

HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL – WORK PROGRAMME.

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| Issue | Action Taken |
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| Signage on Crown Park, specifically Brigadier Close | <p>12/9 – Clerk receives email from resident expressing concern over lack of signs to his row of houses (situated behind a block of apartments) so deliveries, and more importantly, emergency vehicles, cannot find the houses. Clerk writes to Bovis (Albert Hassall and CWAC)</p> <p>13/9 – Bovis replies to say they will investigate</p> <p>28/9 – Clerk receives phone call from CWAC Highways Dept. Having investigated, they have found that there are many signs missing, including the ones mentioned by residents, from Crown Park estate which could potentially lead to confusion. Signs will be made by CWAC and installed as soon as possible.</p> <p>14/12 – Resident informs Clerk that signs still not erected. Clerk asks CWaC to investigate. CWaC contacts Clerk to say it is on record as being processed so Officer will report back to me once returning from hols on 9th Jan.</p> <p>16/1 – Clerk contacts Warren Chatterton and John Barnes (CWaC Network Supervisors) to ask for update on signs</p> <p>3rd July 2017 - Clerk Contacts Cwac to ask for progress report on signs.</p> <p>28th July 2017 – Cwac confirm that they do agree that signs are needed but this is responsibility of Bovis to carry out the works. Bovis contacted to ask what is happening</p> <p>16th Aug 2017 – Bovis informs Clerk that it has been referred to Saighton Camp Site Manager for investigation</p> |
| Lack of Lighting leading to Caldy Nature Park | <p>For earlier entries regarding this issue, please see previous Works Programme (available on Huntington Parish Council website) April: This has now been referred to the Working Group for Capital Expenditure for further consideration. Minutes from meeting available on request for residents.</p> <p>17th July 2017 – Clerk informs Council at PC meeting that CWAC would, in principle, agree to a service plan for new lighting but would have to meet strict criteria. CWaC are willing to carry out a design proposal which would meet Criteria. Clerk informs Ian Jones (Lighting Dept) who agrees to carry this out.</p> <p>August 1017 – CWaC propose new lighting will cost the Parish Council approximately £25,000. This is for several reasons including that they are not willing to light a small section of path and the whole path must be lit which includes going through Caldy Nature Park. They also believe vehicle access would be a problem so would need hinged lights which adds cost. Cllrs ask for further explanation. This is due to be discussed at the September Parish Council meeting</p> <p>20th Sept 2017 – Clerk arranges meeting with Mr Ian Jones of CWaC lighting who will meet with Cllrs on 20th October at site of proposed lighting.</p> |

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| | <p>20th Oct – Meeting held. To be discussed at November PC meeting as separate item. Also report written (can be requested from Clerk)</p> <p>Nov 2017 – Lighting to be installed from Celandine Close to Caldy Valley. Agreed by Council. CWaC predict a February/March installation date and have been actioned to undertake work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Issue Closed</p> |
| Street Sign on Lupin Drive | <p>12/5 - Resident request new road sign for Lupin Drive. Clerk contacts CWaC who will investigate. Ref number: 4794411</p> <p>16th Oct – Resident confirms that a new sign HAS now been erected on Lupin Drive but only on one side. Clerk reports to CWaC. And requests other sign. Ref: 4801724</p> |
| Deceased Trees at Memorial in Saughton Camp | <p>15/5 – Email sent to Andrew Willerton (Bovis) asking what can be done about deceased trees on the Memorial. This is the 3rd group of trees to be planted which have suffered same fate (lack of drainage is believed to be the issue). Bovis to investigate and respond.</p> <p>6/7 – After Clerk chasing up previous emails, Bovis respond to say they have instructed Landscapers to look at the state of the trees whilst visiting to repair slipped paving stones (see separate issue below)</p> <p>August – Bovis agree to plant new trees but this will now be completed in Autumn</p> <p>October 2017 – Bovis asked to tidy memorial for Remembrance</p> |
| State of Grass Verges and Hedgerows | <p>Please see previous Works Programme for further history of this topic.</p> <p>August 2017 – Cllrs carry out Parish Walk and identify 18 areas where work is needed, some being more urgent than other but all needing attention. This includes grass verges and hedgerows on Chester Rd, Gorse Way and Caldy Valley Rd.</p> <p>September – Clerk submits report to Kerrie Brice, Karl Farrow and Graham Jones of CWaC Streetscene and other departments request on that all of these areas are looked at immediately. Ward Cllr also asked to be involved.</p> <p>20th September – Cllrs and Clerk meet with Kerrie Brice and Graham Jones who attend a Parish Walk. All in agreement that the 18 points raised on the report are valid. PLEASE SEE STREETSCENE REPORT (available from Clerk) which is an attachment for the Oct PC meeting and will be discussed then.</p> <p>Oct – Chester Rd hedge cut</p> <p>18th Oct – Following Sept PC meeting, Clerk contacts Mr G Jones and Ms K Brice to ask if they would attend future PC meeting as Cllrs still not satisfied with level of work</p> <p>6th Nov – No response so Clerk rewrites to both to ask if they would attend future meeting. Clerk also asks for reassurances that grass verges are due one more cut, as [promised at parish walk (see above)]</p> <p>Nov 2017 – Meeting with Mr Mark Brazil, senior Manager of Streetscene. Please see notes taken from this meeting. (Available on website or from Clerk on request)</p> <p>Dec – Mr Mark Brazil asked to attend PC meeting in February to discuss with Full Council</p> |
| Overhanging and Damaged branches on Chester Rd behind Lucerne Close | <p>5/7 - Resident contacts Cllr to ask if CWaC can investigate damaged and overhanging trees on Lucerne Close. Highways did investigate 12 months ago and said nothing could be done. Resident increasingly concerned that bad weather could cause more damage and that trees could fall onto property. Clerk contacts Natural Environment Team who refer to it to Mr Tim</p> |

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| | <p>Williams (Senior Tree Officer). Currently on Annual Leave but will respond ASAP. Nov 2017 – Work carried out by CWaC. Resident thanks Parish Councillor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Issue Closed</p> |
| Dog Bins on Cheshire' Way and other parts of Saighton Camp | <p>Sept – Now that Cheshire' Way has been officially adopted by CWaC, Parish Council have formally asked CWaC if they will now install Dog Bins on this section of Saighton Camp. Awaiting response.</p> <p>9th October – Still awaiting response. Clerk to chase up.</p> <p>18th Oct – CWaC (Karl Sitene) confirms that NO bins will be installed on any part of the estate until the ENTIRE estate is adopted.</p> <p>Oct 2017 – 2 bins have been installed near Pioneer Close on Saighton Camp. CWaC confirm that they have NOT installed them and will not take any responsibility for them until adoption of whole estate. Clerk asks both Redrow and Bovis if bins have been installed by them (as bins now overflowing and smelling).. No response from Redrow. Bovis are 'investigating'.</p> |
| Footpath from Huntington to Christleton | <p>Cllrs carry out feasibility walk with Karl Farrow and others from CWaC, assessing whether the footpath can have better access and a cycle route. This will allow children to commute to Christleton High School much easier as well as potentially reducing traffic using Sainsbury's Roundabout due to less parents needing to take children to Christleton each morning. It also promotes a healthier lifestyle.</p> <p>Parish Council now awaits conclusions from Cheshire West Council.</p> <p>2nd October – Findings have now been passed to Commissioning Task Group who will consider how this can be implemented, using S106 money. This may be new stiles and gates OR a brand new cycle and pedestrian path. Commissioning Group led by Mr K Collins.</p> |
| Bus Service on Saighton Camp | <p>16th Sept – Managing Director of Stagecoach asks PC for support in trying to get bus services introduced to Saighton Camp. At moment, customers are having to walk up to 25 mins to nearest bus stop. Parts of Highlanders Rd is also unlit and with massive pot holes so it is unsafe for them to walk back from bus as Winter draws in. Clerk instructed to contact CWaC.</p> <p>5th Oct – Clerk talks with CWaC (John Ellis Jones). CWaC inform that they are keen to get bus service on Saighton Camp but are waiting for CWaC to adopt Highlanders Rd (dependent on developers to start that process). CWaC agree to bring this discussion to the commissioning Task Group meeting, to be held on 5th October as S106 money is being used to subsidise this bus service.</p> <p>6TH Oct – Clerk asks Bovis to sort unlit areas and pot holes on Saighton Camp</p> <p>Dec 2017 – Bovis confirm that adoption of Highlanders Rd will not take place until 2019 at earliest. CWaC state there will be NO BUS SERVICE until this adoption has taken place.</p> |
| Pot Holes, Damaged pavements and unlit columns on Highlanders Rd | <p>Resident informs PC that there is significant areas for improvement on Highlanders rd m, which is causing hazard to pedestrians. Clerk informs Bovis.</p> <p>6th Oct – Bovis inform Clerk that a site visit will be taking place today and the pot holes, unlit lighting columns and damaged pavements will be assessed and rectified.</p> <p>1st Nov 2017 – Following Stagecoach concerns that the faulty lighting AND pot holes still exist, Clerk contacts Bovis again. Mr Bebbington responds to apologise and say that all faults will be rectified within 14 days and a darkness survey carried out to ensure adequate lighting is on</p> |

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| | <p>Highlanders Rd. Dec – Clerk contacts Mr Bebbington again to inform that the 14 days have now passed and still no work has been undertaken. Also asked about the bins on Pioneer Close and standard of finish on new Play Area. Clerk asked, by Councillors, to contact Board of Directors.</p> |
| High Bank | <p>20th Sept – Following PC Sept meeting, Clerk is instructed to proceed with claiming ownership on High Bank. However, before submitting application, PC must receive written confirmation from CWaC that they take full responsibility for the pavement and railings at the top. 4th Oct – Clerk provides annotated map to Karl Farrow specifically outlining the area that we intend to own and also the pavement and railings that we want CWaC to maintain responsibility for. Clerk asks for written confirmation that CWaC agree to this. Awaiting response. 7th Oct – Resident contacts Clerk, with photos, asking that the shrubs and trees are cut back as causing a hazard to pedestrians using pavement. Clerk to contact Kerrie Brice. Although the High Bank does not belong to CWaC, CWaC have responsibility to ensure pavement is safe to use? 1st Nov – Resident contacts Clerk to express concern for NO LIGHTING on pavement at top of High Bank. There is lighting at bottom but this is obscured by shrubbery. Resident asks if lighting can be considered at top. Other consideration might be to cut High Bank to allow light to get to top pavement. Referred to item 8 at November PC meeting 9th Nov – Clerk contacts Mr Farrow to ask for update on whether we can proceed with ownership claim on High Bank. 13th Nov – Resident confirms that High Bank has now been cut back to allow pedestrians access along top pavement. Resident thanks Parish Council for their work on this. HOWEVER, lighting is still an issue. Nov 2017 – Council resolve to cut back all shrubbery and prune trees on High Bank to allow more light, subject to quotes. Clerk instructed to obtain quotes and present at Jan PC meeting Dec 2017 – CWaC issue written statement to confirm that they will still maintain responsibility for the pavement and railings and adoption of the land can take place by PC.</p> |
| Feasibility Study into Toilets on Jub Field | <p>Sept –Following problems encountered by other builders, Clerk contacts local builder who agrees to carry out further feasibility on toilet block, confident that drainage and water supply would not be problem. This feasibility study is still on-going. Once completed, Clerk will present to Parish Council for consideration as to whether we should obtain quotes and consult. Nov – Local Builder has requested plans drawn up before he can supply quote. Local architect contacted. Shipping container company also contacted. Willing to supply quote but also needs plans drawn up in order to give accurate quote. Local Architect willing to work with OPC to draw up plans. Dodleston PC should also be contacted due to a new toilet block that they have erected. Could possibly be used as case study? Dec 2017 – Full specification and costings very kindly been supplied by Dodleston PC. Councillors informed. To be discussed at future PC meeting.</p> |
| Dog Fouling | <p>Oct – Residents complain about dog fouling on Butterbache Rd. Clerk highlights Poster and fines in operation on FB. Positive response received. Clerk purchases pink spray to paint temporary warning signs and ‘pink poo’ campaign on Butterbache rd. 18th Oct – Oct suggests campaign where residents can obtain laminated versions of our poster</p> |

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| | <p>highlighting fines and information gathering to catch culprits. Residents could then place on fences etc, which cannot be objected by developers etc.</p> <p>24th Oct – CWaC Pink Poo Campaign manager confirms that we are able to carry out campaign but asked to wait 2 months because he cannot guarantee quick response by environmental team to pink poo sprayed. Cllrs informed.</p> <p>30th Oct – Cllr enquires whether known Vicars Cross Campaign (now postponed) can be transferred to Huntington. CWaC manager confirms this is ok to start today. Due to no full council resolution and Cllrs suggest more time needed to co-ordinate campaign, alert residents and ensure publicity, campaign postponed until after Nov meeting so resolution can be obtained from full council.</p> <p>6th Oct – Resident complaint received regarding Dog Fouling and also very asctove discussion on Crown Park FB page regarding dog fouling issues. Clerk enquires whether Dog Wardens can still issue fines on private land (Saighton Camp estate) and confirms dog wardens CAN do this. Clerk also enquires whether pink poo campaign could be carried out on new estate. CWaC to investigate and inform us of answer within next week.</p> <p>Issue to be discussed as separate item at November PC meeting.</p> <p>Nov 2017 – Pink Poo Campaign to be launched in January with all Councillors on rota and high publicity campaign. Rota to be distributed at Jan PC meeting. CWaC confirm that no campaign can be activated on Saighton Camp due to private land ownership.</p> |
| Bin Lorries on Caldly Nature Park (CNP) | <p>Oct – Resident and Cllr informs Clerk that bin lorries are entering CNP. Not only is it a hazard to pedestrians who may not be aware but also causing significant damage to grass verges. Clerk contacts Kerrie Brice to ask if lorries allowed in CNP and, if not, to ask drivers not to enter CNP.</p> <p>Late Oct – Resident supplies video footage and photographs of the lorries reversing into CNP with dogs and pedestrians present. Grass verges also considerably damaged. Clerk forwards video footage and photographs to both Mr G Jones and Ms K Brice, asking for confirmation whether lorries are/are not allowed to reverse into a pedestrian area of CNP and the measures that will take place to repair grass.</p> <p>Nov 2017 – Streetscene confirm that bin wagons ARE allowed on Caldly Nature Park and all drivers have been trained appropriately. Please see notes taken from this meeting. (Available on website under 'January Documents' or from Clerk on request)</p> <p>Dec 2017 – Some residents and Cllrs still unhappy with how this was agreed with no communication to the public. Mr Mark Brazil asked to attend Feb meeting</p> |
| White lines on filter lane on Chester Rd (junction with Butterbache rd, opposite Gorse Way) | <p>16TH Sept – Resident asks PC to complain to CWaC regarding very faded lines on filter lane, which causing motorist confusion and potential accident.</p> <p>With possibility of traffic lights being installed in this area, CWaC currently assessing this area.</p> |
| Traffic Lights at Gorse Way junction onto Chester Rd | <p>PC receive letter from several residents asking PC to formally object to lights being installed on this junction (part of the [planning conditions of the Saighton Camp being built). Clerk writes to CWaC Highways asking for further information. CWaC respond to say they believe lights are needed. This subject is added to the PC October agenda for discussion by Cllrs.</p> <p>26th Oct – Following Oct meeting (please see minutes), Council writes to Cllr Brian Clarke (CWaC member for Infrastructure, Cllr Mark Stocks (Shadow CWaC member for Infrastructure) and Mr</p> |

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| | <p>Parry of CWaC Highways to object to lights and ask that alternatives are considered.</p> <p>7th Nov – Mr Parry contacts Clerk to confirm he has received the letter, sent the letter to all members of Highways Dept for consideration and is now awaiting response from Cllrs Clarke and/or Cllr Stocks to know how to proceed</p> <p>Nov 2017 – No response from Cllrs Mark Stocks or Brian Clarke. Mr Parry issues written statement to Parish Council informing them why alternatives put forward by the Council would not be acceptable. Forwarded to all Cllrs and residents concerned.</p> |
| Leak at Rake Pumping Station with foul water released into Caldy Brook | <p>Nov 2017 – Following Nov PC meeting, Clerk asked to contact Welsh Water as to why this leak occurred and measures to be put in place to prevent this happening in future. Following much correspondence, Welsh Water inform Council that the leak occurred as result of air locked pumps at the pumping station, and due to a failure of the high level alert on telemetry, this discharged longer than it should have. We are already in the process of replacing the obsolete pumps and the telemetry has since been tested and is working as expected. Welsh Water agree to attend PC meeting to discuss this and other concerns by residents about flooding/leaks in the Huntington area.</p> |
| Website redevelopment | <p>Website currently under redesign development. Further improvements to be discussed at future PC meeting.</p> |
| <p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Airbus UK 2. Sunflowers for Neuromuscular Charity 3. Best Kept Village Award | <p>Airbus contacted all Parish Councils within flight airspace of Hawarden Airport, informing them of a new Satellite Navigation system proposed for the airport. Forwarded to Councillors.</p> <p>The Big Sunflower Project wrote to Parish Councils asking if they would like Sunflowers to distribute to Community groups. Clerk forwarded to Huntington Community Groups. Three groups responded to say Yes Please!</p> <p>Invitation to enter 'Best Kept Village' competition. Forwarded to Councillors who have asked to add to Feb Agenda</p> |
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Future Agenda Items (Unable to be included on January Agenda due to other topics needing discussion):

- Annual Assembly – Welsh Water, United Utilities, Streetscene, Cheshire Police, Kier Construction and Care UK have all indicated that they would come to discuss local issues concerning Huntington. Council to discuss an Open Forum type meeting for local residents to ask questions.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Does Huntington need a Neighbourhood Plan and how can we engage the community?
- Asset Register – Review
- Further Website development – What is still needed and how can we improve it further?
- Best Kept Village Award