

**MINUTES OF  
HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
16th February 2015 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall.**

**PRESENT**

Chairman - Cllr. Roy Shelton

Cllr Jacky Creswick      Cllr. John Creswick (8.30)      Cllr. Nick Dodd      Cllr. David Ferguson

Cllr. Carolyn Walker      Cllr. Anthony Wilcox

None Councillors

Public – 4

Clerk – Ann Wright

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. John Creswick - will be late.

Cllr. M Kemp - Work

Cllr. M Williams - Work.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Jacky Creswick declared an outside bodies interest, Item 5 Saughton Camp Development & School Consultation, as a governor at Huntington Primary School.

**MINUTES**

**15/384 RESOLVED** – That the Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th January 2015 as a true and proper record.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Clerk read the police report for the period 15th January to 11th February on behalf of PC Malone who was unable to attend the meeting. It was reported that during this period there had been 5 occurrences one of which was a crime. A burglary had been reported which had probably taken place overnight with entry gained to the property through an unlocked downstairs window, a camera, laptop had been taken enquiries are still on-going. PC Malone and PCSO Dennis had carried out two security chipping events on the weekend of the 17th and 18th January which had been very successful with 63 bikes chipped. Three 9 year old girls have been spoken to by the police regarding anti-social behaviour which had been occurring outside the shops, since then there have been no further reports.

Concerns were raised about the mud on Chester Road, particularly on the left had said travelling towards Chester and on the pavement, it was agreed the Clerk would report this to CW&C.

It was reported that the phasing of the pedestrian traffic lights by the water works needs adjusting following them being switched off during the recent gas works, the Clerk will report this to CW&C.

A resident raised that he had seen wheelie bin speed warning stickers which were very effective, the Clerk confirmed that No Mans Heath & District Parish Council have recently purchased 100 30mph and speed kills stickers.

**15/385 RESOLVED** – That the Council purchase 100 stickers to be offered to residents initially through FACEBOOK and on request.

A resident on Meadow Lane reported he has seen two Common Lizards in his garden, which despite their name are quite rare, it was thought they might have come off the Jubilee Playing field.

It was reported that the recent gas works to take a new pipeline across the A55 bridge had been halted as the pipe would not fit through the existing ducting through the expansion joint and that Highways Agency approval was need to carry out any alterations to the bridge which was built in 1976.

Concerns were raised about the amount on litter on the Jubilee Field on Sunday the majority of which was from takeaways, it was noted that litter from takeaways is present throughout the village.

## **SAIGHTON CAMP DEVELOPMENT & SCHOOL**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Andrew Willerton of Bovis who had instructed the Area Build Manager overseeing the site to implement the Public Open Spaces where overlooking properties have been completed which is in line with the phased construction approach. Areas of Public Open Space have already been completed and others commenced recently including the spine road swales, Memorial Area, the Southern Amenity Route, the Northern Amenity Route and two of the three LAPs. The NEAP or play area will be installed following completion of the Commercial building and Swale. This is due to the haul road serving the commercial building occupying the area and removing the attraction of a play area to a construction site. It is hoped the shop will be completed within 16 to 20 weeks. He confirmed that he will monitor the implementation of these areas which are constructed or in construction. He also agreed to e-mail an up to date site plan and will forward possible dates for a site meeting when he is next scheduled to be in the area.

The Clerk confirmed she would try to arrange a separate meeting with Redrow representatives.

It was asked if any more artificial grass is to be installed on the site, the Clerk will raise this question.

There was nothing further to report on the school consultation.

It was noted the two letters of complaint had been submitted and an automated confirmation received.

## **WELSH WATER**

The Clerk reported that the Welsh Water had been unable to attend this meeting it was hoped they would be able to attend the March meeting.

## **CHESTER LANE**

Cllr. Walker declared an interest in this item as a resident on Chester Lane.

The Clerk reported that letters would go out to all properties later this week and that Saughton, Aldford and District Parish Council had agreed the contents of the letter and would discuss the matter at their next meeting in March.

## **STREET SCENE**

The Council noted the minutes of the last meeting with Sue Fernandes from CW&C page 380 of the minutes book, and that the next meeting is scheduled for the 20th March.

Councillors recorded their disappointment at the proposed CW&C dog fouling campaign, it was agreed more volunteers were needed to spray dog mess to have an impact on dog owners and that volunteers should be sought through FACEBOOK. It was also agreed the school should be contacted to ask the children to produce posters which can be displayed around Huntington. It was noted that 220 dog poos had been sprayed on one day in the Caldly Valley Nature Park. It was agreed that the spraying campaign would also be raised with Great Boughton Parish Council.

## **COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID**

**15/386 RESOLVED** – That the Council apply for the right to bid against the Rake and Pikel which will allow the Council to purchase it should it come up for sale in the future.

It was agreed the Clerk would find out what the process is once the application is submitted. Councillors were asked to consider if there are any other assets which the Council should place bids on. The Clerk was asked to find out how the Village Hall was owned.

## **PLANNING**

The planning register, page 85, was noted as circulated.

## **ACCOUNTS & EARMARKING**

**15/387 RESOLVED** – That the Council earmark the New Homes Bonus funding for a large capital project noting the Council is submitting a right to bid on the Rake and Pikel.

It was agreed that the Clerk, Councillors Dodd and Shelton investigate alternative bank accounts for the money held by the Council.

**15/388 RESOLVED** – That the Council reimburse the clerk for the storage box for the Christmas lights.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Council agreed to invite a representative of the Huntington Under 5s to attend the Council's March meeting to provide more details about their grant application including the background to it. The Council agreed it was unable to offer a grant to Cheshire Search and Rescue but would suggest they promote their fundraising on our FACEBOOK page and have a stall at the Fete.

**WORK PROGRAMME**

The work programme was noted as circulated, an update was requested on the possible new crossing on Caldby Valley Road. It was agreed the clerk should obtain quotes for the alteration to the Jubilee Field gate for consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

**The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

Signed .....

Dated .....

Ann Wright  
17th February 2015

# HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from Meeting with CW&C regarding Delegation of Street-scene Services  
30th January 2015

Present: Huntington Parish Council – Jacky Creswick, Nick Dodd.  
Cheshire West & Chester Environmental Services Manager - Sue Fernandes  
Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

The following issues were discussed during the meeting:-

The meeting reviewed a map of Huntington which showed grassed areas which were maintained by CW&C, the Parish Council or were part of the Nature Park.

The following amendments were made to the map:-

- The Green, Chester Road was amended to show it is maintained by the Parish Council.
- The Former Post Office Path (Chester Road to Caldley Valley Road) was adjusted to show it will have shrub beds. **SF** agreed she would investigate when this path is to be cleared ready for planting.
- All the paths were marked which run between streets, paths which suffer from high levels of litter and overgrown shrubs/hedges were highlighted. It was agreed a street scene and a highways officer would inspect all the paths to identify maintenance work required. It was noted the overgrown hedges are from neighbouring properties.

Now that the map has been updated CW&C will provide a full costs break down of all street scene cleansing and grass cutting except for mechanical sweeps, the break down will also identify mowing equipment used in each area.

While carrying out the above inspection the officers will check bins and consider replacing dog bins with dual function bins, Butterbache Road by the path to the shops and Gorse Way will be considered for new bins due to litter and dog fouling issues.

It was agreed the clerk would contact Bovis and ask if the artificial grass at the Memorial is to be replaced with real grass as there was some confusion regarding this.

It was agreed Shelley Seeds should be asked to clear the top of Meadow Lane of Litter up to the Jubilee Playing Field.

**Next Meeting Friday 20th March 2015 at HQ Chester**  
***NB - This meeting will be confirmed the previous week.***

Ann Wright  
2nd February 2015