

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

16th April 2012 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. N. Dodd

Cllr. Jackie Creswick

Cllr. John Creswick

Cllr. D. Ferguson

Cllr. M. Kemp¹

Cllr. D. McQuay

Cllr. R. Shelton

Cllr. C. Walker

Cllr. A. Wilcox

Cllr. M. Williams²

None Councillors

Public – 12

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

Cllr. Dodd chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr. Williams.

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Martin Kemp – late.

Cllr. Mark Williams – late.

PC Sally Malone.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. N. Dodd declared a personal interest in item 5, Planning, application 12/01337/TEL telecommunications mast as the application site is near to his property.

Cllr. D. Ferguson declared a prejudicial interest in item 5, Planning, application 12/01337/TEL telecommunications mast as the application next to his property.

MINUTES

12/194 RESOLVED – That the Chairman signs the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 19th March 2012.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr. Dodd read the police report supplied by PC Malone which stated there had been 8 occurrences between the 14th March and 16th April of which 3 were criminal offences. The Police ran an operation against anti-social behaviour (ASB) over the Easter period which is traditionally a period of increased ASB, however there had been no reports of ASB in Huntington during this period.

The traffic police had monitored speed on Chester Road since the introduction of the new 30mph and had issued one fixed penalty as a result, another fixed penalty noticed had been issued to a driver who had parked on the pavement by the Red House obstructed pedestrian access. The police will continue to monitor these areas.

PC Malone reported she and the PCSO had met with residents at St Luke's Church and spoken about crime prevention.

A resident complained that both Chester Road bus shelters had a large amount of leafs and debris in them which needed sweeping out and the wooden St. Luke's shelter had graffiti in it. It was confirmed the clerk would report this to CW&C Streetscene. Further complaints were received regarding increased litter in Huntington including Sandy and Saughton Lanes; this will also be reported to Streetscene.

A resident raised a question regarding what action was being taken to prevent parking of vehicles on verges along Chester Road. It was confirmed that a traffic regulation order is due to be advertised and it is hoped this will result in the introduction of an enforceable regulation.

Concerns were raised regarding the state of Gorse Way where the road works depot had been, it was confirmed this area was to be reinstated and that highways were aware of the issue.

A resident raised concerns about 2 vehicles, a yellow car and blue 4x4 parking at the entrance to Meadow Lane blocking access for other vehicles including emergency vehicles, it was agreed the clerk would forward this matter to PC Malone.

¹ Arrived 7.40

² Arrived 8.05

Another resident raised concerns about vehicles parking on Caldly Valley Road before the Celandine junction reducing visibility again it was confirmed the clerk will report this to PC Malone.

Concerns were raised that buses are unable to use the raised kerbs at the bus stop outside the former Post Office on Chester Road due to cars using the pull-in there. It was agreed the clerk should highlight this matter to highways and ask that the pull-in or bus stop is moved.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of access to bus timetables; the clerk will request bus timetables for the Post Office.

A resident asked for details regarding the permitted traffic movements and times for the construction period at Saighton Camp, it was agreed the clerk would look into this matter.

Further comments were made regarding increased litter in Huntington including take away cartons and also graffiti, it was agreed the clerk should request additional bins in the area.

Cllr. Williams arrived at the meeting and requested that Cllr. Dodd continued to chair the meeting.

PLANNING

The council noted the contents of pages 42 and 43 of the planning.

Cllr. Ferguson left the room and took no part in the discussion.

12/195 RESOLVED (unanimously) – That the council make the following observations with regard to planning application 12/001337/TEL– 15m high telecommunications street works pole accommodating 6 antennas, 1 equipment cabinet & ancillary equipment at Butterbache Water Pumping station, Chester Road, Huntington, CH3 5UX:-

Huntington Parish Council **STRONGLY OBJECTS** to this application for the following reasons:

The siting of the proposed installation by virtue of its size, design and location, is considered to introduce a visually obtrusive feature which would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the locality, predominantly Caldly Valley Nature Park and neighbouring SSI sites.

As a result the proposal would be contrary to PPG8 and Policies ENV2 and ENV75 the Chester District Local Plan and Chester's Telecommunications SPD.

Cllr. Ferguson rejoined the meeting.

It was reported that the Parish Council has been asked to provide 5 street names for the development on Saighton Camp (application 11/05737/REM).

12/196 RESOLVED – that the council submit the following names reflecting the camp's military history,

- Arnhem Way
- Wavells Way
- Kohima Crescent
- Highlanders Way
- Rangers Avenue

Cllr. Jacky Creswick proposed that the council object to application 12/00837/FUL, extension of existing slurry lagoon, the proposal was defeated.

Cllr. Jacky Creswick raised the CW&C on going consultation on the Green Belt.

Cllr. Williams confirmed that he had received e-mail confirmation that CEG had submitted an outline planning application for the second phase of the Saighton Camp Development although it had not yet been validated.

ANNUAL RETURN

The clerk explained the Annual Return pages 52 to 58 of the Cash Book.

12/197 RESOLVED - that the Council accept the year end accounts and annual return as on page 54 of the Cash Book.

12/198 RESOLVED - that the Council agreed the annual governance statement as on page 53 of the Cash Book.

12/199 RESOLVED - that the Council ask Mr. Keith Jones to carryout the internal audit for a payment of £75.

THE GREEN

The Council considered the state of the brick bus shelter and the bollards on The Green, Chester Road. It was agreed that the clerk should obtain prices for replacing the bollards and renovating the bus shelter to be considered at the June meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that the clerk should work with Cllr. Walker to look at planting and beds to be introduced to prevent football being played on The Green and which would look good all year round.

PLANTERS

The clerk confirmed CW&C will be installing 3 new planters, at the Gorse Way Caldly Valley Road junction, on Chester Road towards High Bank and on the verge by the Rake and Pikel. The planters are 1m square and have Huntington written on them and will be installed on a solid base and will be filled with compost.

It was agreed the clerk should write to local businesses to see if they will sponsor the planting in the planters and that the clerk should agree quote for the planting which is to provide colour all year round.

12/200 RESOLVED – The Council set a maximum budget of £150 to fill the three planters.

SANDY LANE TREES

The clerk confirmed that she had sought advice regarding obtaining Tree Preservations Orders (TPOs) on the trees at the Sandy Lane Aldford Road junction including the 3 trees plus Horse Chestnut on the traffic island, the Oak Tree by the post box and the Horse Chestnut opposite. It was thought that these trees due to their location will be highways trees which would not be subject to TPOs as the Highways act overrides TPOs however this had not been formally confirmed. The Clerk had been advised to submit a letter formally requesting TPOs on these trees explaining why they should be protected and what they should be protected from.

12/201 RESOLVED (unanimously) – that the clerk write requesting TPOs emphasizing the importance of these Trees.

PAYMENTS

12/202 RESOLVED – - That the council reimburse Cllr. Jackie Creswick travel costs for attending a meeting in Tattenhall.

12/203 RESOLVED – That the clerk be reimbursed for postage and printing £94.22.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

The clerk reported she had been trying to obtain speakers for the Parish Assembly this year but had been struggling. The assembly will be held on Monday 21st May from 7.30 following the Council's Annual meeting. The assembly will include the Chairman's Annual Report plus a report from Cllr. William's as CW&C Councillor, Cheshire Community Action is attending to explain what they do and it had been confirmed a speaker would attend from the Village Hall Committee to give a Hall update.

It was agreed the clerk should invite local groups to attend and ask if the Green Belt consultation would attend the meeting.

WORK PROGRAMME

The council noted the work programme and raised the following items:-

- Overhanging shrubs on Caldly Valley Road (between Harebell and Butterbur) had not been noted and had not been cut back following the street scene meeting at the end of March.
- It was noted that it had been suggested that the former Post Office path should be planted with low maintenance perennials rather than wildflowers. It was confirmed the clerk was awaiting suggestions for the planting of the path from CW&C.
- It was confirmed that a report would give an update on the Neighbourhood plan at the May meeting of the Council and that a councillor should be appointed to lead this project.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

The NEXT scheduled meeting is the Annual or First Meeting on Monday 21st May 2012 at Huntington Village Hall from 7.00pm, this will be followed by the Parish Assembly at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright 23rd April 2012