



# HUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting

19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 7.30pm

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

In attendance: C Page (Clerk) B & J Carthy (PPP Wardens), County Cllr Eric Buckmaster, District Cllr Bob Brunton and 12 members of the public.

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**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr F Maule.

**2. Hunsdon Charity Marathon**

Fred, Luca and Alfie presented to the group on an idea they have of holding a 5k marathon (running, jogging or walking) next May to raise money for Cancer Research. They are considering all aspects of the project and seek help as to a safe route for the marathon. Cllr. Toll suggested the Hunsdon Footpath Group could help with this. Bud, Jackie, Martyn and John are going to consider some suitable routes using footpaths. The children together with their parents and / or teachers will come back to a Parish Council meeting with an update later in the year. The PC requested that the 3 presentations made by the boys should be scanned and sent to the Clerk.

Bob Brunton is Considering whether there would be more funds available if the charity were a local one.

Eric Buckmaster asked if there were going to be any set up costs, as he has a locality budget which could potentially help with Liability Insurance or perhaps water. He is also happy to take any questions to push through to the right person. John Felstead suggested the insurance could be added to the Village Hall insurance as a one off – in much the same way as for the fireworks.

**3. Approval of minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**

Minutes approved by Cllrs and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising**

4a Footpath 10 – to be re-routed around the Pill box. M Reid has drafted the letter, to be sent to Chase Green Developers. Letter sent to Chase Green Developers, awaiting response to who the owners are.

5.1 PC Nicola Hunt advised that she contact the County Council and ask her Traffic Management department if they would put a programmed computer system across the road at Rosella Bend. A programmed computer system was installed on Rosella bend, the end closest to the village. A report was sent into the Parish Clerk, more detailed information is sought, as the traffic flow was unbalanced.

7.2 **Fete 17<sup>th</sup> June** – agreed that the grass to be cut by J Franklin. Area behind the Tennis Court store has been cut, also the area around the Village Hall car park. Councillors agreed to this area being weeded on a regular basis.



- 8a Donation to Church. letter to PCC to ask that the annual donation goes towards the repair of the fence in the bottom graveyard. PCC, who responded to advise *“the PCC has asked a local workman carry out the work. At time of writing I cannot say quite when that will happen, but I will make sure it does not take long”*

## 5. Reports from members representing the Parish Council on outside organisations and attending meetings on behalf of the Council

**5.2 Footpaths** – The £1,000 grant has been approved and monies directed to Nicholas Maddex to enable the works to commence on Back Lane, parts of which will be updated.

**5.3 CPRE** – nothing to report.

**5.4 VHMC** – nothing to report

**5.5 Allotments** – a 14-year-old boy is to take over the half plot that has just been handed back. Cllr Oliver has taken him to the allotment to show him where it is, also advised him of the rules and regulations governing use of the allotments. There is no limit on age – Councillor Oliver has researched this.

**5.6 Police Liaison** – nothing to report.

**5.7 SHN** – East Herts have put in a Scoping Application, which is a very large document. Advice from a planning consultant will be sought on how to proceed.

**5.8 County Cllr** - The VH printer is being funded. There is going to be some micro surfacing work carried out in Rectory Close, Tudor Close and St. Dunstons Road which will fill in the uneven areas. Drains are cleared on a rotational basis – Cllr Buckmaster will ascertain when the next clearance is scheduled. The verges on Acorn Street and Stanstead Road are overgrown and need cutting back.  
**Action:** C. Page to take photos and pass onto Councillor Buckmaster, who will forward on. Cllr Buckmaster will bring up the condition of Amwell Roundabout at his Highways meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> June.

**District Council** - The Local Plan has been allocated a senior planning inspector. Technical questions are being asked – all of which are available on the web site, under local planning. Due to the questions being asked the time frame for this could be pushed back till October / November 2017 for an Examination in Public.

## 6. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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: The Neighbour Plan group to develop the response to the Scoping Plan.** The Councillors agreed to rely on the group to work on the response. The Neighbour Planning Group are meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June where this will be discussed in more detail. There is a joint seminar with East Herts Council on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June to discuss Green issues – this will be in Gilston Village Hall.

## 7. Village Infrastructure.

- a. **Donations to local societies** - The policy was circulated to the Councillors and they all agreed to put money aside in the Precept for local societies seeking support. **Action: next financial year monies**



to be put aside. But, if anything comes up this year Cllr Toll will email District Cllr Brunton to put pressure on to see what we can get from each of the developers when planning is approved.

- b. **Skip Yard** - Notice has been served on the Wood Yard. Cllr Toll proposes if this is appealed then the councillors to write requesting a hearing or an enquiry. We also require that East Herts District Council serve an enforcement notice on the other part of the site, to include the car park. District Cllr Brunton is requested to provide help and support in putting this together. **Action: The councillors are to address their letter to Paul Dean, with a copy to District Cllr Brunton.**
- c. **Tennis Courts** – the tennis club has folded. It has been noted that Hoddesdon Tennis club hold classes on a Tuesday, but we have no confirmation who is running it. Jackie Carthy is suggesting we utilise the tennis courts as a multi sports area, suggesting basketball, tennis. Also, a suggestion that we renew the lease for a longer period, which will be crucial if funding is sought from outside agencies, as they seek the minimum security of a 5-year lease.
- d. **Footpath in Back Lane** – The process is moving ahead a step at a time. The £1,000 P3 money is in place. Nicholas Maddex has to put the remainder of the money into the project.
- e. **Wicklands 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 25<sup>th</sup> June this year. Part of the site has been retained by the farmer and currently there is no access in Drury Lane, as this is owned by Places for People. **Action: set up a meeting with Kevin Steptoe to discuss: Wicklands / Drury Lane, Skip Yard, Nine Ashes.**

## 8 Planning

A request has been made to get the planning approval date for Well House: **Action C. Page to ascertain when planning approval commenced.**

**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 take a detailed look and come back with a more comprehensive response.**

**LPA Appeal Ref: 16/00047/NONDET - Nine Ashes** – appeal on non-determination - Councillors to agree what we do about it. Maybe add the comments that Jed has put forward. An Examination in Public would be useful. **Action: write to East Herts for a hearing date on Nine Ashes.** The deadline for responses is the 11<sup>th</sup> July. All Councillors agreed to reinforce their objection and ask for a hearing.

## 9. Finance

Two additional invoices have been sent in: Jeff Franklin for £274.50 and Tennis Court rent for £62.50 (Bidwell's). The councillors approved the payments.

## 10. Correspondence.

The PC are required to complete a Users Form for the Village Hall. **Action: C Page to complete.**



**11. AOB**

Cllr Oliver reported that Jack Doyle had phoned her to share his concerns regarding the tree works in the Dell and that the ivy was a natural habitat for butterfly eggs and bees, also that there are nesting birds. He also expressed his displeasure at the meadow being cut. Cllr Toll responded that the PC had been instructed to carry out the works in the Dell and that Herts Tree Care are a professional company.

John Felstead told the group that the Wi-Fi printer in the VH is available for all councillors to use.

Pauline asked if the owners of the properties along the high street with overgrown hedges could be contacted and asked to cut them back. Jane O'Brian monitors overgrown properties, so would be one avenue to pursue. **Action: C Page to speak to the owners and put notices through their doors.**

Good feedback from the fete last Saturday, a brilliant job was done by all.

Cllr Dunthorne asked if we could have some Cloud storage as there are continuing issues with the email. John advised that the Clerk has an Office 365 account, which can be shared with others. We can have a maximum number of 5 users. We renew in August at a cost of £59.99 for one or £79.99 for five. Was agreed we would order five.

**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**

Meeting closed at 09.30pm

Minutes are always available on the village web site - [www.hunsdon.org.uk](http://www.hunsdon.org.uk)