



HUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual meeting for Election of Officers 22nd May 2017 8.30pm in the Village Hall, Hunsdon

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

In attendance: C Page (Clerk) B & J Carthy (PPP Wardens), District Cllr Bob Brunton & 5 members of the public.

Please note numbering is not sequential due to 'Election of Officers' taking place after 'Matters Arising'

2. Apologies for absence.

County Cllr E Buckmaster & Cllr F Maule.

3. Approval of minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 24th April 2017

Minutes approved by Cllrs and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

3b Donations to local societies – **Action - this needs to be discussed before the next meeting to identify the societies the PC will support.**

4a Footpath 10 – to be re-routed around the Pill box. M Reid has drafted the letter to be sent to Chase Green Developers. **Action: Bud to re-send letter to C Page who will send it out.**

6a Playing Field New Lease - The PC have taken legal advice and will respond via the solicitor appointed to action a notice of termination. The St. Albans Diocesan Board of Finance have informed the PC that the PCC are now our landlord. We are seeking a technical clarification of that.

8a Donation to Church. **Action C Page to send letter to PCC and ask that the annual donation goes towards the repair of the fence in the bottom graveyard.**

10b Repainting of the restriction markings on the road in Paddock Close have been scheduled by HCC.

10c Buses – **Action: Cllr F Maule to contact the four General Election candidates to ascertain what their stance is on local transport for the village.**

1. Election of Officers

The election took place of:

Chairperson - B Dunthorne proposed Bob Toll as chairman; S Oliver seconded and this was carried unanimously. Vice Chair - Chairman B Toll proposed B Dunthorne as Vice Chair, this was seconded by S Oliver and carried unanimously.

Cllrs agreed to carry out their nominated duties, as follows:

CPRE: Cllr F Maule – **subject to confirmation**

Village Hall Mgt Committee: Cllr F Maule - **subject to confirmation**

Community Projects / PR – to include Facebook, Community Hub – Cllr F Maule - **subject to confirmation**



Allotments: Cllr S Oliver
Police Liaison: Cllr D Gibbs
Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr B Toll and Cllr B Dunthorne
Stop Harlow North – Cllr B Dunthorne

Non-Cllrs:

PPP: B & J Carthy

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

5.1 Police Report – Officer Nicola Hunt reported on behalf of Duncan Wallace. In a 3-month period, there have only been 3 reported crimes: dog out of control; theft from a car in Hempstalls Close and 3 anti-social behaviours. The police are fully aware of the motorbike antisocial events but can't stress strongly enough that the public need to report these incidents to the police on 101. Reporting as many details of the assailant as possible. Cllr B Brunton asked if speed traps would be considered in the village. Community speed watch is a possibility, but there would be no conviction, a letter would be sent out to the registered keeper, but with no legal action to follow. Discussion regarding the 'smiley signs' and the impact they appear to have in other areas of the county. 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. **Action C Page to follow up with M Hunt.**

5.2 Dist. Council. Nothing to report. B Brunton did mention he had attended a Weekend Neighbour Session in Harlow which regarding the possible relocation of Princess Alexander Hospital. B Brunton attended along with representatives from neighbouring authorities. Mark Davison of Princess Alexandra NHS Hospital Trust presented on the proposed future for the hospital, with four possible outcomes:

- A complete move
- Redevelop the site
- Do nothing
- Do a morph on their site and have smaller pockets of health care around

5.3 Cty Council – Eric Buckmaster sent in his report and Cllr B Toll read it out:

First, I'd like to thank Councillor Beeching for his hard work during eight years on the County Council, and I'm sure I'll be seeking his opinion on local matters from time to time. The County Division now includes the parishes Sawbridgeworth, Wareside, Widford, High Wych and Allens Green, Stanstead Abbots, Hunsdon, and Gilston and Eastwick.

On County I have asked to be on committees that enable me to have a crossover with District so my expectation is that I shall be on the Adult Care Services Panel, and Health Scrutiny following the annual meeting tomorrow. My ambition is to focus on the prevention of ill health in residents so there will be joint meetings between officers and Executive members of County and District to ensure we have a coordinated approach. I am also Executive member for Health and Wellbeing at East Herts and will be happy to answer any questions on those matters at future meetings.

During June I'll have the opportunity to attend induction awareness sessions for all of the County panels. I have arranged meetings this week with the interim highways officers and footpaths officers allocated to me to discuss residents concerns across the division. I'll include general items of interest in future reports. I am waiting to have a permanent highways officer allocated, hopefully soon. There is a new Hertfordshire Police App which people can use to get neighbourhood watch/OWL information or even to report a crime.



I have a highways locality budget. There are a number of projects already allocated by my predecessor Roger Beeching for this year so my budget will be used for projects the following year. I also have a grants locality budget so I am happy to discuss projects or events in the community that may benefit from some funding. One I am considering would need pooled funding from a number of County Councillors to improve awareness and support for young carers. I may see some of you at the monthly, Saturday neighbourhood plan meetings with East Herts. For now I send my best wishes for the coming year and I'll see you next time. Eric Buckmaster May 2017

7. Village Infrastructure.

- 7.1 **Tree surgery in the Dell** – scheduled for 19-21st June 2017.
- 7.2 **Fete 17th June** – agreed that the grass to be cut by J Franklin. **Action C Page to confirm playing field and area of land behind the tennis court storage will also be cut.**
PC Tombola Stall - M Reid has agreed to receive the Tombola prizes and store them. Cllr S Oliver has agreed to help on the day. C Page to attach tickets to prizes and fold up tickets.
- 7.3 **Acorn Street Roadworks** – still some tidying up to do, plus the white lines need to be reinstated. Gullies outside Walnut Tree House are blocked as is the corner of Hunsdonbury Lane and outside Spellers House. **Action: C Page to go on line and report the faults.**

8 Planning

- 8.1 Decision by EHDC Development Control on earlier applications:
- 8.1.1 3/17/06611/HH Demolition of single storey extension. Erection of part single storey, part two storey rear extension, 73 High Street, Hunsdon – REFUSED.
- 8.2 New Applications:
- 8.2.1 The Parish Clerk has received two planning applications for Widford, and has contacted Martin Plummer to advise of this, and to ask if Hunsdon planning applications were still being sent to Hunsdon and not Widford.

9. Finance

9.1 Spending for approval

J Robinette Clerk's salary for May 2017 plus 9 hrs O/T	£516.58
Zurich yearly insurance	£472.11
Wages (Litter Pickers)	£100.00
J Franklin (grass cutting April)	£164.50
P Cash	£50.00
D Clark (internal auditor) plus postage	£61.00
Griffiths Environmental Planning (Nine Ashes)	£407.20

10. Correspondence.

- 10.1 A resident has asked who has responsibility for the patch of land adjacent to her property at the end of Rectory Close by the garages and behind the Tennis Store, because it required maintenance – Cllr Dunthorne and C Page reviewed the Tennis Court Lease dated 7th April 2006 that it is the responsibility of the Tennis Club. However, the Parish Council has agreed to include this maintenance in the short term with the rest of the recreation ground which is scheduled before the Village Fete on 17th June. **Action: Tennis Club to be added to next meeting agenda.**
- 10.2 Jackie Carthy had seen a big truck going down Acorn Street and ripped a huge bough of ivy from the tree, which she cleared up to avoid any collision with cars. This again highlights the danger of Rosella Bend. Jackie also mentioned the rubbish bin by the Pond was full. **Action - Jackie to email Ware Angling to advise them.**

Meeting closed at 09.30pm



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