

# MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall.

## PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. Roy Shelton

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

Cllr. Carolyn Walker      Cllr. Anthony Wilcox      Cllr. Mark Williams

None Councillors

Public – 2

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

## APOLOGIES

Cllr. M Kemp – work commitment

Cllr. D McQuay – work commitment

## DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Jacky Creswick, Roy Shelton and Mark Williams declared as outside body interest as Governors at Huntington Community Primary School.

## MINUTES

**14/341 RESOLVED** – That the Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 as a true and proper record.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of Butterbache Road raised concerns about non-residents vehicles parking on Butterbache Road for long periods of time particularly at the turn circle end. It was reported that these cars belong to residents off Chester Road who lack parking and that this issue has been on-going for a number of years. This has caused problems for the gully cleaners who have been unable to access the gullies due to parked vehicles. It was agreed the council would raise this problem with the local police and also CW&C highways department.

It was noted by a resident of the former Saighton Camp that very few residents had been notified of the new planning application, it was agreed the clerk should again pursue how notification areas are decided.

He asked the Council to object to the application on the basis it was not yet decided where the new school should go and the impact the development of a further 120 houses would have on residents living on the Camp.

The question was raised what studies had been done on traffic flows in the area and the impact of all the development.

It was reported there has been much more activity on Facebook recently with one person reporting a dog on the Jubilee Playing Field, there had also been a complaint regarding High Bank which had been forwarded to CW&C street scene to action.

## SAIGHTON CAMP DEVELOPMENT & SCHOOL

It was reported that the feasibility study was now underway regarding the creation of a new two form entry school and that the results of that are expected in mid October.

The clerk reported she had received a response from CW&C confirming they would not be seeking to establish a working group to look at the spending of S106 money.

It was also confirmed that a slip road was not being considered off Caldly Valley Road into Chester as there was not adequate space within the highways boundary.

Concerns were raised about the poor landscaping which has been done on the Camp with grass verges yellowing when it is dry due to poor soil levels.

It was agreed the clerk should arrange a walk on the Camp with CW&C officers to review outstanding works.

**14/342 RESOLVED** – That the Council resubmits its previous objection to planning application 14/02991/OUT emphasising the application is still premature as the location of the new school has not yet been decided and as no evidence has been provided that the Industrial Units are not required.

#### **DOCTORS SURGERY CAPACITY**

Councillors noted responses from the Boughton Medical Group and Heath Lane Medical Centre and agreed a representative of the Council should attend the next Health and Well Being Board meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September to raise concerns and ask that the matter is investigated further.

#### **COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

The council agreed to revisit this subject on January 2015 noting changes which are likely to take place in the community including possible relocation of the primary school as well as calls for allotments, bowling greens and homes for older people.

It was agreed an article should be included in the next newsletter to see if there is community interest in this idea.

#### **RESILIENCE**

The Council agreed not to take this further at this time but seek to develop a Homewatch scheme in the area following the September newsletter. It was noted there is increasing dissemination of information from the Parish Council now through newsletters and FACEBOOK.

#### **JUBILEE FIELD**

**14/343 RESOLVED** – That the Council pay MJBs for general maintenance on the Jubilee Playing field, noting the cost of cleaning and varnishing the plaque was to be reimbursed by Fields in Trust.

It was agreed the clerk should proceed with the quote to back fill around equipment should it be deemed necessary by the safety inspection.

It was noted works are now taking place to install the wet pour surface under the gyro-spiral.

It was noted a tree has been snapped on the field, the lengths-man will be asked to remove it.

The Council agreed the request for a child's birthday party to be held on the field so long as the host was mindful of others use of the field and removed any litter.

**14/344 RESOLVED** – That the Council pay invoice for removal of wasps nest which took place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

It was noted there had been a query on FACEBOOK regarding whether there were plans to fence off the Swales area. It was agreed a sign would be obtained highlighting the presence of the swales and also one giving details of location to be used in an emergency.

It was agreed a rota would be established to carryout routine field inspections.

It was agreed the clerk should establish a price for an additional litter bin on the field.

#### **FRIENDS OF JUBILEE FIELD**

It was agreed that a Friends of Group would not be pursued at this time, however a working group could be established as and when necessary including the councillors and residents.

#### **TEDDY BEARS PICNIC/FETE**

It was reported the Fete working Group had met since the last Council meeting and had made significant progress in organising the Fete which will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2.00 -6.00pm. The minutes of the last working group would be circulated as soon as possible, it was noted that Councillors will be needed to help on the day to make the event a success.

Sponsorship has been obtained from Stagecoach Buses, Spicy.Com and Applegates. Cllr. Mark Williams has also provided a grant from his CW&C Members budget of £2000. A number of stalls has been agreed, the Rake and Pikel will provide the Bar and BBQ. Banners and flyers will be produced to advertise the event.

**THE GREEN**

The clerk reported she is still trying to obtain quotes and expected to received one this week, the matter will be reviewed at the September meeting.

**PLANNING**

The planning register, page 80, was noted as circulated. The council agreed to submit a comment of Judge on Merits for the 14/02477/FUL, Two storey side extension, Bates Cottage, Aldford Road and 14/02841/FUL, Two temporary double classroom buildings for a period of 3 years, Huntington Community Primary School, Butterbache Road.

**PAYMENTS**

The Council noted it had received a clean audit from BDO with one minor point being recorded that the CW&C payment made with the precept had been noted as precept not as a grant or other income. The conclusion of audit notice is now being displayed in the council’s notice board. There were no outstanding payments.

**WORK PROGRAMME**

The work programme was noted as circulated noting the following actions:-

The planters have now been replanted.

The sluice item can now be removed as this issue has been resolved.

Concerns were raised about shrubs overgrowing paths and cycle ways, it was agreed that Cllr. John Creswick would write an article about this for the next newsletter.

It was reported that the hedge between High Bank and the Red House is overgrowing the pavement, the clerk will report this.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

**The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014.**

Signed .....

Dated .....

Ann Wright  
22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014