

**MINUTES OF  
HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
20th October 2014 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall.**

**PRESENT**

Cllr Jacky Creswick      Cllr. John Creswick      Cllr. Nick Dodd      Cllr. Carolyn Walker  
Cllr. Anthony Wilcox      Cllr. Mark Williams

None Councillors

Public – 7

Clerk – Ann Wright

**14/350 RESOLVED** - That Cllr. Nick Dodd be appointed Chairman for the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. D Ferguson - Holiday

Cllr. M. Kemp - Work

Cllr. Roy Shelton - Work

Cllr. M Williams – late due to other meeting.

The Council noted the resignation of Cllr. David McQuay.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None declared.

**MINUTES**

**14/351 RESOLVED** – That the Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July 2014 as a true and proper record.

**14/352 RESOLVED** – That the Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th September 2014 as a true and proper record.

A query had been raised at the September meeting regarding trees being removed from Cheshire's Way, the clerk will investigate this.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Concerns were raised regarding alarm going off at the water works on Saturday, it was noted the alarm is tested on Saturdays, the clerk will request test dates to include in a future newsletter and on FACEBOOK. Questions were raised regarding the outcome of a recent driver engagement day held on Caldly Valley Road and speed checks done by the Community Safety Wardens. It was noted those stopped on the engagement day were prosecuted or shown educational films. It was noted there will be further enforcement taking place on Caldly Valley Road in the future.

PC Sally Malone reported that between 16th September and the 17th October there had been 18 occurrences, 3 of which were crimes. There had been a number of suspicious person reports. A bicycle had been stolen from an unsecured garage. An elderly resident had been subject of a distraction burglary, where two males visited a house offering roofing works, while one looked at the roof the other entered the house. PC Malone reported she was working on crime prevention attending a number of events including at St Luke's. Since the last meeting 3 streets, Butterbur, Primrose and Kingfisher had established Home Watch schemes. She will contact the clerk regarding the purchase of 'smartwater' marking kits.

A resident reported that young people had been seen on the Jubilee Field at 2 and 3am a couple of months ago.

The dead tree on the Jubilee Field (first on left) has still not been replaced.

A resident raised concerns about the introduction of 20mph speed limits, he felt these were premature with a considerable number of road works continuing in the area. Chester Road has already been subject to the introduction of yellow lines and parking restrictions.

A representative of the Huntington Primary School PTA asked what arrangements are in place for the Christmas lights switch on. It was confirmed a traffic management company are in place to provide a rolling road block for the parade although it was yet to be confirmed if they need to establish traffic lights as well.

Concerns were raised regarding new bus stops which have been erected on Caldley Valley Road, two stops have been put very close together between Primrose and Foxglove Closes. It was agreed the clerk would ask if these can be relocated closer to Chester Road and towards the bottom of Foxglove Close. It was also noted the sign opposite the shelter has been erected into a tree and is therefore hidden. Disappointment was expressed that the Parish Council was not consulted on the location of these stops.

### **SAIGHTON CAMP DEVELOPMENT & SCHOOL**

The clerk confirmed she was awaiting date for a meeting on the development with representatives of Bovis and Redrow.

The clerk had received images of lorries parked outside residential properties on Crawford Close blocking access, it is understood the wagons are delivering to Taylor Wimpey, the clerk will continue to investigate this matter.

Photographs received on a bus parked completely on the pavement outside the Camp have been sent to CW&C integrated transport to action.

Street names have been requested for the new development, it was agreed this matter would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

It was noted that there is no further information regarding the school.

### **JUBILEE FIELD**

The clerk reported complaints had been received about an adult rugby team using the Jubilee Field on Wednesday evenings and flood lighting the field. The team had been approached and were identified as Christleton Rugby Club. The clerk contacted their representative and advised they did not have permission to use the field and asked that they did not continue to do so and confirmed the Council would review this at tonight's meeting. The representative had refused to confirm the team would not use the pitch however they had not used it since.

**14/353 RESOLVED** – That the Council does not permit Christleton Rugby Club to use the Jubilee field.

**14/354 RESOLVED** – That the Council acquire an A4 sign to erect at the playing field with the following wording:-

The Jubilee Playing Field is owned by Huntington Parish Council and is provided for use by the public for recreation.

All other activities including organised events and team sports including training sessions require authorisation from the Parish Council.

For enquiries please contact the Clerk at [theclerk@Huntington-Chester.co.uk](mailto:theclerk@Huntington-Chester.co.uk) or phone 01948 861 035

It was confirmed the drainage repair work has now been completed on the Jubilee Field.

It was agreed the Council would consider putting bicycle stands on the playing field at the November meeting and the clerk would obtain prices.

### **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

The clerk reported the following people had agreed to attend the Remembrance Service and Memorial Dedication which is being held on Sunday 9th November, Duke of Westminster, Cllr Jill Houlbrook CW&C Armed Services Champion, Captain Alex Siddell representing C (Cheshire Yeomanry) Squadron of The Queen's Own Yeomanry, 2 Representatives of the Mercian Regiment, PC Malone and Local Uniformed Groups.

**14/355 RESOLVED** - That the Council hire Amberon to provide a rolling road block and traffic management at the event.

**14/356 RESOLVED** - That the Council hire David Groom Sound Systems to provide a sound system for use at the memorial dedication.

The working group is next due to meet on Wednesday 22nd October.

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT**

It was reported that Cllr. Walker and the Clerk had visited shops on The Green on Friday 17th October to discuss Christmas arrangements, the majority of businesses who were spoken to were willing to have Christmas decorations attached to the shop fronts.

United Utilities had agreed to provide a donation of £1300 which would cover the reindeer hire and the purchase a erection of a 20ft Christmas Tree.

The Christmas Working Group will continue to find possible decorations for the shop fronts.

**14/357 RESOLVED** - That the Council hire Amberon to provide traffic management at the event.

**14/358 RESOLVED** - That the Council purchase new ice white LED lights for the main tree.

## **THE GREEN**

The clerk reported she had contacted the contractor appointed at the last meeting and had asked for a possible start date taking into account the Christmas lights event on the 6th December. Cllr. Walker and the clerk had discussed the removal of the bollards with the business who had been generally positive but had raised concerns about parking in the area, it had also been reported vehicles park completely on the pavement outside the hair studio.

It was agreed the clerk should price obtaining a small wooden fence around the green similar to that on the Caldly Valley Nature Park Car Park as this would look smart and might be more effective than planters in protecting The Green. Cllr. Walker will still investigate planter options and it was considered if two planters could be out outside the hair studio to prevent parking on the pavement.

**14/359 RESOLVED** - That the clerk gets the notice board re-stained.

**14/360 RESOLVED** - That the clerk obtains quotes from tree pruning and maintenance on The Green and goes ahead with the work according to the budget set.

## **LOCAL PLAN (PART 2) SURVEY**

Councillors will submit comments to the clerk which Cllr. Williams will formulate into a response.

## **20MPH SPEED LIMITS**

A discussion took place regarding speeding issues in the village particularly on Chester Road and Caldly Valley Road and the need to improve safety for the community.

Concerns were raised regarding the speed of vehicles on Chester Lane near the Saighton Camp development travelling in both directions, it was suggested the 30mph area needs extending towards Saighton, it was agreed the clerk should raise this issue with CW&C highways.

It was agreed the 2015 Annual Parish Assembly should focus on road safety.

## **PLANNING**

The planning register, page 82, was noted as circulated.

## **ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS**

The Accounts were approved as circulated noting that income for the Fete to date was £1655.81 although further payments were expected from Lewis Ice Cream and Extreme Adventure, outgoings will be £2192.45 following approval of final reimbursements resulting in the Fete making a loss of £536.64 however this would be covered by the 'Community Events' grant given by Cllr Williams from his CW&C members budget. Not shown on the accounts was the £80 cash payment made on the day to the two young people who helped for the full day.

**14/361 RESOLVED** - That the council pays British Legion £200 for two poppy wreaths, £100 from the Parish Council and £100 to be reimbursed.

**14/362 RESOLVED** - That the council reimburse Carolyn Walker £59.54 for miscellaneous items for the fete.

**14/363 RESOLVED** - That the council reimburse Philippa Shelton £129.33 for miscellaneous items for the fete.

**14/364 RESOLVED** - That the council pay Wodehouse Direct £320.00 for the last newsletter.

It was agreed the Clerk should seek to produce a basic Christmas newsletter in colour and that the future of the newsletter be reviewed in 2015.

**14/365 RESOLVED** - That the council pay Autographics 2014 Ltd £268.50 for Home Watch Signs, this payment will be refunded through a grant from Cllr. Mark Williams from his CW&C members budget.

**WORK PROGRAMME**

The following matters were raised:-

It was noted that paths have not be cleared of overgrown hedges and shrubs, where Street-scene have done strimming and cutting back they have not removed the rubbish left, the clerk will report these issues. It was agreed the Council would consider asking to take over the Street-scene roll from CW&C at the November meeting.

Although the grassed area by the Gorse Way substation has now been seeded following the works there no weeds have been removed making the area look unsightly, this will be reported to Street-scene.

The clerk will e-mail the Jubilee Field inspection rota for councillors to sign up to.

Saighton Camp Development Road Names

It was agreed that a possible road names would be circulated for Councillors consideration and approval for submission.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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

Signed .....

Dated .....

Ann Wright  
23rd October 2014