

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 19th October 2009 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall

PRESENT

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

Mr. C. Buckler

Mr. J. Scargill

Mr. P. Sheen

Mrs. C. Walker

Mr. A. Wilcox

None Councillors

PCSO Phillippa Emmonds

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Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

APOLOGIES

Mr. M. Kemp – Business

Mr. D. McQuay – Business

Mr. J. Moore – Holiday

Mr. M. Williams – Business

None Councillors – CSW Rachel Bentham & PC Kieran Lavery

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The following personal interests was declared:-

Cllr. Buckler – Planning 09/11381/FUL, at Sedum Close as the applicant is known to him.

OPEN FORUM

PCSO Emmonds reported the following

- There had been 26 incidents reported since the last meeting the majority of which related to the A55. Other incidents reported included young males riding motorbikes on the Jubilee field. The 'anti-social behaviour' car has been deployed in the area, there has also been an operation to tackle bicycle thefts.
- PC Lavery had received the copy of the letter sent the DSA test centre on Saughton Camp and has spoken to the management to ask them to dissuade instructors from using the roads in Huntington for lessons however there is little more that can be done.
- PCSO Emmonds reported in relation to agenda item 18 she was not aware of any planned changes to the PCSO coverage in the area.

Mr. Wynne-Hughes (Hoole Hornets Football Team) reported there has been damage done to the goal mouth on the Jubilee Field which had recently been re-turfed. There had also been instances of glass bottles being broken on the football pitch.

The chairman thanked PCSO Emmonds for attending the meeting.

Mr. Wynne-Hughes presented a list of requests for alterations/improvements to the Jubilee Field for the council to consider, these include:-

- A container for storage of equipment near the pitch.
- Changing rooms – container or more permanent.
- Fencing around the pitch to stop vehicles/motorbikes from going on the pitch – also the pitch has to be fenced off during matches this is currently done temporarily for every match.
- Lighting, to allow winter training.
- Clearing the ditch to reduce water logging of the pitch.
- Topping up of soil where drains have been installed – done out of season (April/May).

PRESENTATION

Dave and Val Roberts gave a presentation about the consultation work done by the Tilston Playing Field Committee (TPFC). The presentation included the following points:-

- Consultation and community involvement had been in two phases, firstly to purchase the Tilston Playing field and now to obtain grants to improve it.

- The committee raised funds and awareness through village events.
- It was important to keep everyone informed from residents to the local authority through newsletters, posters.
- The TPFC identified a need to provide facilities for children 10+, as a result they spoke to the brownies, guides and Scouts, took questionnaires into the local school and youth club. Also ran a competition for youngsters to draw pictures of what they would like to see on the playing field. This resulted in obtaining 'Play Builder' funding for 8-13 year olds.
- Need to get both children's and adults views.
- Are also working on obtaining lottery funding, again had to be able to prove had consulted with children.
- Have produced questionnaires for young children, teenagers and adults.
- Have obtained letters of support from a wide range of stakeholders, key community leaders, residents.
- Only way to get consultation responses is to go and get them, it is not enough to put questionnaires through doors. E.g. collect parent's views at school dropping off and collection times.
- Used Tilston Wakes to carry out a consultation. Displayed images of different play equipment, surfaces etc and asked people to put their names under what they preferred. Keep consultations visually simple.
- People were encouraged to get involved by holding events and by offering prizes to raise funds rather than just asking for money.
- Grant applications will require a business plan.
- When completing applications look for the 'key word' in the questions and include it in the answer.
- Make sure the person whose phone number is on grant application forms is available to answer the phone and also is well versed on the application and can answer questions.
- 'Consultation Fatigue' – important to explain to people each time why you are asking these questions.
- Build a committee to carry out the work with a wide range of skills.

106 CONSULTATION

Due to the time it was agreed that councillors would consider the draft questionnaire as circulated and forward comments to the clerk by 1st November. The resulting amended questionnaire can then be considered at the November meeting by when copies of the TPFC questionnaires will have been received.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

MINUTES

09/029 RESOLVED - That the Chairman signs the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st September 2009.

ACCOUNTS

The clerk highlighted the following payments which have been made since the last meeting

- A Wilcox – Web domain registration
- Chalc – Training
- Treefellers – Watering

09/030 RESOLVED – The council accepted the accounts as circulated on page 15 of the cash book.

PAYMENTS

09/031 RESOLVED – The council agreed the following payments:-

Lengths man's duties for September 2009

Clerk's Salary – paid by four weekly standing orders.

POPPY WREATH

09/032 RESOLVED – that the council purchases a poppy wreath for the sum of £100 to be laid at the Remembrance service on behalf of the parish.

HIGH BANK

It was reported that some clearing of High Bank has been done in addition to planting although difficulties have arisen regarding disposing of the waste. Concerns were raised regarding the progress made on clearing the bank and the council agreed that that clerk should ask that the bank be cleared by the next meeting.

The clerk read an e-mail from the CW&C Highways department, regarding the ownership of High Bank stating that it was believed the land had been given to Cheshire County Council to allow the road to be widened as this work was never carried out it leaves the ownership matter unresolved. However it is believed further studying of the archives may resolve this matter, due to workloads CW&C highways officers are struggling to carry out this research at present. It had therefore been suggested that this matter be revisited in January allowing more time for research. The council agreed to this suggestion.

STREET ORDERLY DUTIES

Deferred to the November meeting.

PLANNING

The clerk reported since circulating the planning register notification had been received of the refusal of the Oakfield Nurseries on the basis of inappropriate development within the green belt.

09/033 RESOLVED – The council accepted the observations as listed on page 7 of the planning Register and make an observation of judgement on its merits for application 09/11381/FUL – 21 Sedum Close – two storey side extension.

JUBILEE FIELD & OPEN SPACES

The clerk reported she had received a reply regarding replacing the style on the footpath parallel to the A55. However it is believed this is not the style over the Armco which was the one in question the clerk is to contact the footpaths officer to clarify the location.

PLAYING FIELD INSPECTION

This item was deferred until the November meeting when more information will be available.

CHESTER ROAD VERGES

It was reported that the verge opposite High Bank at the Chester Road entrance to Caldley Valley Road the verge has not yet been reinstated. The clerk is to report this matter.

CHANGING ROOMS

Following on from discussions in the open forum it was agreed that it had always been a long-term objective to have changing/storage facilities on the Jubilee Field, however there was a need to look at the field as a whole especially in light of the 106 consultation. However a temporary container could be considered. Mr. Wynne-Hughes agreed to contact the clerk with sizes and possible locations. The clerk is to check insurance liabilities and also if planning permission is required, to be considered in more detail at the November meeting.

PCSO

Following the report given by PCSO Emmonds it was agreed the clerk should write to the police authority voicing support for the PCSO and that the parish council hopes more can be done to cover sickness absence in the future.

DOG WASTE BINS

The clerk reported that the new dog bin should be installed at the top of Cheshires Way before the end of October by Cheshire West & Chester Council.

GRIT BINS

It was agreed councillors should suggest appropriate locations be e-mail to the clerk for discussion at the November meeting.

ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None raised.

PART 2 in the absence of Press & Public

1. To consider quotes for electrical work on The Green for Christmas Lighting.

09/034 RESOLVED – That the clerk should ask both companies to re-quote for installation of 4 power supplies and sockets for the use of garlands in the 4 main trees. These quotes should then be considered by Cllrs. Buckler, Dodd and Williams before the November meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 17th November 2009

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright 26th October 2009