVED – The council agreed the complaints procedure.

STANDING ORDERS

09/022 RESOLVED – The council agreed the standing orders.

ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None raised.

The meeting closed at 8.50

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2009

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright 22ND July 2009

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