



HUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

17th July 2017 – 7.30pm

Present: Cllr B Toll (Chairman), Cllrs B Dunthorne, S Oliver, D Gibbs, F Maule

In attendance: C Page (Clerk), County Cllr Eric Buckmaster, Co-opted Cllr D Jolley and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

District Cllr Bob Brunton.

2. Co-opt New Councillor

Cllr B Toll proposed to co-opt Dave Jolley as a new Councillor on the Hunsdon Parish Council. Cllr F Maule seconded and all agreed. Parish Clerk addressed the floor and councillors to see if there is any issue with completing the paperwork after the meeting – all agreed.

3. Approval of minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 19th June 2017

Minutes approved by Cllrs and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

5.7 The verges on Acorn Street and Stanstead Road are overgrown and need cutting back - completed.

6.0 Neighbourhood Plan - The Planning Application for the Environmental Appraisal Scoping Opinion is in three parts: The village development itself of 10,000 houses / Central Stort Crossing – A414 at Eastwick roundabout to 5th Avenue / Eastern Stort Crossing – Pye Corner, A414 to East of railway to Temple Meads. The plan is in three parts because the land for the houses is the only parcel that is currently owned. The other parcels, compulsory purchase will need to be sought – **Action: Cllr B Toll to draft a response. Kevin Steptoe said he would welcome PC comments**

7.b Skip Yard - Notice has been served on the Wood Yard – completed, PC have written to Paul Dean requesting that East Herts serve enforcement notices on the car park and earth bunds. Should there be an appeal, the PC will ask for a hearing so that all members of the community can air their thoughts.

7.e **Wicklans Road** – There is a demolition notice on the property at number 30. EHDC have not been notified, and as demolition is part of the development this can't go forward until planning permission is agreed. Planning permission ceases on 25th June this year. **Action: Cllr B Toll set up a meeting with Kevin Steptoe to discuss: Wicklans / Drury Lane, Skip Yard, Nine Ashes**

8 A request has been made to get the planning approval date for Well House – approval date is June 2017.



- 8 **New application – 3/17/1236/OUT** – Demolition of pool building and erection of 1 no. dwelling at Little Spellars, Acorn Street, Hunsdon. A request to find out what is being built has been made. **Action: Cllr Toll to make a detailed response**
 - 10 The PC are required to complete a Users Form for the Village Hall – completed.
 - 11 Overgrown hedges along high street – owners requested to cut back hedges by Parish Clerk
The Welcome pack needs updating. The PCC issue it and Loraine Newman has the master copy.
Action: Cllr Maule to obtain the template and update them
5. **Reports from members representing the Parish Council on outside organisations and attending meetings on behalf of the Council**
- a. **Footpaths** – In Bud’s absence Martyn Reid presented on behalf of Bud Carthy, who is recovering and is now back at home. We look forward to seeing him soon. John Ashley and Martyn Reid will continue to monitor the paths and Martyn will co-ordinate matters until Bud’s full return. Monitoring of Paths has continued and mowing and strimming is nearly complete. Areas that were overlooked by contractors or not included in the contracts are being addressed by Nicholas Maddox. Nicholas Maddox has applied for the funding for the upgrade to parts of Back Lane and has identified contractors. The exact nature of the works to be undertaken has been clarified and will include upgrading the stretch from the Village Hall to the junction with Filletts Farm and a badly rutted part of H12 near the Widford boundary. We have requested that the stretch from the Village Hall to Farm Lane be filled with lighter material than previously. It is anticipated that these works will begin in about 2 months. Following the presentation at the last Parish Council Meeting by pupils from Hunsdon School, regarding a 5km Marathon run, a route around part of Hunsdon airfield, avoiding roads as far as possible, has been suggested for the school to consider. The offer has been made to accompany school representatives to test the route for distance and suitability. We still have heard nothing about any progress with the modifications to the Broomlands paths.
 - b. **CPRE** – are campaigning against building on the green belt.
 - c. **VHMC** – cottage at number 43 is now ready for rental.
 - d. **Allotments** – the half a plot that was allocated to a young lad the Parish Clerk has received two complaints. Cllr Oliver has spoken to the boy and his grandfather and the boy assures Cllr Oliver he has not done what he is accused of. The fire he had was supervised by an adult. Cllr Oliver felt the complaints were without substance and will continue to monitor the situation over the summer. Councillor’s Toll and Dunthorne said they support young people having this type of opportunity. **Action: C Page to respond to the complaints advising of the action being taken.**
 - e. **Police Liaison** – There has been no communication from the Police Liaison for some time now. **Action: Cllr F Maule to tweet Duncan Wallace that the process has fallen and we are getting no reports.**
It has also been noted that the bikers are back on the aerodrome and the kissing gate at the end of Drury Lane is broken. **Action: C Page to write to Frank Knight to advise and request repair.**
 - f. **SHN** – there are 60 houses up the road towards Widford, which although not a planning application yet, we need to keep on the radar. This is a significant development and has been forwarded to the Chair of SHN.
 - g. **County Cllr** – there is a Consultation of the Police and Crime Commission – which will look at the option of the Fire Service coming under the Police jurisdiction. The government is pressing



for these types of initiatives as a cost cutting exercise, something we need to review to find out how this will affect the community. The County Council are looking at creating a new family service, one that will follow a child from birth through to adulthood, bringing community and school nursing together.

- h. District Council** - District Cllr Buckmaster provided an update. There is a vote on a new leisure contract looking at the next 10-15 years, which will be going out to tender. The swimming pools in the area are under review, particularly Fanshawe in Ware, Levenhall in Sawbridgeworth. It is the pools that are owned by the schools that present the challenge as there are no guarantees of their continued upkeep by the schools. There is no proposal to close any pools yet.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

Places for People are going to exhibit their concept for the Gilson Area as an 'Awareness Campaign', which is an information exercise. There will be Outline Planning further down the line after the consultation, at which time the Parish Council will be canvassed for their opinion, and every household will be notified also. This has been confirmed for August 2017. The Neighbourhood Plan Group (Cllrs B Toll, B Dunthorne and Mike Newman form the key group). We are currently in a joint plan with Gilston and need to wait for Outline and then the Master Plan before we can develop our own plan. Cllr B Toll has discussed with District if the question is asked at the PC meeting that can Hunsdon go alone on everything outside of the red area on the map. Cllr B Dunthorne proposed we go alone, Cllr D Gibbs seconded, all Councillors agreed. People are needed to help on this – Cllr F Maule volunteered. East Herts have provided two consultant names that could help and how we can finance it. The Parish Council have been asked to provide the salient points for the Scoping Report for Gilston. **Action: Cllr B Toll to set up a meeting with the consultants to see how they can help with the Hunsdon Plan, also to provide points to Kevin Steptoe in relation to the Scoping Report for Gilston.**

7. Village Infrastructure.

- a. Stansted Expansion** – is likely to result in an increase of 20 million more passengers and an extra 104,000 flights a year compared to today. On average, it would mean a flight every 85 seconds during the day, compared to every 2.25 minutes now. Noise, air quality and traffic impacts would all be significantly greater in contrast to the airports claim that there will be 'no significant adverse environmental effects'. The consultation period will go on till August.
Action: Make a representation to the proposal.
- b. Hunsdon Skips** – Cllr F Maule spotted on twitter that Hunsdon Skip Hire Ltd have made an environmental permit application to the Environmental Agency to use the Wood Yard for waste wood. Herts County Council Waste department, know nothing of this application.
Action: Cllr B Toll to chase HCC regarding this application.

8 Planning

- i.** 3/17/1388/HH/PROPOSAL – demolition of garage and replacement with a single-story extension at 1 Rectory Close – no objection from the Parish Councillors.
- ii.** 3/17/1476/HH/PROPOSAL – proposed timber car shed at East Barn Acorn Street. **Action: Cllr D Gibbs is seeking more information**

Other Applications



- i. The Nine Ashes developer presented to the council and unanimously decided to maintain their objection to the building of 7 houses. Not changing their stance – all agreed. **Action: After the public meeting, the councillors will respond to the developers.**
- ii. Wicklands / Drury Lane – awaiting on a meeting with Kevin Steptoe. Liz Aston (Development Team Manager at East Herts) has been very helpful *“I have spoken with Paul Dean about this matter and as works have not yet commenced there has not yet been a breach of planning control. However, we will contact the developer to ascertain their intentions and clarify with them our view that the permission appears to have lapsed”*.

9. Finance

Three additional invoices have been sent in: Jeff Franklin for £382.50, Griffiths Environmental Planning £500 and Herts Tree Care £3,570. The councillors approved the payments.

10. Correspondence.

Countryside in Crisis – an article was spotted in the Observer regarding the Rural Coalition. As this came from a member of the public, Martyn to ask Jackie if she could let people know who are interested to make those enquiries and report back to the Parish Council.

11. AOB

Cllr S Oliver has been approached by Miss McDonald of 8 Rectory Close to have the nettles cut back in the field next to her house. **Action: C Page to contact Jeff Franklin to ensure this is routinely cut.**

Cllr D Gibbs has offered to laminate the minutes and put on the notice boards in the village.

The councillors unanimously agreed to the purchase Office 365 for 6 councillors – Cllr S Oliver doesn't have a computer.

Justin Jewel presented to the meeting that he is a freelance personal trainer and would like to start a fitness group on a Saturday morning at 11.00 on the playing field at a charge of £5 per person. Age range is from 12 upwards. He has been approached by some people from Hunsdon who attend his group in Roydon to set one up in our village. Initially the councillors agreed that until the group was up and running there would be no charge, but a modest charge would then be made. Justin has £10 million public liability insurance. All councillors agreed to Justin commencing his classes from Saturday 22nd July 2017.

John Ashley has noticed the fence post and rail fence at the back of the Dell is broken and needs repairing. **Action: C Page to find who is responsible for the boundaries.**

Meeting closed at 09.15pm

Minutes are always available on the village web site - www.hunsdon.org.uk