

MINUTES OF HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL (FIRST) MEETING

20th May 2013 7.30 p.m. at Huntington Village Hall.

PRESENT

Chairman Mark Williams

Cllr. Jackie Creswick Cllr. John Creswick Cllr. David Ferguson Cllr. Martin Kemp

Cllr. Roy Shelton Cllr. Carolyn Walker Cllr. Anthony Wilcox

None Councillors

Public –11

Clerk – Mrs. A. Wright

TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2012/13

A recorded or named vote was requested on the following proposal, that Cllr. Mark Williams be elected Chairman, proposed by Cllr. David Ferguson, seconded by Cllr. Martin Kemp. An alternative proposal for Cllr. Jackie Creswick to be Chairman failed as it was not seconded.

For the Motion(6)

Councillors David Ferguson, Martin Kemp, Roy Shelton, Carolyn Walker, Anthony Wilcox, Mark Williams.

Against the Motion(2)

Councillors Jacky Creswick, John Creswick.

RESOLVED 13/271 – that Mark Williams be elected Chairman for 2013/14. Cllr. Williams signed the acceptance of office declaration (page 283 of the minutes book).

TO ELECT VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2012/13

A recorded or named vote was requested on the following proposals, that Cllr. Jackie Creswick be elected Vice Chairman, proposed by Cllr. John Creswick, seconded by Cllr. Jackie Creswick.

For the Motion(2)

Councillors Jacky Creswick, John Creswick.

Against the Motion(6)

Councillors David Ferguson, Martin Kemp, Roy Shelton, Carolyn Walker, Anthony Wilcox, Mark Williams.

That Cllr. Roy Shelton be elected Vice Chairman proposed by Cllr. Mark Williams and seconded by Cllr. Carolyn Walker.

For the Motion(6)

Councillors David Ferguson, Martin Kemp, Roy Shelton, Carolyn Walker, Anthony Wilcox, Mark Williams.

Against the Motion(2)

Councillors Jacky Creswick, John Creswick.

RESOLVED 13/272 – that Roy Shelton be elected Vice Chairman for 2013/14. Cllr. Shelton signed the acceptance of office declaration (page 285 of the minutes book).

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Nick Dodd – commitment.

Cllr. David McQuay– work commitment.

(PC Sally Malone)

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared

MINUTES

13/273 RESOLVED – That the Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th April 2013 as a true and proper record noting that Cllr. Williams had agreed to obtain and circulate the Caldley Valley Nature Park management plan to all councillors. It was noted that discussions had taken place regarding the format of the Dodleston Newsletter and that it would be helpful to obtain a copy of the newsletter. It was agreed that the format of the newsletter would be discussed at the Council's June meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised by members of the public:-

A request was made that the council objects to the installation of additional traffic lights on Chester Road as the existing road layout which was drawn up by the County Council in the 1990s is functioning well and that additional lights will make it impossible for residents to exit and access their properties as well as resulting in standing traffic creating noise and pollution disturbance.

It was noted that there had been a County Council Act which had controlled the length of residential roads for emergency vehicle access, it was questioned whether this act was still in place.

A request was made for barriers at the end of the footpath on Butterbache which runs from the shops to prevent children running out into the road, as vehicles have been witnessed driving along the pavement in this area. The request was supported by the Under 5's play group and the after school and holiday clubs. It was noted that people believe the Jubilee Field in 'Brilliant' although it would be good if the path was completed and if the installation of toilets could be considered. It was noted the Jubilee Field would be considered at the Council's June meeting.

A resident of Meadow Lane asked the council to object to the planning application for an anemometry mast at the water works. He also requested that if the Council consider installing a WCs on the playing field it consults with Meadow Lane residents.

It was reported that the footpath between the shops and Butterbache Road is becoming narrowed by an overgrown hedge and that Sandy Lane (to Saighton) is becoming overgrown and has litter which needs reporting.

It was reiterated that additional traffic lights were not required on Chester Road.

The Council was asked to endorse P.R.O.U.D (People's Revolt Over Unsustainable Development) rule 6 status unless the council was itself adopting Rule 6 status and a copy of a letter from Christleton Parish Council supporting P.R.O.U.D was presented to the Council's chairman.

It was reported that a complaint has been made to CW&C that the authority had not notified all those who had commented on the Camp application about the appeal as required by law; this matter is being investigated by the CW&C Solutions Team in consultation with Fiona Edwards, CW&C Planning Development Manager.

A question was raised regarding the status of the new football pitch opposite the Saighton Camp development, it was noted the Council had no further information on the pitch.

SAIGHTON CAMP PLANNING APPEAL

The Council debated whether it should adopt Rule 6 Status at the forthcoming planning inquiry. It was noted that adopting Rule 6 would mean the council would be provided with all the information and evidence submitted by the main parties as well as being included in any negotiations which take place with the developer and CW&C. However it would require a great deal of expertise and could result in the council having costs awarded against them.

It was noted that everyone has the same goal to stop the application being approved and that one of the main grounds for objection are highways matters, it was also noted that Huntington Parish Council may have different arguments it wishes to put forward than P.R.O.U.D at the inquiry and that the Council did not know all the grounds on which P.R.O.U.D would be objecting.

Cllr. Williams confirmed he would be speaking at the enquiry as CW&C Ward Councillor.

13/274 RESOLVED – That the Cllr. Kemp represents the Parish Council at the enquiry.

13/275 RESOLVED – That the council would not adopt Rule 6 status.

It was stated that the Parish Council supporting P.R.O.U.D's Rule 6 status would give strength to their objections and status.

Concerns were noted that the Parish Council had not be kept informed of discussions with CW&C and CEG and an explanation was requested regarding a recent meeting which had been mentioned in a E-mail. Cllr. Williams stated once he had received the minutes of the meeting he would circulate them to councillors.

13/276 RESOLVED – That the council ‘support’ P.R.O.U.D’s Rule 6 status should that be deemed appropriate by Cllr. Kemp following a meeting with P.R.O.U.D’s representatives, it was agreed that support would not include financial support. Cllr. Kemp will e-mail a report to all councillors following his meeting which will take place before the end of May.

An assurance was requested that the Parish Council be kept fully informed of any discussion with CW&C and CEG in the future.

ANNUAL & CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman’s and Annual report was agreed by the Council with the following amendments, that more information be added to the Neighbourhood Plan article emphasising its benefits and that the Planning section be corrected, pages 287 and 288 of the minutes book.

It was confirmed the Report be printed as an A4 booklet.

HIGHWAYS & STREETSCENE

The report was noted as circulated noting that CW&C had agreed to fund planting along the footpath between Chester Road and Caldly Valley Road, it was agreed that the Clerk should consult with CW&C and Cllr. Jacky Creswick regarding the plants to be purchased.

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

13/277 RESOLVED – That the following special responsibilities are confirmed:-

- Communications – Website - Cllrs. Dodd, Shelton and Wilcox
Facebook - Clerk and Cllr. Williams
- Village Hall Committee – Cllr. Creswick
- Friends of Caldly Valley Nature Park – Cllr. D. Ferguson
- Health Centre Representatives – Cllr. C. Walker

It was agreed if Councillors are unable to attend meetings they should notify the clerk so another councillor can attend in their place.

INSURANCE

13/278 RESOLVED – That the council obtains insurance cover from AON.

ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS

13/279 RESOLVED – The accounts, page 71 of the cash book were approved as circulated.

13/280 RESOLVED – Salary payment be made to clerk due to adjusting the standing order payment dates to the 4th of each month.

13/281 RESOLVED – The clerk be reimbursed for printing and postage.

13/282 RESOLVED - The Council pay Mr. K Jones for carrying out the internal audit and postage £81.70.

13/283 RESOLVED – That the Council approve the amended Section 1, Accounting Statement 2012/2013 (page 72 of the cash book) adjusted to reflect a payment made in 2013-2014 year not 2012-2013 as previously recorded.

PLANNING

The Council agreed the contents of the planning register page 65 as circulated.

13/284 RESOLVED – That the Council make the following observation to application 13/01277/REM, Approval of appearance, landscaping, siting and design details of employment area and school approved under 08/02000/OUT, Former Saughton Camp.

Huntington Parish Council has concerns regarding the proposed location of the school which can only be accessed by a single road which also provides access to the employment section this will result in

congestion at school dropping off and collection times which will impact a large part of the development. Concerns were raised about safety issues relating to the location of the deep attenuation ponds in close proximity to populated areas.

13/285 RESOLVED – That the Council make the following observation to application 13/01472/FUL, Erection of a 60m temp. anemometry mast for measuring wind speed and direction for the period of 24 months from construction, Huntington Water Treatment Works.

Huntington Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this application on the following grounds:-

The application is contrary to Chester and District Local Plan (CDLP) policy ENV74 as it exceeds the height of the existing buildings.

The application is contrary to CDLP policy ENV 56 due to its negative impact on the visual amenity and sky line of the area included in the Green Belt.

The application is contrary to policy CDLP ENV 44 due to its visual impact on the River Dee corridor.

The application is contrary to CDLP policy GE 3 due to the negative impact this installation will have on neighbouring residential properties, impacting on the quality of life of those residents.

WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme was noted as circulated. The clerk confirmed she would circulate the response from Enforcement relating to traffic movements at the former Saighton Camp.

It was agreed allotments would be included on the Councils June Agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The NEXT meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 17th June 2013.

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright 22nd May 2013