

# MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall.

### PRESENT

Chairman Mark Williams

Cllr. Jackie Creswick Cllr. Nick Dodd Cllr. Carolyn Walker Cllr. Anthony Wilcox

None Councillors

Public –4

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

### APOLOGIES

Cllr. John Creswick – commitment.

Cllr. Martin Kemp – work commitment.

Cllr. David McQuay– work commitment.

Cllr. Roy Shelton – illness.

### DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared

### MINUTES

**13/263 RESOLVED** – That the Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 as a true and proper record.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Residents raised the following concerns:-

A sign advertising the new traffic signals by the water works gateway had come down in the snow and despite being reported on a number of occasions by the resident was now in the hedge, the clerk will report this again.

A resident reported the road Gorse Way and Caldly Valley Road signs are missing from opposite the Caldly Valley Road junction, it was noted that the sign had been replaced following works but had been knocked down in a vehicle accident.

The following road name signs were mentioned as being in poor condition, Coltsfoot Close, Chester Road (Red House end) it was also noted that the Butterbur Close sign does not state it is a cul de sac although other signs in the area do, the resident agreed to forward a list of signs which are in a poor state with photographs.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of information available regarding the siting of a sub station on the land on Gorse Way. It was confirmed that Scottish power do not require planning permission to install the sub station which is required due to voltage issues to properties in the Gorse Way Area. It was noted that extra trees are to be planted around the sub station.

Residents reported a large increase in HGV vehicles accessing the former Saighton Camp since the 21<sup>st</sup> March, with 54 vehicles accessing the site in 40 minutes, since then CW&C have increased the number of vehicles allowed to access the site to 10 per hour, it was noted that this figure is still being exceeded. The clerk will contact the CW&C handling enforcement to ask that this matter is monitored and action taken.

Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the road surface outside the Rake and Pikel the clerk will contact CW&C and ask if this area be improved particularly the cycle path/pavement.

### SAIGHTON CAMP/HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT

The updated snagging list was noted by the council including the cost of moving the telegraph poles on Chester Road. It was agreed the councillors should undertake a walk in the next couple of weeks to confirm all works have been completed on the snagging list.

### SAIGHTON CAMP PLANNING APPEAL

The Council noted that CEG had submitted an appeal against the decision to refuse application 12/01754/OUT, although no formal confirmation of the appeal had been receive by the parish council. It was stated that the appeal once confirmed would most likely be a public enquiry including cross

examination of witnesses. Once details have been received regarding the appeal the council will consider its response.

### **CALDY VALLEY NATURE PARK**

An email was read regarding the work of the Friends of Caldby Valley Nature Park which listed the large amount of work which needs doing in the park including repairs to a number of paths. The e-mail stated the friends would welcome contributions from the three ward councillors in the area and the Parish Councils. The friends highlighted increasing problems with dog fouling in the Park. It was agreed the clerk should contact the officer in charge of the Park to organise a walk around the park including Great Boughton Parish Council and the 3 ward councillors.

### **OWL BOX**

The clerk reported the Cheshire Barn Owl Group had visited the Jubilee Field and although they were willing to install a barn owl box it was unlikely to be inhabited by barn owls due to the disturbance on the field and the lack of habitat for barn owls in the vicinity, it was agreed not to obtain an owl box.

### **RISK ASSESSMENTS**

**13/264 RESOLVED** – That the Council confirms the risk assessment provided by Shelley Seeds for maintenance of The Green.

It was agreed that the risk assessment for the mowing of the Jubilee Field should include the removal of all people from the field when undertaking grass cutting as well as taking precautions when reversing vehicles.

### **COUNCIL/FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

**13/265 RESOLVED** – That the Council confirms the risk assessment as circulated, page 276 to 277 of the minutes book.

### **AUDIT 2012-2013**

It was agreed the fencing and safety surfaces should be removed from the asset register and removed from the council's insurance policies.

**13/266 RESOLVED** – That the Council agrees the accounting statement of the financial year 2012-2013.

**13/267 RESOLVED** – That the Council agrees the annual governance statement.

### **LETTER FROM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

It was agreed the clerk should respond to the letter confirming the intention to move to the Hall for the Frost Fair following the lights switch on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013, but that the details of the event be decided nearer the time with a meeting between the Council and Hall representatives.

### **WEBSITE**

Work is continuing to look at the developing the website on word press. A further update will be provided at the Council's July meeting.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was agreed the council should advertise in the next newsletter and on the website and face book for volunteers to progress a neighbourhood plan, so as to gauge community interest in creating a plan.

### **PAYMENTS**

**13/268 RESOLVED** – That the council agree reimbursements to the clerk and payment for hedge cutting of the Jubilee Field.

**13/269 RESOLVED** – That the council agrees the following regular payments:-

- I. Clerk's salary paid by standing order every four weeks.
- II. The Green maintenance paid monthly on invoice confirmed by two councillors.
- III. Jubilee Field length's mans duties paid monthly on invoice confirmed by two councillors.
- IV. Jubilee Field grass cutting paid monthly on invoice confirmed by two councillors.

**PLANNING**

The Council agreed the contents of the planning register page 64 as circulated.

**WORK PROGRAMME**

The work programme was noted as circulated.

It was agreed that no further action would be taken regarding questions submitted to CW&C highways officer John Evans asked previously.

**13/270 RESOLVED** – that the Council move into Part 2 and exclude all public and press.

**LENGTHS MAN DUTIES**

It was agreed the council would continue to advertise this position in the next newsletter.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is the Annual or First Meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013.**

Signed .....

Dated .....

Ann Wright 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013

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