

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

26th September 2011 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. M. Williams

Cllr. Jackie Creswick

Cllr. John Creswick

Cllr. N. Dodd

Cllr. M. Kemp

Cllr. C. Walker

None Councillors

Public – 14

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

APOLOGIES

Cllr. David Ferguson – Personal Commitment

Cllr. David McQuay - Work

Cllr. Anthony Wilcox – Work

Cllr. Mark Williams thanked both the Village Hall Committee and Huntington WI for their kind donations towards the redevelopment of the Jubilee Field.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC Sally Malone, Beat manager for the area gave a report covering the period 21st June 2011 to the 26th September 2011 during which time 35 occurrences had been reported of which 11 were crimes, the remainder included road safety matters and concerns over safety. An Arrest has been made for the burglary which took place on the June 11th which included theft of a car. There have been four thefts reported during this period. A section 55 warning has been issued to a young person for riding a motorcycle in the Nature Park, should he be stopped again in the next 12 months for the same reason the police will have the power to seize his motorbike. Over the summer the police ran an operation against anti-social behaviour which was very successful.

Also PCSO Denis will be engraving postcodes onto bicycles to help prevent their theft on the following dates which will be advertised on the Council's notice board and website.

8th October 10.30 at Caldly Valley Centre

20th October 17.30 to 19.00 at Green Lane Library

31st October 15.00 to 16.00 at Bishop's Library

PC Malone was asked what action the police were taking on speeding on Caldly Valley Road, she confirmed little action has been taken but she would raise the matter with the traffic police and report back. Residents noted that the speed of traffic on the road is increasing. A request was made to include all roads in Huntington as speeding is also an issue on Chester Road. It was noted that the creation of a community speed watch group for Huntington would help in the collection of data relating to speeding and would help make progress in tackling this problem.

Cllr. Williams thanked PC Malone for attending the meeting and giving her report.

A resident asked what the capacity is of Caldly Valley Road and Gorse Way and whether this capacity is an average or peak capacity as when looking at the information relating to road types and road capacity these roads seem to have a much lower capacity than that suggested as part of the Saughton Camp Development. The clerk will find out the answer to this question and circulate to the resident.

A request was made to carry out another traffic survey to obtain a baseline of vehicles using Gorse Way and Caldly Valley Road as it was felt that traffic has significantly increased over recent years regardless of the works on the roundabout.

A number of concerns were raised regarding the width of the new cycle paths in a number of places including on Gorse Way and Sedum Close, particularly where the paths are to be extended into the road.

Concerns were raised about the number of large vehicles travelling at speed along Caldly Valley Road and Gorse Way which is a residential road. It was noted that a large number of tractors with trailers are removing waste silt from the water works and it was believed that a restriction had been placed on these movements previously and it was agreed the clerk would look into this matter.

A concern was raised regarding hedges and trees over hanging the new cycle path, the clerk will report these to the Highways department.

A question was raised regarding who would have priority on the new cycle ways. It was noted neither cyclists nor pedestrians will have priority due to there being a sufficient sight lines.

Concerns were raised regarding where the Huntington signs and bus stop signs will be located on the cycle paths.

A resident asked for any information regarding the new post box which was to be installed before the old one outside the former post office was removed. This has now been removed but no new one has been installed. The clerk will look into this matter.

A resident reported an iron bar is obstructing the footpath style near the London Hair Studio. The clerk will report this matter.

Residents raised concerns regarding the lack of definition of the footway outside the Rake & Pikel which is resulting in vehicles obstructing the foot way. The clerk will look into this matter.

It was highlighted that where the new cycle way has been installed on Caldly Valley Road at the entrance to the Nature Park the difference in heights of the two surfaces has created a trip hazard. The clerk will report this matter. Concerns were also raised regarding the surface levels on Chester Road and the risk of flooding.

It was agreed due to the large amount of issues surrounding the new cycle paths the clerk should organise a walk along the new and proposed paths with representatives from CW&C highways department to discuss these concerns as soon as possible.

MINUTES

11/162 RESOLVED - That the Chairman signs the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 9th August 2011 as a true and proper record.

CHRISTMAS EVENT

It was agreed that the Christmas lights switch on would be held on Saturday 3rd December at 6pm and would be followed by a 'Snow Fair' at the Village Hall where it is hoped the School choir will also perform. The lights will be erected by on Saturday 26th November from 10am.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

A resident raised concerns that in the minutes of the CW&C Community Forum on 21st July 2011 representatives of CEG were referred to by their Christian names which was highly inappropriate. It was agreed the clerk should forward this concern to CW&C officers.

Cllr. Williams gave a brief overview of neighbourhood plans, highlighting the importance of identifying what development was needed in Huntington, particularly properties for older people to move into which would result in more family homes becoming available.

It was widely agreed the parish needs a good mix of house sizes and values and that to not develop a neighbourhood plan would allow developers to gain planning by default although it was equally noted the plan would not stop development it could shape and influence it.

11/163 RESOLVED (unanimously) – That Huntington Parish Council should work towards creating a neighbourhood plan while taking into account the cost which could be incurred.

11/164 RESOLVED – That the Parish Council would seek to work with Great Boughton Parish Council in the initial consultation stages of the development of the plan and would consider producing a single or a joint plan once this evidence has been collected.

It was agreed that the next Parish Council newsletter should include information about the creating of the neighbourhood plan and call for volunteers to work with the Parish Councillors to create the plan. It was agreed the clerk would seek speakers from CW&C or Tattenhall Parish Council who are currently producing a plan to talk to the Parish Council in more detail about the process of producing the plan.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH BOVIS HOMES

It was noted Bovis homes have carried out a consultation process with residents of Huntington asking what development is wanted on the former Saughton Camp but had not directly contacted the Parish Council. Concerns were voiced regarding the lack of play space on the proposed plans, and what the land designated for a school was being used for as well as the costs of the different houses proposed. It was agreed the clerk should contact Bovis Homes and ask them to attend a future meeting to discuss their proposals and if possible provide draft plans in advance to be circulated.

COMMUNICATIONS

It was agreed due to time this item would be discussed at a future meeting.

CALDY VALLEY ROAD SPEEDING

It was agreed that due to the lack of interest expressed by residents in forming a community speed watch group another article would be included in the next newsletter calling for volunteers giving more detail as only 3 people had volunteered.

It was further agreed the clerk would contact CW&C road safety officers to attend the Council's January meeting to give a talk on community speed watch.

STREET SCENE

The clerk reported that issues highlighted in the notes from the walk were still on going and would be reported to the council at their next meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

It was agreed Cllr. Carolyn Walker would represent the Council on the Health Lane patients forum.

It was agreed the Quality Forum agendas would be circulated to all councillors and anyone wishing to attend should inform the clerk.

HIGH BANK MAINTENANCE

11/165 RESOLVED – That the clerk seek to obtain 1 years maintenance of High Bank to a maximum value of £500 in consultation with councillors.

COMMUNITY ORCHARD

It was agreed this item would be considered at the October meeting as it could be included as part of the Jubilee Field redevelopment.

ACCOUNTS

11/166 RESOLVED – That the accounts and payments were accepted as on page 46 of the cash book.

PAYMENTS

11/167 RESOLVED – That the clerk’s salary, which is paid by standing order be adjusted to take into account the new tax code issued.

11/168 RESOLVED – That two further cuts of the Jubilee Playing field be agreed for October.

11/169 RESOLVED – To pay back pay owing to the clerk due to the adjustments to her tax code from the beginning of the financial year and reimbursements £392.94

PLANNING

11/170 RESOLVED – That for application 11/04087/FUL, Construction of a passive wedge wire fish screen at the Huntington Water Treatment Works the Parish Council makes an observation of judgement on merits.

11/171 RESOLVED – That for application 11/03614/OUT, Demolition of all existing buildings & construction of new residential development comprising up to 14 no. two storey dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping at Hartwells Chester, Chester Road, Huntington the Parish Council highlight the following areas of concern:-

- Access – to be agreed as reserved matters
- Inadequate parking
- Condition that future development of roof spaces into additional living spaces resulting in the installation of dormer windows state that these windows be installed to face into the site.
- That a large Oak Tree on the site not included on the application be protected.
- That the council notes its disappointment at the lack of any affordable element to the application.

The council noted the observations and decisions as on pages 27 and 28 of the planning register.

WORK PROGRAMME

The Council noted the work programme as circulated.

The meeting closed at 9.25

The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 17th October 2011 at Huntington Village Hall.

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright 27th September 2011