

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

16th July 2012 7.00 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall.

PRESENT

Chairman Cllr. M. Williams

Cllr. Jackie Creswick

Cllr. John Creswick

Cllr. N. Dodd

Cllr. D. Ferguson

Cllr. D. McQuay

Cllr. R. Shelton

Cllr. C. Walker

Cllr. A. Wilcox

None Councillors

Public – 6

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Kemp – Travelling from work.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests declared.

MINUTES

It was noted that the article in the Chester Standard stated there was to be reduction in frequency in buses through Huntington and was not associated with CEG as minuted on page 243 of the minutes book.

12/220 RESOLVED – That the Chairman signs the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th June as a true and proper record.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised:-

- Concerns were raised regarding the number of large vehicles accessing the Saughton Camp site particularly Monday to Friday. Vehicle movements are limited to 4 an hour however 3 lorries had been counted in 5 minutes. It was noted that CW&C officers are aware of these concerns and are looking into the matter. . It was noted that one company was making eight trips alone onto the site.
- It was noted that pumps had been running on the site throughout the night since last Friday creating a noise nuisance.

SAUGHTON CAMP/HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT

The Chairman read a letter from Nial Casselden, CW&C enforcement responding to the council's request for increased enforcement of conditions on the Saughton Camp development, the following points were raised in the letter:-

- The site is subject to regular monitoring.
- Traffic movements are likely to slow once the haul road and show houses are completed.
- Enforcement can only monitor/control vehicles on entering the site and not on the surrounding highways.
- Weight restrictions on roads do not apply to vehicles delivering to the site.
- Not all construction vehicles travelling through the area are travelling to Saughton Camp.
- The Developers have responded positively to talks with CW&C to apply conditions the result of which is likely to be the introduction of a vehicle log on the site.
- CW&C has taken no formal action against breached of conditions at this time however action will be taken should breaches merit it.

It was noted that footways have been blocked by construction workers vehicles parking on footways on Crown Fields.

Residents were encouraged to continue recording breaches of conditions and report them to CW&C.

It was noted that the Chairman was meeting with Mr. Casselden later in the week and would discuss the matter further including the possibility of residents and Councillors monitoring movements and the introduction of a log book which can be regularly inspected.

It was noted that Mr. Charles Johnson has agreed to attend a meeting on the Parish Council on 20th August, from 7.00pm. It was agreed he should be asked to discuss the following matters, outstanding issues or

‘snagging lists’ from works already carried out, Sainsbury’s junction, general traffic issues and issues surrounding drainage and the capacity of the drains.

It was agreed the clerk should contact neighbouring Parish Councils and invite them to send a representative to the meeting, although it was noted the meeting was for Huntington residents and that they would be given priority.

The Chairman reported that Paul Parry had agreed to attend the Council’s September meeting.

BUS TIMETABLES

The clerk reported she had received a link to electronic bus timetables which she would forward to councillors, CW&C officers confirmed that the four bus routes, 5, 41B, 45 and DB5 all follow slightly different routes which are not that easy to understand and that this would be raised with the publicity manager. It had been suggested that it might be possible to erect a large display board for all routes and time tables in the brick bus shelter on The Green, Chester Road.

DATA PROTECTION

12/221 RESOLVED – that the council is registered as a data controller with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO).

CODE OF CONDUCT

12/222 RESOLVED – that the council adopts with draft CW&C code of conduct with the inclusion of the right for members to have the same rights to speak as a member of the public when declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as set out in Appendix A of the code. (pages ??? to ??? of the minutes book.)

PLANTERS

The clerk confirmed she had nothing further to report as the planters had still not been installed. Concerns were raised regarding the lack of action from CW&C Streetscene, the Chairman confirmed he had raised this problem and the outstanding issues with Kevin Carrol, CW&C highways manager who is looking into the matter.

It was agreed the clerk should investigate the process and implications of the Parish Council taking on the verge maintenance in Huntington for the Council to consider.

TPO UPDATE

The clerk reported she had contacted CW&C stating the hawthorn trees on Chester Road belong to the Parish Council and should therefore be subject to a TPO. Highways have asked the Parish Council to provide proof that the trees were planted by and belong to the Council and also that the Council has taken responsibility for the trees. It was agreed the clerk should look at the minutes of the Council for this period to find this evidence and continue to pursue the implementation of a TPO, particularly as only 3 of the 5 hawthorns planted still remain.

JUBILEE FIELD

The Chairman reported the Jubilee Field had been opened on Monday 9th July by children from Huntington Primary School; there were still a number of outstanding jobs to completed however these had not impacted the use of the field. It had been agreed to open the field as it was already being well used with people climbing over the fencing to access it.

The field is being well used by young people and families.

Weekly or routine inspections need to be carried out on the field and the clerk had contacted a play inspection company about providing some training so that councillors and volunteers can carryout these inspections.

12/223 RESOLVED – that the Council purchases 2 new cradle swing seats and 4 new flat swing seats for the Jubilee Field.

It was agreed the clerk should contact CW&C and see if it possible to get a recycling bin installed on the playing field for plastic bottles and cans.

FRIENDS OF JUBILEE FIELD

The Council considered two proposals to establish a 'Friends of' group for the Jubilee Field, although it was agreed some form of Friends of group could be a benefit there would be a need to establish how this group would work with the Council and that it would have to be representative of the whole community. It was agreed there was still a large amount of work to be completed on the Jubilee Field it would not be appropriate to establish a friends of group at this time. It was noted that the group may evolve naturally in time and if any residents wanted to volunteer to help carryout inspections of the field they should contact the clerk.

It was agreed it would be nice to organise a fete on the field in 2013 in conjunction with other local organisations and that work on this should start in early 2013.

PLANNING

The Council noted the contents of the planning register page 57 as circulated.

ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS

12/224 RESOLVED – That the Council agreed the accounts as circulated on page 60 of the Cash Book.

12/225 RESOLVED – That the Council reimburse the clerk £49.29 for postage for the year to date.

WORK PROGRAMME

The Council noted the work programme as circulated.

It was noted that volunteers had operated the Speed Indicator Device for two weeks and had once again identified a large proportion of vehicles speeding particularly on Caldly Valley Road as a result volunteers were being trained to use the speed guns and had been contacted by the Community Safety Wardens about dates for carrying out speed checks.

The Chairman thanked all those who had carried out the speed checks.

It was noted that the work programme in future will be briefer as it is only intended to provider a reminder or overview of projects.

12/226 RESOLVED – that the Council move into private session to consider the Item 16 – quotes to refurbish the brick Bus Shelter.

REFURBISHMENT OF BRICK BUS SHELTER

It was agreed the council would repaint the bus shelter due to the cost of a completely refurbishing the shelter.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

**The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council Meeting is an Extraordinary Meeting on
Monday 20th August 2012 at Huntington Village Hall from 7.00pm.**

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright 19th July 2012