

**MINUTES OF
HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 15th November 2010 7.30 p.m.
at Huntington Village Hall**

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. M. Williams

Cllr. C. Buckler

Cllr. M. Kemp

Cllr. J. Moore

Cllr. J. Scargill

Cllr. P. Sheen

Cllr. A. Wilcox

Cllr. C. Walker

None Councillors

Public – 3

Police – PC Sally Mallone

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

APOLOGIES

Cllr. N. Dodd – Family Commitment

Cllr. D. McQuay - Work

None Councillors – PC Sally Malone.

10/102 RESOLVED – The council accepted the above apologies plus those received previously for Cllr. Kemp.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Wilcox declared a prejudicial interest in item 7, Payments as the recipient of a payment for updating the council's website.

OPEN FORUM

Residents enquired if a response had been received from Welsh Water regarding the drains and flooding issues on Chester Road and Meadow Lane. The clerk reported she had not received a response, it was agreed the clerk would follow this up as a matter of importance.

A resident asked if the bulbs removed while the gas works were carried out on Chester Road would be replaced. The clerk reported that the gas company had confirmed that the bulbs had been replaced but this situation would be monitored. It was also stated that there is a smell of gas now coming from the substation in the mornings, the clerk confirmed she had already reported this and would chase up a response.

Concerns were raised that cars were travelling along the lane past the Jubilee Field and parking at the end behind the hedge possibly carrying out illegal activities. It was agreed the clerk will report this matter to the police and Community Safety Wardens.

Mr. Hammond (resident) requested an update on when the 30mph limit would be implemented on Chester Road and also whether flashing warning signs could be erected, the clerk will follow this up and report back. It was agreed the clerk should seek information about speeds on Chester Road from CW&C Highways with the possibility of using the SID (speed indicator device) in the future.

It was also reported the new yellow lines had now been put on Chester Road, however it was asked when the signs will be erected and whether there will be penalties issued to those who park in this area illegally. The clerk will follow up these questions and report back.

Cllr. Williams reported that a number of Councillors had attended the Remembrance Service held at St Mary's, Burera, and that he had laid a wreath on behalf of the parish, it was agreed this had been a lovely service and had been well attended and received by all.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items raised.

MINUTES

10/103 RESOLVED - That the Chairman signs the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 20th September and 18th October 2010 as a true and proper record.

ACCOUNTS

10/104 RESOLVED – The council accepted the corrected accounts as circulated on page 37 of the cash book.

PAYMENTS

10/105 RESOLVED – The following payments were agreed by the council:-

- Lengths man's duties for September & October 2010
- Clerk's reimbursements for refreshments and printing and for the Christmas lights.
- Second payment for grass cutting on the Jubilee Field,

Cllr. Wilcox left the meeting and took no part in the following discussion.

10/106 RESOLVED – The following payment was agreed by the council:-

- Cllr. Wilcox Web modifications

EARMARKING FOR 2011-2012

The following items were listed to be considered when setting the precept for 2011-2012 (January 2011 meeting).

- Improvements on The Green & Bus Shelter, including replacing the bollards
- New Signage for Huntington
- War Memorial (Possibly located near Saighton Camp)
- 2012 Jubilee Celebrations
- Notice boards
- Planters and Planting
- Jubilee Field Maintenance including the gate.
- St Luke's Bench

PLANNING

The council noted the contents of pages 19 and 20 of the planning register.

106 CONSULTATION

The clerk reported she had contacted CW&C Susie Woodward-Moor following the October meeting to ask what the next steps should be. She suggested appointing a landscape architect to draw up designs of how the Jubilee Field could be developed and the consult with the community again on these designs. The Council agreed that more positive action was now required and agreed that a meeting of the 106 Working Group should be called before the January 2011 meeting and decide the following matters:-

- To consider if the council should concentrate on developing one site e.g. Jubilee Field, or look at developing two areas at the same time.
- To consider the process of getting drawings produced.
- Decide what these drawings should include.

The meeting details will be circulated to all councillors although the Council hoped Cllr. Dodd would lead the group including Cllrs. Kemp, Moore, Scargill, Walker, Williams.

The clerk reported she had contacted both Bishops High School and Huntington Primary School about their role in the consultation process and hoped to arrange a meeting with Mr. Rose, Huntington Primary School Head teacher, next week to discuss the matter.

OPEN SPACES

It was reported that High Bank had been now been strimmed. It was agreed the clerk should look into how highways departments manage wild flower meadows.

It was agreed that the maintenance of the Chester Road trees should go ahead as soon as possible including weeding, pruning and re-staking.

It was reported that one of the Silver Birch Trees on Soldiers Row had been damaged during the high winds, it was agreed the clerk should report this to CW&C.

PROPOSED CHESTER RD CYCLE WAY

As had been reported at the October meeting that the development of the former Saighton Camp includes a cycle way along Chester Road into Chester which is likely to impact the Council's trees. The clerk reported she had contact Paul Parry at CW&C highways but there was still no concrete plans to be discussed.

CALDY VALLEY ROAD TREE PROJECT

The clerk reported she had received a license for the planting of the Trees along Caldly Valley Road, she reported that the license puts all responsibility for the trees on the Parish Council including moving them should the highways authority request it. The Council's insurance company had requested some changes to the license which the clerk had submitted to CW&C and was awaiting a response to.

It was agreed the planting of these trees should be delayed until the issues surrounding the Chester Road trees have been resolved.

GAS WORKS MAINTENANCE

The clerk reported she had no further information.

It was reported that the verges were still in a poor state and the footpath beyond Caldly Valley Road had still not be rectified. It was agreed the clerk should request a site walk with Mr. Orme of CW&C Highways department and councillor to reiterate these outstanding concerns.

CHESTER ROAD PLANTERS

The clerk reported she had taken no further action on the planters due to concerns raised regarding the cycle path on Chester Road. It was agreed this project should continue and that the location of the two planters offered by the CW&C street scene department should be identified when on the Gas Works walk. Cllr. Walker reported that Walkers Nursery would be happy to sponsor the planters for the first year.

STREET CLEANSING

The clerk that from 1st April 2011 CW&C will be implementing a new street cleansing service which will provide all areas with a statutory level of street cleansing borough wide. This will replace the grant received for the street orderlies (lengths man). It has been agreed with Street Scene that the new services will be reviewed and monitored at regular intervals. The new service standards include the following:-

- Retail Area – Chester Road Shops, bus stop & Post Office Area – daily inspection/cleanse.
- Housing – medium intensity – fortnightly inspection/cleanse.
- High Speed Road – A55 – depending on traffic control.
- Rural Roads – Aldford Road, Saighton Spur Road & Sandy Lane – x4 year.
- Assess Additional Cleaning – Bus Shelters.

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas lights and Christmas tree will be erected on Saturday 27th November as previously agreed. It was agreed the clerk should pursue a cherry picker to help with this and also see if members of the Hoole Hornets are available to help.

The clerk reported that it had been noted that Huntington Primary School and the Parish Council had both organised Christmas events including a Father Christmas on the same evening which was felt could detract from both occasions. The clerk had contact Mr. Rose to see if the events could be combined which had received a positive reply. It was agreed the clerk should discuss this with the Mr. Rose when they meet, Cllr. Buckler agreed to attend this meeting.

It was agreed Cllr. Buckler would obtain a large star for the top of the Christmas tree (max cost £30).

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

No representative was agreed.

SURGERY

It was reported Cllrs. Dodd, Moore, Scargill and Williams had attended the Council’s first surgery, and had joined the PCSO who was also holding a surgery at the same time. During the surgery they had spoken to 5 or 6 people. Future surgeries will be held 10.00 to 11.00am on the following dates:-

- 4th December 2010
- 5th February 2011
- 2nd April 2011
- 7th June 2011

Cllr. Kemp offered the council use of a ‘A’ board for the surgeries.

ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that Mrs. Cresswick had been offered 25 free trees by the Cheshire Landscape Trust as the Parish Council’s Tree Officer. It was agreed that the Council should accept these trees and that Mrs Cresswick should choose the most appropriate trees which can be planted on the Jubilee Field and possibly High Bank.

10/107RESOLVED – That the meeting go into closed session to consider the following agenda items.

TO CONSIDER PRICES RECEIVED FOR THE LENGTHS MANS DUTIES & GRASS CUTTING

10/108 RESOLVED – That the length’s man duties from 1st April 2011 will include tidying and routine Maintenance of the Jubilee Field for two hours a week carried out by Mr. J. Partington.

10/109 RESOLVED – That Mr. Partington carryout the mowing and maintenance of The Green.

10/101 RESOLVED – That Mr. Partington carryout the mowing of the play area on the Jubilee Field.

The meeting closed ay 9.20pm

**The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is on
Monday 17th January 2011 from 7:30pm**

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright 16th November 2010.