

**MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall.**

**PRESENT**

Chairman Cllr. M. Williams

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

Cllr. Carolyn Walker

None Councillors

Public – 5

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. M Kemp – work commitment

Cllr. D McQuay – work commitment

Cllr. R Shelton – Family commitment

Cllr. A Wilcox – work commitment

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None declared.

**MINUTES**

**14/313 RESOLVED** – That the Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 as a true and proper record noting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The council was asked if it was aware of water supply issues to the Saighton Camp development which is inadequate and that new pipeline is to be installed from Gorse Way to the development crossing the A55 bridge. Surveys are currently being undertaken to carryout this work which will be done by Dee Valley Water. It was confirmed the Council was not aware of this work and agreed the clerk should contact CW&C highways to investigate this matter.

A resident on Meadow Lane informed the Council he had received a letter of apology from the headmaster following parking and congestion issues following an event at the school, he stated that the education authority had also stated it did not want a school building on the former Saighton Camp and should therefore resolve the parking issues on Butterbache and Meadow Lane caused by the school. It was confirmed the school had established a working group to try and resolve the parking issues and highways are review the road markings to see if improvements can be made.

It was suggested that CEG will argue the new pitch is not viable in the future and will apply for houses on it.

It was confirmed with regards to the primary school provision there are two choices being considered the existing school plus a one form entry school on the camp development or a two form entry school and that CW&C are currently carrying out a feasibility study to establish the best option.

It was reported that the road markings from the A55 bridge to the Gorse Way junction are not visible, it was agreed the clerk should report this.

A resident of Highlanders Way reported he had had a discussion with the Stephen Mosley MP and Cllr. Williams regarding issues on the Camp development. It had been suggested planting a hedge on the residential side of the swales this would provide screening and also stop litter blowing into the swales. It was noted the swales currently contain litter and building materials. He asked that the Parish Council with CW&C and the MP monitor the development and make sure all conditions are met by the developer particularly regarding the Swales and landscaping. So far conditions have not been met leading the ad hoc landscaping and the loss of valuable trees. If a further 115 houses are approved conditions must be met and implemented to protect existing and new residents.

A resident complimented the Council on its new look newsletter and requested copies of the Council's January and February minutes as the website had not been updated due to technical issues.

It was reported that a number of temporary signs had been put up on lampposts advertising businesses including on Orchid Close, it was confirmed these should be reported to CW&C planning enforcement ([planningenforcement\\_west@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:planningenforcement_west@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)) and it was suggest photographs should be provided as evidence.

It was reported that a resident of the former Saighton Camp development had noted work taking place on the site from 6.40am to 5.30pm which breaches conditions, the details will be forwarded to the clerk to report to enforcement.

It was noted a road sign is still at head height by the new pedestrian crossing on Chester Road, it was agreed the clerk will report this.

Concerns were raised regarding speeding vehicles on Chester and Caldly Valley Roads.

It was asked if there was any update regarding application 14/00513/FUL for a University boathouse on the River Dee.

It was asked what was being done regarding re-planting of daffodils on the roads sides.

It was requested that BT be asked not to park on verges particularly at the junction of Gorse Way and Caldly Valley Road, residents were asked to take photographs if they witness any vans parked on the verges and forward them to the clerk.

It was reported that CEG will submit an application for 115 on the school and industrial units site in the next two weeks.

An E-mail was read from a resident who was unable to attend the meeting supporting the development of the school on the former Saighton Camp site due to highways and pedestrian safety, he also opposed the development of an additional 115 homes due to the traffic and congestion this would cause. It was agreed the e-mail would be forwarded the CW&C for consideration.

### **SAIGHTON CAMP DEVELOPMENT**

A number of concerns and issues were raised relating to the leaflet which had been distribute by CEG which included the following:-

No recreation or play areas were included on the plan although they had been listed in the key.

It was asked if the shop would still be built, it was believed this would still be built as this is a condition relating the existing development.

When approved at appeal the inspector had supported and stated the importance of a mixed and balanced development of dwellings and work places.

115 new homes would generate an additional 200/300 vehicles.

The application is premature as the feasibility study has not be completed on the new school.

CEG state they have advertised the industrial units and there has been no market for them however this is not true.

It was suggested a two form entry school could be built on the site including the area allocated for the 1 industrial units, although there would be need to be changes in the road layout as the current one road in and out would not cope with the two form entry school.

It was noted CEG have not discussed the proposal with CW&C.

It was asked how the £5m for travel planning had been spent as listed in the leaflet.

**14/314 RESOLVED** – That the clerk write to CW&C highways and planning including a copy of the flyer and ask what the £5million has been spent on and that a working group is established including representatives from the Parish Council and the Community to take part in discussions as to how this funding should be spent for the benefit of the community.

Concerns were raised regarding traffic having to queue on Caldly Valley Road to access the Sainsbury's junction, it was suggested that a slip road should be introduced to allow traffic to access Chester.

It was agreed that the clerk contact CW&C and identify where the play areas are on the camp and when they are due to be developed. It was also stated the footpath around the site is blocked.

It was noted that the issues relating to the swales/ditches and the landscaping of the Camp development is difficult and maybe a legal issue which homeowner need to address with the developer and that since recent

floods in the rest of the country opinions on the effectiveness of swales has been questioned, there are also concerns that some insurance companies will not cover properties near swales for flooding.

It was agreed the clerk should contact CW&C and ask if the developer is in breach of conditions relating to the swales and landscaping and seek appropriate action.

### **SAIGHTON CAMP SPORTS PITCH**

*Cllr. Walker declared an interest in the following discussion as family members live near the pitch.*

A discussion took place regarding the costs to the Parish Council of managing the new pitch and whether the pitch would be transferred to the CW&C in the future.

**14/315 RESOLVED** - It was agreed the Parish Council would decline the offer by CEG to manage the pitch.

### **COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION**

It was agreed the Council would not enter any categories of this competition.

### **PARISH ASSEMBLY**

The Clerk reported that the following groups had agreed to have stalls at the Parish Assembly on the 28<sup>th</sup> April:- CW&C Community Safety Wardens, Police who will be Bike marking, Stage Coach, United Utilities, Cheshire Community Action, Friends of Caldley Valley Nature Park, the Parish Council will also have a stall asking residents what their priorities are for Huntington.

### **COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID & COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

The Clerk confirmed she had written a letter to CW&C regarding the possible future development of the existing school site if it becomes vacant and is awaiting a response.

A leaflet had been circulated to councillors in community land trusts, it was agreed the clerk should invite representatives from Cheshire Community Action to the Council's May meeting to give a presentation on Community land trusts.

### **SUMMER FAIR**

It was agreed a working group should be established to develop the idea of the Summer Fete.

### **PAYMENTS**

No outstanding payments.

### **PLANNING**

The planning register page 76 was noted as circulated.

### **WORK PROGRAMME**

The council agreed not to support a request for railings on the pavement outside Pennies on the Green for a number of reasons including the obstruction it would cause to vehicles parking in this area.

It was agreed that Cllr. Jacky Creswick be informed of any meetings being held outside scheduled Parish Council meetings.

It was agreed that Cllr. Jacky Creswick would contact Martin Walker to confirm plants to be planted on the former post office path.

**14/316 RESOLVED** - That Councillors Creswick and Walker work with the clerk to establish planters on The Green up to a maximum budget of £800 and that the clerk should write to businesses to ask if they would adopt a planter and keep it watered.

The Clerk confirmed she was awaiting a response regarding the correct Road name on Chester Road and Sandy Lane and would circulate any information once received.

**14/317 RESOLVED** – that the Council move into Part 2 and exclude all public and press.

### **JUBILEE FIELD MAINTENANCE**

**14/318 RESOLVED** – that the Council appoint Countrywide Grounds Maintenance to carry out the grounds maintenance, grass cutting on the Jubilee Playing Field.

### **LENGTHS MAN DUTIES**

**14/319 RESOLVED** – That Shelley Seeds to be appointed to carry out the lengths man's duties on the Jubilee Field

and that he be informed on the hours to be undertaken and that he contact the clerk before exceeding these hours due to budget constraints.

**THE GREEN MAINTENANCE**

**14/320 RESOLVED** – That Shelley Seeds to be appointed to carryout grass cutting and maintenance on The green, Chester Road as quoted for.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.

**Parish Assembly is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014**  
**The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014**  
**and is the First or Annual Meeting**

Signed .....

Dated .....

Ann Wright  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2014