



HUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 20TH September 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors B Toll (Chair), F O'Shea (Vice Chair), D McDonald, S Oliver, S Burton

In attendance: C Page (Clerk), 9 members of the public, Cllr Buckmaster,

AGENDA

(2019-2023 session) Hunsdon Village Hall on Monday 20th September 2021 at 7.30pm

Signed:

Clerk

Date: 14th September 2021

- 21.06.01 To receive and accept apologies for absence.** Cllr. O'Shea sent his apologies. Cllr O'Shea is on holiday. Cllr Fossey has resigned with immediate effect. Cllr Toll thanked Cllr Fossey for all her hard work for the PC, her contribution will be greatly missed.
- 21.06.02 Interests**
1. To receive declaration of Interest from councillors on items on the agenda.
None
 2. To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests
None
 3. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate
None
- 21.06.03 Approval of minutes** of meeting held on July 19th, 2021.
Resolved, proposed Cllr Toll, agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and by duly signed by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
- 21.06.04 Matters Arising.**
- **Minerals Plan** – Cllr Buckmaster advised that the new members of Herts County Council are being briefed on the process. This is likely to go for consultation in the new year as another regulation 18. **Action: Cllr Buckmaster to set up a meeting with Liz Parrish and Stansted Abbots representatives. Cllr Toll to draft a letter to Cllr Buckmaster advising we have an opportunity to say what goes into the consultation.** All councillors agreed to Cllr Toll doing that on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 21.06.05 Reports from members representing the Parish Council** on outside organisations and attending meetings on behalf of the council.
- Parish Paths Partnerships – See appendix 1.
 - Police Report – Clerk – no report available. Going forward PCSO De Bruyn will be sending out one report to all their Parishes.
 - VHMC – Cllr O'Shea – Angela Felstead said maintenance work has been carried out, including decorating the hall and the cottages, and they are now developing a maintenance list. Diane Dangell is now treasurer. Hiring has been very busy. Hall is Covid secure. Still looking for a new chair.
 - County Councillor / District Councillor Reports – Cllr Buckmaster Appendix 2. Pauline asked if there was any news on the replacement tree for paddock close. **Cllr Buckmaster assured her he would investigate that and come back to her.**
- 21.06.07 Neighbourhood Plans Appendix 3**
- Hunsdon Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr O'Shea
 - Resolution to approve draft HANP and supporting documents under Regulation 15 of the NP Regulations prior to submission to East Herts Council for publication. Cllr Toll asked for approval for the draft plan to be submitted to EHC for publication. A formal resolution is required. Cllr Toll feels it's ready and proposes the council submits the



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draft plan. All councillors agreed. Motion carried. Cllr Toll wants to thank Cllr O'Shea for work he has done.

- Joint Hunsdon, Eastwick and Gilston Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Toll The plan has been formally adopted by EHC and is a statutory planning document and considered when any planning applications are submitted.

21.06.08 Community Projects and Village infrastructure.

- Allotments – Cllr Oliver
 - Bee Keeping – had a request for a beehive to be placed on one of the allotments. Cllr Oliver proposed the request is granted. All councillors agreed, motion carried. Allotments are tidy and waste bags have been removed.
- Parish Grounds – Cllr O'Shea – no report available.
- Village Shop – Cllr McDonald – nothing to report
- Playground – Cllr Fossey
 - Hedge cutting – playing field, the clerk advised the hedges are scheduled to be cut in line with agreed maintenance plan.
 - Trees for pruning, playing field. Councillors agreed to the survey. **Action: clerk to obtain a survey and quote.**
- Village event post Covid – Clerk – a big thank you to the committee who worked very hard on this event. Particularly Angela who has developed the risk assessment and co-ordinated the event plan. A very hard and onerous task but will be useful going forward for any future events. Cllr Toll thanked the event committee on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Communications Update – Cllr Burton – all going well
- Roadworks
 - Defect Reporting – Cllr Toll wants anyone who comes across a defect on the highway to report it on the HCC website. He further proposes we get the precise date of road closures and put on the website rather than send out the road closure order. Cllr Buckmaster said if there are any problems with roadworks contact him and he will investigate it. A good website for information on any roadworks is 'One Network'.
 - Village Centre flooding – Cllr Toll – Road drainage was inadequate for the storm and ask are the County Council, Highway Authority and Lead Flood Authority doing anything to see what caused it and what can be done to alleviate it. Cllr Buckmaster responded that it is already a topic for the scrutiny panel. They invited all agencies: Thames Water, Affinity Water, Environment Agency, where they are to come up with some recommendations that they are responsible for. There is to be a forum of all the agencies. Thames water say it is hydraulic overload, and the water backed up through the gullies. It is necessary to engage more regularly with water companies to make sure they are doing all they can. It won't stop everything but will stop standing water. Cllr Toll said the gullies were impaired and full of straw. We have to identify those areas at risk. Cllr Buckmaster said gullies can be cleaned either 6, 12 or 18 months. Generally, 12 to 18 months. Any member of the public can report a blocked gully: go onto the report system and click on gullies and see when it was last cleaned. If you feel there is a particularly bad area, highlight it to Cllr Buckmaster and he can look at. **Action: clerk to send an email to Cllr Buckmaster with photos of the main areas of flooding. Done**
- Road Safety Vans – Cllr Toll – there are vans available to be in areas where there is persistent speeding. Cllr Toll has requested a van for various locations in the village, which will provide us with the data for a potential third SIDs machine. Speeding fines will be sent out. **Action: follow up where we are in the process.** Cllr Burton asked if the SIDs record speed date and can they be downloaded. **Action: clerk to obtain the data from Highways.**



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21.06.09 Planning:

New applications for EHC Planning

- **3/21/2034/HH.** Hunsdon House Lodge - No objections from the councillors.
- **3/21/2113/LBC.** Hunsdon House Lodge - No objections from the councillors.
- **3/21/2204/HH.** 21 Drury Lane - No objections from the councillors.

Decisions from EHC Planning

- **3/21/1319/HH.** 26 Wicklands Road - 21/07/2021 and it was decided to **Refuse Planning Permission**
- **3/19/2208/VAR.** Well House Acorn Street - **Grant Planning Permission**

21.06.10 Finance – Clerks Report

- Spending for approval – to agree to payment of accounts, as per the financial spreadsheet. All councillors agreed to the spend.
- To accept the accuracy of the financial statement. All councillors agreed to the accuracy.
- External Audit Return. The external audit has been approved and all necessary documentation put on the website.
- Remembrance Day Commemorative Wreath. We only need to purchase one, as we have one from last year.

21.06.11 Consultations

- Housing Strategy consultation – The Parish Council submitted a response to the consultation on the draft East Herts Council housing strategy on the 10th September.

21.06.12 AOB

- Cllr Burton asked about the Stansted airport flight path as he has observed the flight paths are cutting corners and going over Hunsdon particularly Ryan Air. He asked if other villages are suffering the same thing. He asked if we could report any unscheduled flights. Little Hadham is a friend of Stansted Airport and may have contact details. **Action: clerk to see if there is any information regarding flight path infringements.**
- Angela – bin by the bus stop. Bin is being abused rather than people taking their rubbish home. Cllr Burton said if there is green waste, we should do something about it.
- Pauline – asks if we could be a part of the Hertfordshire initiative of 20mph outside schools. We could we have a 20mph when the lights are flashing. Cllr Buckmaster is looking at something similar in High Wych. Has to be put in the budget and can take up to 18 months. **Action: Clerk to send Cllr Buckmaster and Ian Hollinrake an email regarding this.**

21.06.13 Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 18th October 2021.

21.06.14 Close of meeting: 21.12