

**MINUTES OF
HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
20th July 2015 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall.**

PRESENT

Chairman - Cllr. Roy Shelton

Cllr Jacky Creswick Cllr. John Creswick Cllr. Nick Dodd

Cllr. Michael Dutton

Cllr. Anthony Wilcox Cllr. Mark Williams

None Councillors

Public – 4

Clerk – Ann Wright

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Erika Crichton-Baker - Family Commitment

Cllr. Martin Kemp - Family Commitment

Cllr Carolyn Walker - Family Commitment

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Roy Shelton declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning applications relating to the former Saighton Camp and the Rake and Pikel.

MINUTES

15/397 RESOLVED – That the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th June 2015 as a true and proper record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident noted the Clerk's resignation and thanked her for her work.

A resident of Chester Road raised concerns regarding the capacity of the mains drains to accommodate the increase in housing proposed on the former Saighton Camp. He noted that the drains were installed in 1939 with a seven inch pipe running from the camp into an eight inch pipe across the bridge, the maximum the bridge can accommodate, then into a nine inch pipe on Chester Road. He expressed his disappointment that Welsh Waters objection as a statutory undertaker could be ignored by CW&C and stated that the development will put huge pressure on the drains/sewerage system which already overflows on Chester Road.

It was agreed the following footpaths/pavements would be reported by the clerk as being overgrown:-
Chester Road by High Bank

Chester Lane

Caldy Valley Road opposite Foxglove Close (back of Celandine Close properties)

Footpath (PROW) along A55 from Chester Road

Path between Chester Road and Caldly Valley Road - concrete slab remains on path.

It was reported all the wooden surround/seating has been removed from the Memorial and is stacked up behind it, the Clerk will query this with Bovis.

A resident asked if a path could be installed in Caldly Valley Nature Park into the play area and asked for a litter bin to be installed in that area. It was agreed the Friends of group should consider the request for a path and notify the Council or CW&C ward members for support in this matter if required.

Concerns were raised regarding the speed of vehicles on Caldly Valley Road making it increasingly difficult and dangerous for vehicles to exit Lupin Drive, it was agreed the Clerk should raise this with PC Malone and also ask if any traffic speed assessments have been done on this road recently.

It was asked what procedure should be followed if travellers go onto the Jubilee Playing Field, residents were advised to contact the police and Parish Council immediately.

It was noted that some of the trees on the Jubilee Field are being attacked by caterpillars, the clerk will seek advice on tackling this.

Residents reported how confusing the new round about by the Rake and Pikel is.

An update was requested on the proposed traffic lights at the Chester Road, Gorse Way junction as it was felt they were not needed and would increase stationary traffic by residential properties.

The chairman read the police report from PC Sally Malone which stated that PC Malone now covers the Doddleston area as well as Huntington, Great Boughton and Vicars Cross. Residents were reminded to use 101 to report non-emergency matters and 999 in an emergency.

SAIGHTON CAMP DEVELOPMENT & SCHOOL

It was confirmed the plans for the Bovis site had been received and show landscaping, paths and play areas the vast majority of which have not yet been constructed, it was agreed that Councillors Mike Dutton, Roy Shelton and Mark Williams will review these plans against the development which has taken place and that a date would be set to meet with Bovis as soon as possible.

It was agreed all Councillors would review the plans for application 15/02777/FUL and submit their comments to the Clerk before Monday 27th July for consolidation into a response.

A number of Councillors had met with Paul Sinclair from Redrow to discuss their development, they had confirmed that work would be complete on the road surface on Kohima Crescent by the end of July. They confirmed there is a path around the new application site and that Bovis are responsible for the path around the whole site as well as the shop and play area. A football pitch is due to be installed on the left just past the roundabout. They are also planning to do some work on new and existing trees on the site to clear them from footpaths. Cllr Dutton agreed to type up and circulate notes from the meeting.

It was reported that Bovis are working on site on Saturday afternoons and Sundays against the planning conditions, it was agreed the clerk would report this to CW&C planning enforcement.

It was raised that 10mph signs had been erected on Highlanders Way which had resulted in vehicles including heavy lorries travelling a lot quicker along the road causing disturbance to residents on the road.

It was reported that drawings are currently being drawn up for the proposed primary school which is on schedule to be completed in 2016. The land will only be transferred to CW&C once full planning permission for the school has been granted.

15/398 RESOLVED – That the Council write to CW&C (Richard Anker & Sue Fernandes) requesting discussions take place regarding the Parish Council obtaining ownership of the land between the school and the football pitch.

DELEGATION OF STREETSCENE ROLE

CW&C had requested that the Parish Council present a costed case for undertaking the working including the benefits of local delivery. It was agreed no further action would be taken at this time, noting that streetscene services including grass cutting had improved this season.

COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

The Clerk had still not received requested information regarding the Rake and Pikel, it was agreed the Clerk would try to complete the form with Cllr. Mark Williams.

THE GREEN

15/399 RESOLVED – That the Council accept the quote from SP Landscaping for additional tidying of The Green.

JUBILEE FIELD PITCH

The clerk had received a request from the Waverton football team to make changes to the pitch to make it suitable for the older age group including making it a couple of meters longer and moving it sideways by a couple of meters as well as removing the concrete around the goal posts the below ground level and marking out the pitch.

It was agreed Councillors Mike Dutton and Roy Shelton would visit the site and review the requests including removing the goal posts altogether, Cllr Shelton also agreed to contact the team to discuss these issues. It was agreed that hire of the pitch would be discussed at the Councils September meeting.

WEBSITE HOSTING

15/400 RESOLVED – That the Council transfer at a cost of £25 plus vat a year.

PAYMENTS

15/401 RESOLVED – That the Council pay Wodehouse Direct for production of the annual report/newsletter and survey £552.00 plus vat.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

It was noted there had been two applications received for the post.

15/401 RESOLVED – That the following process be followed, the two candidates be interviewed on Wednesday 23rd July by Councillors Jacky Creswick, Nick Dodd and Mike Dutton following the outcome of the interviews successful candidates will be asked to attend a second interview with Councillors Nick Dodd, Roy Shelton and Mark Williams. If the interviews are unsuccessful the post will be re-advertised.

ACCOUNTS

It was noted that the Council had received a clean audit for the financial year 2014-2015.

15/402 RESOLVED –That the Council agree the accounts as on page 97 of the Cash Book.

PLANNING

The Council noted the planning register page 89 as circulated noting application 15/02503/FUL had been approved.

15/403 RESOLVED –That the Council strongly object to application 15/02831/FUL, Proposed change of use from agricultural land to car park, inc. laying of hardstanding & assoc landscaping, Land rear of The Rake & Pikel Inn, Huntington on the following grounds:

The development would amount to inappropriate development in the green belt .

No 'very special circumstances' have been demonstrated to justify the application as required for developments in the Green Belt.

The application is therefore contrary to STRAT 9 of the CW&C local Plan and the NPPF.

The proposed application would negatively impact the residential amenity of those living around the proposed site by virtue of noise and light disturbance created by vehicles accessing and exiting the car park at unsociable hours.

The application if approved will encourage increased use of cars which is contrary to policies included in the CW&C Local Plan and NPPF which support sustainability and reduced reliance on vehicles.

WORK PROGRAMME

Councillors noted the work programme as circulated, the following actions were agreed:-

The clerk contact CW&C Steve Lewis to obtain an update on plans for the former Saughton Camp which were to be posted on the CW&C website.

Review of Lengths-man and Local Council's Award scheme to be noted for inclusion on a future agenda.

September agenda to include discussion about protecting grassed area around The Rake and Pikel parking area from vehicles driving over it.

Bin on The Green had not yet been fixed to be reported again.

CLERK'S PENSION

15/404 RESOLVED –That the Council pay the Clerk a gratuity based on 3.57 of gross earnings in lieu of pension.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 21st September 2015.

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright
21st July 2015

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