

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

21st January 2013 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall.

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. M. Williams

Cllr. Jackie Creswick

Cllr. John Creswick

Cllr. Nick Dodd

Cllr. David Ferguson

Cllr. Martin Kemp

Cllr. David McQuay

Cllr. Roy Shelton¹

Cllr. Carolyn Walker

Cllr. Anthony Wilcox

None Councillors

Public –3

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Shelton – apologies as delayed.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Nick Dodd disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as his son is a member of the Royal Chester Rowing Club to be discussed under item 13.

MINUTES

A recorded or named vote was requested on the following amendment, that amendments be made to September, October or November 2012 minutes, the voting was as follows:-

For the Motion(2)

Councillors Jacky Creswick, John Creswick.

Against the Motion(6)

Councillors Nick Dodd, Martin Kemp, David McQuay, Carolyn Walker, Anthony Wilcox, Mark Williams.

Abstentions(1)

Councillor David Ferguson.

The amendment was defeated.

13/249 RESOLVED – That the Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th November as a true and proper record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman read a letter out from Sheila Fripp, Huntington Seniors thanking the council for their donation.

A resident raised concerns that the road sweeper provided to clean mud off the road from the construction works on Saughton Camp turns round at the water works gateway leaving thick mud on the road at the Chester Road Gorse Way Junction often obscuring the road markings. The clerk will raised this issue with CW&C.

Residents raised concerns about the standard of the new waste collection in Huntington highlighting litter being left on roads following collections and the damaging of recycling boxes.

Concerns were voiced about overgrown hedges obstructing pavements.

SAUGHTON CAMP/HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT

The clerk circulated an updated snagging list of issues identified on an informal walk which took place at the end of November; work is on-going to resolve these matters. The state of the road surface and verges opposite the Saughton Camp development was added to the list.

A walk was confirmed for Friday 15th February to review these and other going issues.

The Chairman agreed to suspend the meeting to allow a resident to speak.

¹ Arrived 7.55.

The resident raised concerns that she had been unable to obtain a smaller refuse bin as the standard issue bin is too large for her path, Cllr. Williams agreed to look into this matter.

SAIGHTON CAMP DEVELOPMENT ROAD NAMES

13/250 RESOLVED – That the Council submit the following road names for consideration for the Saughton Camp development reflecting the sites military history. It was further noted that the titles e.g. road, drive or way could amended to suit.

- Pioneer Close
- Signals Way
- Granby Drive
- Artillery Way
- Fusilier Road
- Brigadier Close
- Corporal Green (if sited near large green space)

SAIGHTON CAMP/HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT

An update was requested on the Saughton Camp development, it was confirmed that there was no additional information regarding the development or occupation of completed houses.

An update was provided from the meeting with Stephen Mosley regarding the Sainsbury's junction. The highways agency attended the meeting and stated they would only consider an intersection on the A55 for a over 1000 new homes. It was a noted that the concept of 'Nil Detriment' is likely to change in the future and that the A55 is subject to a review along its length b the Highways agency.

The proposed 'public art' feature for the Saughton Camp development was circulated, councillors expressed disappointment at the design. It was agreed that Mr. Herrod should be invited to have a stall at the Parish Assembly on 18th March to show members of the public the design and the gather observations.

SAIGHTON CAMP FOOTBALL PITCH

The clerk confirmed she had received a positive response regarding the Council entering discussions about taking over management of the new football pitch, although CEG were not able to enter discussions at this time and were unable to give a timescale for these discussions.

DISPENSATION FOR SETTING PRECEPT

13/251 RESOLVED – That council agree a dispensation for all councillors to participate in the setting of the precept, this dispensation will come into effect immediately and be renewed at every Annual or First meeting of the Council.

EARMARKING & PRECEPT FOR 2013-2014 FINANCIAL YEAR

13/252 RESOLVED – That the council earmark the following funds and sets a precept of £13,260.00, which is 0% increase on the 2012-2013 precept and will be paid with a grant of £765 from CW&C to take into account changes in Council tax Benefits.

Fixed Costs & Maintenance £13,420.00

Grants & Donation £1000.00

Website £1000.00

Special Projects £2400.00

CHESTER ROAD PARKING RESTRICTIONS

13/253 RESOLVED – That the council supports implementation of zonal enforcement option to prohibit parking on the road side verges on Chester Road which will include zone entry and exits signs facing on-coming traffic in addition to 40 smaller repeater signs, all but two of which will be mounted on existing lamp columns and posts.

Concerns were raised regarding residents parking on Cheshire's Way and Wavell's Way the clerk will report this to the police.

WASTE COLLECTIONS

13/254 RESOLVED – That the council write to CW&C to formally complain about the standard of the new waste collection service particularly the amount of litter and waste food left on roads following the kerb side sorting, the rough handling of the recycling bins and the failure of operatives to return bins and boxes to properties.

It was agreed that an article asking residents to make sure that lids are firmly fixed to recycling boxes so that waste does not get blown onto roads before collections is included in a future newsletter.

JUBILEE FELD

It was confirmed that tree planting on the Jubilee Field would be as circulated except for the trees proposed for the car park. The clerk is awaiting confirmation of when additional and remedial works including the tree planting are to take place.

Sign to be discussed at February meeting.

ROYAL CHESTER ROWING CLUB

A number of councillors had attended a presentation regarding the proposal to build a new rowing club on the River Dee in Huntington. It was noted the plans are at a very early stage with little detail available at this time. It was agreed the rowing club should be invited to have a stall at the Parish Assembly in March.

PLANNING

The Council agreed the contents of the planning register page 63 as circulated.

PAYMENTS

13/255 RESOLVED – That the council pay for the cutting of the Jubilee Field hedge.

13/256 RESOLVED – That the council reimburse the clerk for printer ink and sweets for the Christmas event.

WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme was noted as circulated.

12/257 RESOLVED – that the Council move into Part 2 and exclude all public and press.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

It was agreed that Councillor Kemp would develop a new template for the website at no charge and would work with Councillors Dodd, Shelton and Wilcox to develop a new site based on this template and will report on their progress at the Council's April meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council Meeting is Monday 18th February 2013.

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright
28th January 2013