

HUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL – WORK PROGRAMME.

Last Updated – 8th Oct 2018 (To be reviewed at Oct meeting)

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Highlighted actions are those which have taken place this month – previous actions are included to give overview of what has taken place before

Issue	Action Taken
BT phone line and Large Tree branch brought down on Chester Rd (High winds)	Resident informs Clerk of BT phone down and large tree branch brought down (Outside 13 Chester Rd) as result of high winds. Clerk reports to BT and CWaC (Tree branch incident) CWaC Ref Number: 4844426 BT Ref Number: WN7VYR47 BT attend same afternoon and fix phone line. CWaC report tree branch has been removed. ISSUE CLOSED
Fly-Tipping on Old Post Office Path	20 th Sept - 2 separate residents report fly-tipping on Old Post Office path. Over course of next 2 weeks, more rubbish gets added to the pile. Clerk continue to report each new incident. CWaC ref Number: 4844593 5 th Oct – CWaC remove fly-tipping. Resident thanks PC. ISSUE CLOSED
Welsh Water Concerns regarding school drainage	Sept – Resident complains that new school drainage may negatively impact new Saughton Camp estate and cause flooding. At meeting with Kier, Cllr Whitehead receives confirmation that there IS a blockage in the current system which has resulted in a delay connecting new school drainage to current system. This is fault of Welsh Water. Clerk contacts Welsh Water for clarification and assurances that this blockage will not result in further problems AND that pollution will not be leaked into Caldly brook. 1 st Oct – Welsh Water contact Clerk by phone to say that they are currently investigating and will be in touch within 15 days.
Speeding on Chester Rd/Visibility coming out of Junctions	Sept 2018 – PC investigates flashing signs on Chester Rd to warn motorist siof 30 mph. Quoted £6000 per sign. PC will continue to ask Cheshire Police to do regular speed checks. CWaC Highways are asked to investigate visibility concerns coming from Sedum Close (following 2 residents complaint) and whether a 'countdown' to the new 30 mph zone and a 40 mph buffer zone' would be possible. TO BE DISCUSSED AT OCT PC meeting.
Gorse Way Doversion/Road Closure Signs	Sunday 30 th Sept - CW&C close Aldford Rd and put diversion/road closure signs at the junction of Gorse Way which come out into the middle of the road. Several complaints from residents/Cllrs and there were many Facebook messages saying how they believed that the signs were creating huge risk as they were imposing on the filter lane to turn into Gorse Way and cars were having to swerve to avoid each other. CW&C informed and signs re-positioned early on Monday morning. PC receives complaint that the newly positioned signs are causing a hazard for motorists attempting to turn right out of Gorse Way onto Chester Rd. CW&C contacted

	<p>again who carry out further assessment and judge that new positioning of the signs may limit visibility slightly but did not impose too high a risk. The signs could not be moved to the pavement s it would then result in pedestrians having to walk on the road which, they believe, caused a greater risk than the new position of the signs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ISSUE CLOSED</p>
<p>New School Opening and Land responsibility of surrounding area</p>	<p>Sept – Cllr Whitehead (and Cllrs Creswick in role as School Governor) visits new school and reports that new school is looking extremely good.</p> <p>Quote for widening pitches and fencing received of Kier which are the same quotes given to CWaC. Clerk unable to receive alternative quotes until land is accessed by public. Currently deferred until later meeting.</p>
<p>State of Grass Verges and Hedgerows (Including 18 different areas of Huntington identified on Parish Walk with Streetscene Officers on 2 different occasions)</p>	<p>Please see previous Works Programme for further history of this topic.</p> <p>August 2017 – Cllrs carry out Parish Walk and identify 18 areas where work is needed, some being more urgent than other but all needing attention. This includes grass verges and hedgerows on Chester Rd, Gorse Way and Caldly Valley Rd.</p> <p>September – Clerk submits report to Kerrie Brice, Karl Farrow and Graham Jones of CWaC Streetscene and other departments request on that all of these areas are looked at immediately. Ward Cllr also asked to be involved.</p> <p>20th September – Cllrs and Clerk meet with Kerrie Brice and Graham Jones who attend a Parish Walk. All in agreement that the 18 points raised on the report are valid. PLEASE SEE STREETSCENE REPORT (available from Clerk) which is an attachment for the Oct PC meeting and will be discussed then.</p> <p>Oct – Chester Rd hedge cut</p> <p>18th Oct – Following Sept PC meeting, Clerk contacts Mr G Jones and Ms K Brice to ask if they would attend future PC meeting as Cllrs still not satisfied with level of work</p> <p>6th Nov – No response so Clerk rewrites to both to ask if they would attend future meeting. Clerk also asks for reassurances that grass verges are due one more cut, as [promised at parish walk (see above)]</p> <p>Nov 2017 – Meeting with Mr Mark Brazil, senior Manager of Streetscene. Please see notes taken from this meeting. (Available on website or from Clerk on request)</p> <p>Dec – Mr Mark Brazil asked to attend PC meeting in February to discuss with Full Council</p> <p>Feb 2018 – Mr Brazil unable to attend February meeting. Mr Brazil (Streetscene) agrees to attend March meeting.</p> <p>19th March – Mr Brazil attends PC meeting (See March minutes for further detail)</p> <p>April 2018 – Resident complains about state of hedge on Caldly Valley Rd, opp Trefoil Close as she is unable to jog on pavement and has to go out onto grass or even the road. This IS one of the 18 areas identified by the PC and reported to Streetcare previously. HOWEVER, Clerk agrees to report again. Ref: 4830748.</p> <p>Confirmation received that this work has been investigated and will be carried out in next 3 months.</p> <p>June 2018 -- PC resolve (at May meeting) to write formal letter of complaint regarding Streetcare due to inaction and lack of progress on a number of matters including this issue</p> <p>June 2018 – PC receive confirmation from CWaC Chief Exec's office and Cllr Shore that this will be investigated by a Director and a reply will be issued shortly</p> <p>July 2018 – An annotated report, detailing our 14 key areas still remaining, was received by the PC from Cheshire West. Within this report, they outlined when each task would be completed. They recognised our frustration and outlined key changes in management, a cut in budget and a huge overhaul in how they</p>

<p>Dog Bins on Cheshire' Way and other parts of Saighton Camp</p>	<p>operate, which had caused problems in the early days.</p> <p>Sept – Now that Cheshire' Way has been officially adopted by CWaC, Parish Council have formally asked CWaC if they will now install Dog Bins on this section of Saighton Camp. Awaiting response.</p> <p>9th October – Still awaiting response. Clerk to chase up.</p> <p>18th Oct – CWaC (Karl Sitene) confirms that NO bins will be installed on any part of the estate until the ENTIRE estate is adopted.</p> <p>Oct 2017 – 2 bins have been installed near Pioneer Close on Saighton Camp. CWaC confirm that they have NOT installed them and will not take any responsibility for them until adoption of whole estate. Clerk asks both Redrow and Bovis if bins have been installed by them (as bins now overflowing and smelling). No response from Redrow. Bovis are 'investigating'.</p> <p>Jan 2018 – Clerk contacts Saighton Camp Site Manager for Bovis to ask for update. No response.</p> <p>2nd Feb 2018 – PC contacts Bovis Chief Executive regarding ALL outstanding issues on Saighton Camp. Reply within 10 mins confirms that Bovis Northern Office have been informed and an assessment of all issues will be carried out ASAP and a report will be provided to PC</p> <p>8TH Feb 2018 – Clerk asks for Progress Report.</p> <p>19th Feb – Bovis suggest no legal obligation to supply dog bins. Clerk has already asked CWaC on Health and Safety grounds, if dog bins can be installed to which they said Community Officers can monitor but no dog bins to be installed on private land.</p> <p>March 2018 – Clerk receives several reports from residents of overflowing bin with Dog fouling bags. These are strewn across play area and children are playing with them. Bovis informed by Clerk as a matter for urgent attention. Bovis confirm that landscape maintenance company have been to clear up but ask PC to remind residents that these bins are not for dog fouling waste. PC ask Bovis to ensure that there is adequate bins for the area.</p> <p>April – Bovis confirm that they have installed a bigger bin on play areas in SC BUT these are not to be used by dog waste and all dog foul must be taken home by residents and disposed of in their CWaC Bins.</p> <p>May – Clerk re-writes to Leader of CWaC, Cllr S Dixon, to describe this situation and ask that the problem is sorted or that residents get a reduction in Council tax (Resolved at March PC meeting)</p> <p>6th July 2018 – PC receives 3 page letter from CWaC Chief Exec. This is published on www.huntington-chester.co.uk. They confirm that no dog bins are able to be installed whilst the land is classed as privately owned by the property developers.</p>
<p>Footpath from Huntington to Christleton /Congestion on Sainsbury's Roundabout</p>	<p>Cllrs carry out feasibility walk with Karl Farrow and others from CWaC, assessing whether the footpath can have better access and a cycle route. This will allow children to commute to Christleton High School much easier as well as potentially reducing traffic using Sainsbury's Roundabout due to less parents needing to take children to Christleton each morning. It also promotes a healthier lifestyle.</p> <p>Parish Council now awaits conclusions from Cheshire West Council.</p> <p>2nd October 2017 – Findings have now been passed to Commissioning Task Group who will consider how this can be implemented, using S106 money. This may be new stiles and gates OR a brand new cycle and pedestrian path. Commissioning Group led by Mr K Collins.</p> <p>April 2018 – Clerk writes to Mr Collins and Mr Farrow again to ask for a progress report on this. Mr Farrow confirms that this is now all in the hands of the commissioning group so Mr Collins would need to respond in order to give progress report.</p>

	<p>May 2018 – Resident complains regarding congestion on Sainsbury’s roundabout and how the traffic is getting increasingly affected on Caldly Valley Rd as traffic backs up each morning and progressively getting worse (possibly due to new pedestrian crossing on A41?). Asks PC if they can help in any way. Email sent to all Cllrs.</p> <p>July 2018 – Following Cllrs request to chase this up, CWaC S106 Officer responds to say that it is lengthy process due to the large amount of money involved but the footpath is definitely on the list to be a potential project but this is now in discussion with the Strategic Transport Group. Once projects have been finalised, all stakeholders including us as a PC will be notified.</p>
<p>Pot Holes, Damaged pavements and unlit columns on Saughton Camp</p>	<p>For earlier activity relating to this, please see earlier Works Programmes.</p> <p>June 2018 – Bovis confirm that work has now started on Green Howards Way. Cllr emails Bovis Head office on 4 separate occasions to complain about open compound with chemicals and dangerously parked vehicles. On first 2 occasions, Bovis apologise and assure Cllr that this will not happen again and the compound has been cleared. Latest incident occurs on w/b 3/6 where images are taken of compound clearly left open overnight, dangerous materials lying untidy, a digger being left at an angle on a mud pile and chemical containers.</p> <p>June 2018 – Following resolution by Full Council at the June meeting, a report is submitted to HSE. HSE rule that this is CWaC responsibility. CWaC respond extremely promptly and in great detail to outline why this is NOT their responsibility and urge the PC to ask the HSE to re-open the case. The case is now reopened but a response not expected for 28 days.</p> <p>6th July 2018 – PC receives 3 page letter from CWaC Chief Exec. This is published on www.huntington-chester.co.uk. They confirm it is not their responsibility to ensure standards are maintained as this is the responsibility of developers. CWaC ensure that they will work with developers to ensure progress.</p> <p>July 2018 – HSE report that they have instructed Bovis that progress must be made and residents must be kept regularly informed.</p> <p>Sept – Following many resident complaints, PC inform residents of HSE case number for reporting ongoing issues with the estate. HSE reply to all suggesting residents should take this to Civil claims court as they believe this is more appropriate than a breach of Health and Safety. HSE also contact Bovis to explain residents’ concerns.</p> <p>Oct – Bovis send letter to all residents outlining their work programme for highways and suggesting that CWaC have changed the standard expectations which resulted in delays for Bovis.</p>
<p>Lucerne Close Tree Damage</p>	<p>Feb/March 2018 – Resident complains to Cllr regarding damaged tree over her property. CWaC tree inspector visits site and instructs that matter is Highways England. CWaC to inform HE. Clerk to follow up if no action taken.</p> <p>May 2018 – Clerk to follow up this month if nothing is reported by end of this month.</p> <p>8th June 2018 – Clerk sends email to Tree Inspector asking for update</p> <p>June 2018 – Tree Inspector confirms that Highways England have been informed but no update has yet been received</p>
<p>Pollution in Caldly Brook</p>	<p>Resident informs Council of odd white foam in Caldly Brook. Confirmed by Cllr. Clerk reports to Environmental Health who agree to follow-up. Ref number: 1593919. (Also potentially linked to another pollution incident in Tattenhall)</p>

	<p>March 2018 – EA confirm that an inspector visited the site and will give further report to conclude findings. No report received despite Clerk chasing this up.</p> <p>June 2018 – Clerk meets with EA inspector (unplanned!) who is taking samples from brook in Tattenhall. Inspector informs that regular water samples are taken from this brook and one in Huntington due to complaint received (possibly the PC complaint but not confirmed?)</p>
Lighting at Caldy Nature Park	<p>July 2018 – CWaC confirm that the lighting will be installed by end of August. Letters sent to affected resident but no response.</p> <p>Sept 2018 – Clerk sends email to Lighting dept asking for expected date for completion of lighting in Caldy Nature Park</p> <p>Oct 2018 – Work begins to install lights.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Issue Closed</p>
Missing Bin in Caldy Nature Park (below Sorrell Close)	<p>July 2018 – Cllr reports missing bin from Caldy Nature Park. Clerk asks CWaC to investigate. ERef number: 4837766</p> <p>July 2018 – PC receive response from CWaC, confirming that the bin has been removed as it was felt that it was not used enough. Cllr disputes this. Full Council resolve to write formal request to have bin reinstated.</p> <p>August – Clerk resends email and asks for update on whether the bin will be reinstated</p> <p>Sept 2018 – Cllr reports that an additional bin was placed in Caldy Valley Park (NOT the site where the bin had been removed) but then disappeared again shortly afterwards. Clerk writes to CWaC to ask why this occurred and whether the bin below Sorrell Close can be reinstated following PC request.</p>
Raising Bridge Parapet on A55 bridge.	<p>June 2018 – School Governors contact PC to ask for support in trying to raise bridge parapet on A55 bridge with opening of new school. Full Council resolve to support and writes to Highways England and CWaC.</p> <p>Aug 2018 – Highways England reply and suggest meeting with PC and School Governors although clearly state that funding would need to come from CWaC and/or PC. Clerk contacts School Governors to ask how they wish to proceed. No reply to emails sent. Also see July and Sept agenda</p> <p>Sept 2018 – Governors report that they have met with Highways England, with funding potentially available in 2020. Governors suggest feasibility study begins. At Sept PC meeting, Council resolves to state support (non-financial)</p>
Correspondence	<p>Please see separate Correspondence List (found on website: www.huntington-chester.co.uk) for details of correspondence received this month</p>

Potential Future Agenda Items (Unable to be included on current Agenda due to other topics needing discussion):

- Investigate different banking accounts, most suitable for Parish Council business. (Clerk will research Unity Bank in response to Cllr Dodd's request)
- Alternative Quotes for upgrading new pitches at land surrounding new school (See item description in Works Prog)