

HUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 20th March 2017 in the Village Hall, Hunsdon

Present: - Chairman B Toll, Cllrs D Gibbs, S Oliver, C Page, B Dunthorne.

In attendance: - J Robinette (Clerk), B & J Carthy (PPP), Sgt. D Wallace & 18 members of the public.

Open Forum.

As there were many villagers who had come to discuss one matter: the bus service. The Chairman allowed an open forum to hear all the villager's concerns rather than asking all of them to wait until AOB. The 410a bus frequency had decreased in January and as of May, will be totally withdrawn. This meant villagers will have no direct bus service at all to Harlow. Also, there is to be a reduction of the 351 service. The PC advised that all residents should write to HCC, Trustybus and Mr. M PRISK (MP) with their concerns. A notice of contacts will be placed on the noticeboards/website on Wednesday 22nd March. Although the PC has already written with these concerns to Trusty bus and HCC, it will write to Mr. M PRISK (MP) highlighting the villagers concerns and dismay in the rural bus service.

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr F. Maule and Dist. Cllr B Brunton & Cty Cllr R Beeching

2. Approval of minutes of parish council meeting held on 20th February 2017.

Agreed & signed by the chairman.

3. Matters arising.

(a) Tree report. The clerk had now received 2 quotes and is still awaiting a third. A decision would need to be made at the next meeting.

(b) HSY. HCC are considering further enforcement action on HSY as it had not complied with the formal notification to remove all machinery within the wood yard site.

(c) History Society requested for a donation. Chairman B Toll suggested that before this could be considered the PC had to set some ground rules regarding donations to local societies. This would therefore be discussed formally at the next meeting in April.

(d) Glebe Land. Bidwells have asked to have a closed meeting the PC with the District Cllr to discuss the proposed development on the Glebe Land. This is hoped to be scheduled in early April. The PC have asked Bidwells for an agenda. Residents stated that they had written personally to the Bishop outlining their concerns for yet another development in the Village. John Felstead felt that villagers needed a say on where proposed new developments could be built within the village. Chairman B Toll stated that it is hoped that the Neighbourhood Plan would aid this process.

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

(a) Parish Paths Partnership. Bud Carthy read out his report: A meeting was held with Peter Findlay and Nicholas Maddex to again discuss the options for diverting footpaths in the Broomlands area. Peter Findlay's current interests lie in trying to prevent hare coursing on his land, which may be possible with the installation of horse friendly barriers on Footpath 6, if it were upgraded to a bridleway. Options were discussed about diverting other footpaths which cross Broomlands, which could improve the walking in this area. Peter is considering these. We wait with interest. We presented some of these options to you in the report we made in May 2016. To refresh your memories here is an extract of the 2016 report; "to divert a section of Hunsdon FP 6 around the northern and western edge of the Broomlands meadow and to upgrade this diverted section, together with the section of FP 6 from the junction with Restricted Byway, to become a Bridleway to divert Hunsdon FP 8 to the eastern and southern edge of Broomlands along the field margin and exit Hunsdon where it currently does and to leave the line of Hunsdon FP 9 as it is, as it crosses Broomlands, as this path is very little used since it is a dead end and is not regularly maintained" The partial renovation of RUPP 12 (Back Lane) mentioned in our last report will soon receive quotes from Nicholas Maddex's contractors for consideration. Where suitable, we plan to seek a grant from the Parish Plan Partnership to carry out the work.

(b) Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE). Nothing to report.

(c) Village Hall Management Committee. The refurbishment of No.47 High St had now been completed. Work was to start soon on No.43. The AGM is to be held in May and there is a possibility of a new Chairperson.

(d) Allotments. Cllr Oliver stated that there was only 1 person on the waiting list. Once a plot was vacant this would be assigned to this person.

(e) Police Liaison. Sgt D Wallace stated that crime in the village had decreased considerably, comparing figures from last year to this. There were 37 crimes for the period of April16- March17 and 57 recorded for the previous April to March. Hare coursing was still prevalent in the area.

(f) SHN. The District Plan would be formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by the end of March. Updates of the plan would continue over the next few months by EHDC however, the hearing would mostly likely commence in September.

(g) Dist. Council. Nothing to report.

(h) Cty Council. Nothing to report.

5. The Neighbourhood Plan. Chairman B Toll stated that 3522 people had sent objections into EH regarding the District Plan, stating that it was unsound. The Neighbourhood Plan group was meeting this week to discuss its agenda for the 2nd seminar planned for 1st April with Places for People and EHDC. This seminar would be discussing the governance of the processes. Chairman B Toll welcomed any further interest from any villager to help with the NP. It was noted that J Carthy stated that the local school was full and the applications for reception had been 47 for just 15 places giving concern for the sustainability of the village.

6. Village Infrastructure. Items covered under Matters Arising

7. Planning

- i. Decision by EHDC Development Control on earlier applications.
 - 1. Nine Ashes: Development: Refused
 - 2. Olives Farm: Change of use of stables: Withdrawn
- ii. New Applications:
 - 1. 52 Widford Road. Demolition of garage and erection of 2 bed bungalow in curtilage
 - 2. 54 Widford Road. Demolition of garage and erection of 2 bed bungalow in curtilage
 - 3. 3 High St. Replacement windows

8. Finance

- a. Spending for approval: agreed and cheques signed.

Clerk's salary for March	£407.20
Jed Griffiths (Planning Consultant) re Nine Ashes	£306.80
EHDC annual invoice for dog bin emptying	£548.70
Petty cash & litter pickers (£30 & £50)	£80.00

- b. It was agreed that in the future if the PC commissioned a planning consultant for any planning application then the cost would be paid for by the PC. This would need to be addressed in future precepts.

9. Correspondence.

a. Parish Clerk Vacancy: This had been advertised on noticeboards, website and community hub. Also, the clerk will ask the school to advertise. So far there had been 2 applications. The closing date is 31st March.

10. Any other business.

- a. Playing Field lease.** Members of the public present asked for an update on the playing field lease. Chairman B Toll informed the public present that the PC was seeking further advice regarding the notification of the termination of the lease from the Diocese. A local resident stated that they had heard that the Chapel would be built this Autumn. The clerk will ask for confirmation of this from the local PCC.
- b. Gigaclear.** Grass verges and daffodil/snowdrops had been damaged by Gigaclear during the installation of fibre broadband. The clerk would write to customer services to relay the resident's concerns and hope for a positive resolution.
- c. Car share facility.** After the discussion earlier regarding the lack of buses it was suggested that a car share facility could be initiated. John Felstead will investigate further on how other villages do this.
- d. Defibrillator.** As David Robinette is leaving the village, this scheme will hopefully be handed over to 2 people living in Standon and Hertford Heath. Both are willing to still teach CPR in the village. Cllr F Maule has stated that she will be the PC contact regarding the defibrillator maintenance.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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