

# MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

20<sup>th</sup> January 2014 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall.

## PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Mark Williams

Cllr. Jackie Creswick    Cllr. John Creswick    Cllr. Nick Dodd    Cllr. David Ferguson

Cllr. David McQuay    Cllr. A Wilcox

None Councillors

Public –7

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

## APOLOGIES

Cllr. Martin Kemp – Work commitment

Cllr. Roy Shelton – Work Commitment

Cllr. Carolyn Walker – Unwell

Certificates were presented to Councillors John Creswick, Nick Dodd and Mark Williams and the Clerk for attending the ROSPA playing field safety inspection training.

## DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Dodd recorded that he neighboured planning application 13/05489/FUL as listed on the planning register although this item was not to be discussed.

## MINUTES

**14/303 RESOLVED** – That the Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 as a true and proper record.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC Sally Malone reported that since the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013 there had been an increase in the number of occurrences reported however only one had been a crime; there had also been an increase in domestic incidents. She and a colleague had carried out bike marking over two days outside Halfords which had been very successful with 49 bikes marked.

PC Malone confirmed Cheshire Police do have a mobile radar van and that she had requested it be used on Caldly Valley Road.

The chairman thanked PC Malone for her help and support in addressing parking issues outside the school on Butterbache Road.

A resident of Highlander Way requested an update on the proposed meeting with Parish Councillors the developer and CW&C planning officers relating to the landscaping and swales on the former Saighton Camp development. It was confirmed that this meeting had not taken place as the design of the area had not yet been agreed. Residents confirmed that the landscaping was not what had been illustrated in drawings by the developer. Concerns were voiced about the meeting being delayed as the Council could lose the opportunity to influence the design. Cllr. Williams agreed to meet residents as CW&C Councillor to try and resolve these issues.

It was asked if any further information had been received on the school consultation, no had been received it was agreed the clerk would pursue this.

Concern was raised regarding the number of developments taking place in Farndon including Farndon Meadows (Redrow) which is being advertised as only 7 miles from Chester noting that the 7 mile route would mean the use of the B road, it was asked if there were any plans to upgrade this road which is likely to see an increase in traffic.

A resident complained that hedge cuttings had been left on the footpath on Saighton Lane and that the gullies were blocked by weeds and debris, it was agreed the clerk would report this.

## **SAIGHTON CAMP DEVELOPMENT**

Item had been covered during public participation.

It was noted that following the last meeting no information regarding enforcement issues had been forwarded to the clerk.

## **SAIGHTON CAMP SPORTS PITCH**

The Chairman read an e-mail from Charles Johnson (CEG) regarding the management of the new pitch opposite the Rake and Pikel which stated it was the intention that the parish council (or other such organisation) would manage the day to day running of the sports pitch including bookings, inspections, report problems, unlocking/locking the gates, etc. Money raised through the booking of the pitch would be split 20% for undertaking the above and 80% retained by CEG for maintenance. It was noted that the pitch is a community facility and was not to be run for profit. The management plan suggested a booking fee of £450 per season or £45 per casual booking. It was also stated a second pitch would be provided in due course. Councillors noted concerns at the costs which are higher than other pitches in the area. It was agreed the clerk should contact Mr. Johnson and ask what was the expected usage of the pitch and whether any form of market testing had taken place and that the proposed 20/80 split was not acceptable to the Parish Council.

## **BUS SERVICE**

The Clerk reported she was waiting for a suitable date for a meeting with representatives of Stagecoach and CW&C transport officers. A newspaper article was read to Councillors regarding an award winning partnership which had been established in Sheffield which had resulted in an improved bus service, multi operator ticketing and better dissemination of information.

## **20 MPH SPEED LIMIT**

A resident had requested the Council consider the introduction of 20mph speed limits on Trefoil and Lucerne Closes it was agreed that the clerk should first establish if 20mph zones can be implemented on Cul-de-Sacs and if permitted an article should be included in the next newsletter requesting residents' opinions on whether 20mph zones should be created throughout Huntingdon.

## **JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD**

A surface from another playing field in the Borough can be reused under the Gyro spiral when that playing field is renovated.

It was agreed that the tidy of the playing field would take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> March; possible thinning of the bull rushes will be subject to no nesting having taken place.

## **THE GREEN**

An estimate of £3100 (exc. VAT) had been received for resetting one bollard, replacement of a further 6 bollards with basic concrete bollards and 26m<sup>2</sup> of grass grid for around the edge of The Green where vehicles are damaging the surface.

It was agreed the clerk should seek highways advice on the removal of all bollards and their replacement with planters, and if permitted obtain prices for this work.

## **SCHOOL PARKING ISSUES**

Following the last meeting the Chairman and Clerk had met with the headmaster of Huntingdon Primary School and agreed the following actions to address on-going parking issues, firstly a letter would be circulated to all parents sent from the school, Parish Council and Police regarding parking, also the police will be running awareness sessions with pupils on road safety and parking. The Parish Council will sponsor a poster competition and it is hoped these posters can be displayed along Butterbache Road to remind parents to park both considerately and safely.

## **ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS**

**14/304 RESOLVED** – That the council reimburse the clerk for purchases made including new Christmas sweets, rope and welcome postcards.

**14/305 RESOLVED** – That the council pays GJ & AW Dutton for hedge cutting on the Jubilee Playing field.

**14/306 RESOLVED** – That the Council accepts the accounts as circulated, page 75 of the cash register, noting payments received for ROSPA training and New Homes Bonus.

**EARMARKING AND PRECEPT FOR 2014-2015 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**14/307 RESOLVED** – That the Council set a precept of £16,828.00 including the CW&C Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant of £697, a 0% increase per dwelling on last year.

Cllr. Creswick noted her concern that expenditure had been adjusted to meet the increased precept level resulting from the increased number of properties in the Parish.

**14/308 RESOLVED** – that funding be earmarked for the following:-

Fixed Costs and Administration	£16539
Grants & Donations	£2000
Website	£1000
Special Projects	£2000
Parish Development	£14991

**PLANNING**

The planning register page 74 was noted as circulated.

**WORK PROGRAMME**

The work programme was noted as circulated noting the following points.

The clerk would obtain quotes for the redevelopment of the website to be considered at the next meeting. BT vehicles were still damaging verges around the area; it was agreed photographs of the damage and of vans on the verges should be forwarded to the clerk for reporting to BT and other relevant companies. It was noted the bus stop sign and Gorse Way Caldly Valley Road signs are still missing; the clerk will pursue this matter again.

It was agreed the clerk should contact Friends of Caldly Valley Nature Park and Great Boughton Parish Council about the purchase of chalk sprays to mark dog fouling in that area as the scheme had proved successful in Tilston.

The meeting closed at 9.23pm.

**The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Signed .....

Dated .....

Ann Wright  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2014

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