

# MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

## PRESENT

Chairman Roy Shelton (Vice Chairman)

Cllr. Jackie Creswick    Cllr. John Creswick    Cllr. Nick Dodd    Cllr. David Ferguson

Cllr. Martin Kemp    Cllr. Carolyn Walker    Cllr. Antony Wilcox    Cllr. Mark Williams<sup>1</sup>

None Councillors

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Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

## APOLOGIES

Cllr. David McQuay – work commitment.

Cllr. Mark Williams – meeting, will attend as soon as possible.

## DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared

## MINUTES

**13/288 RESOLVED** – That the Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 as a true and proper record noting the following points, that objection by the Wildlife Trust, noted on page 288, related to the previously submitted application it was not know if they had objected to the current application and on page 289 there a number of established tree varieties including Oak, not just Horse Chestnut trees, at the Sandy Lane junction.

It was noted that the current Saughton camp application is due to go to the CW&C Strategic Planning Committee on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and the inquiry for the previously refused application will begin on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman read the following responses to questions raised at the previous council meeting:-

1) Please can you confirm the amount agreed as payment to education as part of the 106 agreement relating to the approved Saughton Camp application?

The 'Education Contribution' payment requirements of the Unilateral Undertaking are as follows:

- Before any occupation - £263,712.67
- Before 100th dwelling occupation - £263,712.67
- Before 200th dwelling occupation - £263,712.66

2) Please can you confirm if this payment has been made?

The first instalment has been paid to the Council.

3) Does the current proposal to build a new school impact these payments?

No. The payment is to provide additional classroom accommodation locally, so it could be used in existing local schools, at the approved new school site within Area A or at any possible further proposed local site.

4) Please can you confirm the current restrictions which are in place regarding access of HGV vehicles onto this site?

The Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) approved under condition 11 of planning permission 08/2000/OUT restricts the routing, numbers and hours of HGV movements, and separates the movements from the residential traffic on Cheshires Way by creating a construction access and construction parking facilities directly from Sandy Lane.

The current CEMP position is, as amended 27/3/13, as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> From 8.45pm

All of the provisions apply to any development being carried out by both Bovis Homes and Redrow at the site;

HGV movements will only access/egress the site from the A41/A55 along the Caldly Valley Road;

HGV movements will be restricted to between 0900 and 1630 (Mondays to Fridays), 0900 and 1300 on Saturdays, and shall not take place at any times on Sundays and Bank holidays;

(Reversion to) no more than 20 total HGV movements (i.e. 10 in and 10 out of the site) in any day, and no more than 4 such movements (2 in and 2 out) in any one hour;

All HGV movements shall only take place through (i.e. in and out of the site) the temporary site access on Sandy Lane, and not through Cheshires Way (NB this will require appropriate management provisions, including the provision of appropriate signs at either side of Cheshires Way);

No loading/unloading of any vehicles, or the parking of HGVs, shall take place on Cheshires Way;

A resident noted the mast application at the Water works had been withdrawn but raised concerns that a previous application for a switch room may indicate that UU would still like to establish a wind turbine.

It was reported that the first tree in the playfield on the left through the maintenance gates is dead; concerns were raised regarding the dust being generated from the car park, it was agreed the clerk should raise this issue and check the car park is as specified.

Concerns were raised about the fire risk created by the height of the grass on the Sainsbury's Junction; the clerk will forward these concerns to CW&C.

A resident of Crown Fields raised concerns about the 'water feature' which has been created near his property on Highlanders Road, the ditch is approximately 50 yards long and between 9 and 10 feet deep with steep sides and concrete buttresses at each end, it was believed the feature is a storm drain or attenuation pond. He reported that during the last rain a strong smell was coming from this area. He was particularly concerned about whether the area was to be fenced as if anyone was to fall into the ditch it would be extremely difficult to get out and the water could be very deep. He also raised concerns on how the area was to be kept clean and the water prevented from stagnating.

It was agreed the clerk would report these concerns to CW&C and circulate the response to councillors.

The resident commented that he accepted the HGV movements having expected them when moving into the property however he had concerns regarding how long the building would continue and it was suggested if the second phase of development goes ahead a second construction traffic access should be created away from residential properties. It was noted not all heavy vehicles using the roads are going to the Camp as other developments are taking place in the area.

It was suggested that Council should consider undertaking watering of the trees on Chester and Caldly Valley Roads.

## **HIGHWAYS & STREETSCENE UPDATE**

Councillors had been circulated with an update Highways and Streetscene snagging list and noted there are three issues relating to Saighton Camp which are outstanding including the missing street name signs on Gorse Way and Caldly Valley Road, the missing bus stop sign and the delineation of the footway outside the Rake and Pikel, these issues had been raised again with CW&C highways.

Concerns were raised regarding the possible signing off of the Sainsbury's Junction at the end of August this year, it was agreed the clerk should request an update on this process and circulate it to councillors before the next meeting.

It was reported the planters had been re-planted by Walkers Nursery; the Council thanked Walker's for all their hard work maintaining the planters which look excellent.

It was agreed the clerk should contact CW&C and request additional planters.

## **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The council agreed to support the views of Rowton Parish Council regarding the review of their boundaries.

### **JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD**

The clerk reported she had applied for a grant of under £24,000 to complete the footpath around the playing field.

The clerk reported the annual safety inspection had been carried out on the playing field a number of concerns had been raised which were being addressed, the report would be circulated to councillors for consideration. It was reported that the training for councillors to carry out informal or routine inspections of the field will cost £350 plus expenses, however it is understood that the training can be opened up to other councils to share the cost. It was agreed the clerk should establish how many people can attend the training and whether there are any sessions already booked councillors could attend. It was agreed the training session should be held towards the end of September on a Saturday morning and that the lengths man should be asked to attend to be able to carry out inspections.

The clerk reported she had contacted a toilet hire company however they were not willing to install a temporary toilet due to vandalism concerns.

The council discussed allowing fitness and exercise classes to take place on the Playing field, it was agreed the council should check the council's insurance policy with regard to this. It was agreed at this time the council would not permit classes to be held on the field but to consider the matter further at a future meeting when a policy could be devised including a possible charging scheme.

It was noted that CW&C are still storing the railings from the playing field and that these need to be reused as soon as possible. It was agreed the clerk should contact CW&C and check the length of the railings and whether they knew of any uses for them.

### **ALLOTMENTS**

It was agreed that the council should identify if there is a demand for allotments, it was agreed the clerk should contact Great Boughton Parish Council to enquire if they have a waiting list for their allotments. It was agreed an article should be included in the next newsletter which should include a questions asking residents if they would like an allotment and how far they would be willing to travel to it.

### **NEWSLETTERS**

It was agreed that Cllr. Kemp would develop a new format for the quarterly newsletter which will include advertising or sponsorship to fund the printing of the newsletter. It was agreed that the newsletter will include a 'spotlight' section which will highlight a local community group or organisation. It was agreed that charity or fund raising events would be included for free.

### **CALDY VALLEY NATURE PARK**

It was noted that grass cutting had taken place since the last meeting. It was agreed that the clerk should contact the CW&C Community Safety Wardens to ask that they take action against dog fouling in the Nature Park and that an article should be included in the next newsletter about dog fouling and the actions which will be taken against those not picking up after their dogs.

Cllr. Williams will continue to request the parks management programme and forward it to Councillors and the Friends of Group.

It was agreed Cllr. Ferguson will carry out more research into the management of the sluice gates and possible solutions to the flooding and their costs which he will report back to the Council.

### **PAYMENTS**

**13/289 RESOLVED** – That the Council pay the Information Commissioners Officer for data registration by direct debit.

### **PLANNING**

The planning register page 67 was noted as circulated.

**WORK PROGRAMME**

The work programme was noted as circulated it was agreed updates would be included on the following items at the Council's September meeting, the Neighbourhood plan, lengths man update. The clerk will confirm the weed killer used on the footpath between Chester Road and Caldly Valley Road.

It was agreed Cllr. William's will pursue the barrier which was requested on Butterbache Road.

It was noted that CW&C Streetscene are to replace the tree outside number 3 Chester Road and the damaged tree guards.

It was agreed that Cllr. Williams should notify Streetscene that the verges are in need of cutting again.

It was agreed the clerk should contact CW&C and request additional planters.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

**The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013.**

Signed .....

Dated .....

Ann Wright 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013