

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

**PRESENT**

Chairman Cllr. Roy Shelton

Cllr Jacky Creswick      Cllr. John Creswick      Cllr. Nick Dodd      Cllr. M. Kemp

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

None Councillors

Public – 4

Acting Clerk – Cllr. N. Dodd

**APOLOGIES**

Ann Wright Clerk – Unwell.

Cllr. D Ferguson - Holiday

Cllr. D McQuay – work commitment

Cllr. M Williams – late due to other meeting.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr. Dodd declared an interest in item 16 as one of the people providing a quote is known to him.

**MINUTES**

Minutes to be deferred to the Council's October meeting.

**HOMEWATCH PRESENTATION**

Jenny Ford, Police Engagement Officer gave a presentation about Homewatch which included the following points:-

Homewatch was started in 1982 in Mollington, 32 years ago, while Neighbourhood Watch schemes have existed in the USA for 50 years.

Cheshire Constabulary support the schemes but do not run them they are run by the residents themselves. PCSOs are trained in Homewatch and can provide help and advice.

Signs can be obtained from a company in Macclesfield.

Benefits of schemes include feeling safer and bringing the community together as well as deterring crime. To establish a scheme need a coordinator and at least one household per road taking part. The scheme must be registered with the local police.

Email contact is [watch@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:watch@cheshire.pnn.police.uk).

PC Sally Malone gave a report for the period 18<sup>th</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> September during which time there had been 4 occurrences one of which was a crime. There had been a burglary of a dwelling where keys to a vehicle and a handbag had been stolen, the sat nav had been stolen from the car using the keys, the dwelling had been accessed through an unlocked patio door overnight. Pc Malone had attended the Caldly Valley Family Fun day which had been a success and enjoyed by all, she had also attended the Huntington Fete with a police car which had been very popular. Following complaints about cars parking on pavements on Chester Road she had given that area some attention and had offered the shop keepers advice on the matter she had also issued an advisory notice.

On 11<sup>th</sup> September there had been a driver engagement day in partnership with the Fire Service on Caldly Valley Road, 18 people were stopped for not wearing seatbelts, 2 for driving while on a mobile phone, 10 drivers were stopped for driving over the speed limit four of which were only just over the 30mph.

A resident raised issues of vehicles parking on Butterbache Road, PC Malone confirmed that vehicles are permitted to park on roads so long as they are not causing an obstruction; she suggested a letter is sent out to residents in the area to ask for their cooperation in parking.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident of Chester Road raised concerns regarding water pressure and sewerage. It was suggested the Council should contact Welsh Water to ask for an update on the local network now that new housing has been added to the system and request information on the number of complaints received from residents on Butterbache Road and Chester Road.

Concerns were raised by a resident regarding overgrown hedges in the area and also the lack of path sweeping.

## **SAIGHTON CAMP DEVELOPMENT & SCHOOL**

No further information to report.

It was suggested a letter be sent to CW&C highways department regarding changes to landscaping and removal of trees on Cheshire's way.

It was noted that the walk has not yet taken place on the Camp to identify outstanding issues.

## **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

**14/345 RESOLVED** – That the Council supports the final recommendations of the Community Governance Review.

In light of public comments regarding the Parish Council it was agreed the newsletter design and distribution should be reviewed.

## **JUBILEE FIELD**

A contractor has now been appointed to carryout the drainage work on the field and this work is due to be done imminently. The new signage, swales warning and field location for use in an emergency, have been erected at the field entrance.

## **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

It was reported that plans are now being formalised for the remembrance service and dedication of the memorial on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, a meeting is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> with CW&C officers to discuss possible issues, there will be a further meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> with representatives of the developer and St Luke's.

## **TEDDY BEARS PICNIC/FETE**

Accounts for the day are still be finalised as there are a number if payments expected and also some outstanding invoices.

**14/346 RESOLVED** – That a second fete be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT**

This year the school will hold its Christmas fair in the afternoon and this will be followed by a lantern procession to The Green for the lights switch on. It was agreed that United Utilities be requested to obtain the tree through Walkers Nursery who will also erect it on The Green, it was further agreed that the lights require reviewing.

A working group including Martin Kemp, Carolyn Walker, Anthony Wilcox and Mark Williams was established to undertake the arrangements for the event.

## **DAFFODILS**

**14/347 RESOLVED** – That the Council purchase 1 bag of daffodils for planting.

It was agreed that Carolyn Walker would coordinate the planting and tree tidying and ask for volunteers to help through the Council's FACEBOOK page, it was agreed the planting will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30 meeting at The Green.

Martin Kemp agreed to donate a further bag of daffodils.

## **PLANNING**

The planning register, page 81, was noted as circulated.

## **ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS**

Deferred until October meeting.

**WORK PROGRAMME**

The following matters were raised:-

That sponsorship is pursued for the planters on The Green.

Confirm when the Post Office path is due to be cleared.

Request Streetscene clear up after trimming work.

**14/348 RESOLVED** – that the Council move into Part 2 and exclude all public and press.

**THE GREEN**

**14/349 RESOLVED** – that the Council appoint A. O’Brien and Son subject to satisfactory insurance documents and risk assessment, and a completion date of the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

Signed .....

Dated .....

Ann Wright  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2014