

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

18th February 2013 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall.

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. N. Dodd (in Chairman's absence)

Cllr. Jackie Creswick Cllr. John Creswick Cllr. David Ferguson Cllr. David McQuay

Cllr. Roy Shelton

None Councillors

Public –4

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Martin Kemp – work commitment

Cllr. Carolyn Walker – work commitment

Cllr. Anthony Wilcox – work commitment

Cllr. Mark Williams – work commitment

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared

MINUTES

13/258 RESOLVED – That the Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st January as a true and proper record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Residents raised concerns regarding the silting up and flooding of the Brook through Caldly Valley Nature Park and the state of the footpaths. The question was asked regarding who is responsible for the maintenance of the park and brook. It was agreed the clerk would look into this matter.

A request was made for the SID to be booked again to monitor traffic speeds on Chester Road and Caldly Valley Road.

Concerns were raised regarding the amount of mud on the roads resulting from vehicles exiting the Saughton Camp development.

A resident thanked the Parish Council for the tree planting which it has been undertaken.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of daffodils showing on Chester Road where they had been planted by the Parish Council before various works.

SAUGHTON CAMP/HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT

It was noted the Gorse Way junction with Chester Road was due to be closed for resurfacing.

STREETSCENE WALK

It was agreed the clerk would circulate updated snagging list streetscene notes following the walk which took place with a Kerry Brice from CW&C Streetscene. There continued to be an issue with the height of verges compared to footways on Chester Road it was agreed the clerk would seek a response from Highways regarding this matter. It was agreed the clerk should contact BT requesting the telegraph poles in the middle of the pavements are removed from outside 69-71 and 23 Chester Road.

It was noted the street light outside the Rake and Pikel has been removed but the base had not.

It was noted that Streetscene had cleared many of the overgrown shrubs and hedges which had been obstructing footways although a number were still to be done.

BAT BOXES

It was agreed no further action would be taken regarding bat boxes until a suitable location could be found.

The clerk reported a Barn Owl Box could be obtained through the Cheshire Barn Owl Group for £100, it was agreed the group should be asked to look if the Jubilee Field would be a suitable location for a box and a update provided at the Council's April meeting.

ADOPT A PATH

Councillors considered the ‘Adopt a Path’ scheme publicised by CW&C, it was agreed the interactive map should be publicised on the council’s website and an article be included in a future newsletter.

It was suggested the Parish Council might lead a walk along some of the rights of way in the area during the better weather possibly to the Cheshire Cat and back.

JUBILEE FELD

Councillors considered a possible sign design provided by Cllr. Kemp who offered to provide the sign for free if the council obtained a sleeper to mount it on.

13/259 RESOLVED – That the following amendments should be made to the design, word ‘police’ should be removed, the white birds should be removed and the blue bird replaced with an acorn and that it should also included a warning that the gates maybe locked at dusk.

It was agreed a separate smaller sign should be considered in the future with a plan of the field warning of water in the Swales.

PLANNING

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

ACCOUNTS

13/260 RESOLVED – That the accounts and payments were accepted as on page 63 of the cash book.

PAYMENTS

No outstanding payments.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

The clerk confirmed that the Village Hall Committee, St Luke’s, CW&C waste engagement team, the Community Safety Wardens and StageCoach had agreed to have stalls at the Parish Assembly on the 18th March. It was agreed refreshments would be served at the Assembly either by a local organisation or by the Parish Council.

WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme was noted as circulated.

It was agreed the clerk would seek updates on the Saighton Camp road names and the proposed planting on the former Posts Office path.

13/261 RESOLVED – that the Council move into Part 2 and exclude all public and press.

JUBILEE FIELD MAINTENANCE

13/262 RESOLVED – that the Council appoint Countrywide Grounds Maintenance to carry out grass cutting on the Jubilee Field once confirmation had been received that all items had been included in the quote.

LENGTHS MAN DUTIES

It was agreed a detailed job specification should be devised for work to be done on the Jubilee Field and that new quotes should be obtained based on this specification.

THE GREEN MAINTENANCE

It was agreed further quotes should obtained for this work.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Parish Assembly Monday 18th March 2013.

The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council Meeting is Monday 15th April 2013.

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright 25th February 2013