

Helpston Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2010 DRAFT MINUTES – AWAITING APPROVAL BY PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT - Councillors Smith (Chairman), Hinchliff (Vice), Dobson, Mrs Stanton, Mrs Morton, Mrs Lakey, Topper & Bradley. Three members of the public. Ward Councillor David Over. **CLERK** – Kathie Rowbotham

1. APOLOGIES: None

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

- 3.1 **Police Crime Hot Spot Report** – Still await this report.
- 3.2 **Bushes corner Church Lane/Maxey Rd** – Clerk chased fix it. SS agreed to deal.
- 3.3 **Village Strategic Plan** –SS will arrange 1st meeting for the committee and land owners.
- 3.4 **Overgrown bushes corner King St/B1443** – Many thanks to CT for attending to these.
- 3.5 **CALC Training** – due to increased costs, currently put on hold.

4. PLANNING

a. Updates and City Council decisions

09/01276/FUL 74 Glinton Rd – change of use from commercial to Dental Practice. Granted 15.12.09

09/00408/FUL 74 Glinton Rd – Change of use from office to residential. Withdrawn 22.12.09

09/01346/CTR 8 Maxey Rd – Tree works. Granted 21.12.09

b. New Applications

09/01334/R3FUL John Clare School – Install solar collectors on boiler house roof. No objections. Clerk to mention condition of footpath.

5. FINANCE: **Cheques approved – J Garratt (grass cutting) £205.17 (3), Clerk pay £400.43 (1), Clerk expenses £8.61 (2), Pipex DD (2), C ACRE subs £25 (2). School Room hire £160 (5) payment on hold see 'item 13' below. Quarterly Financial Statement 31.12.09 presented to councillors.

6. DONATION REQUESTS received from 1.Tennis Club (roof repairs) Mrs Lakey declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. 2. Community Association (CRB checks). The Quarterly Financial Statement mentioned under item 5 was reviewed and it was agreed that no donations could be made to these groups.

7. DONATION PROCEDURE 2010 Following discussion it was agreed that donations would be discussed bi-annually (ideally in June 2010 and Dec 2010). SS to write Tribune article, Clerk to prepare notice board poster to be displayed at the start of the new financial year to invite requests from community based groups. Priority will be given to those who fundraise and obviously the total amount of donations given over the year will remain within the allocated annual 'donation budget'.

(Ward Councillor David Over arrived at the meeting.)

8. SHOULD PETERBOROUGH COUNCIL BE KNOWN AS 'CITY & SOKE OF PETERBOROUGH – It was agreed that the Parish Council would support this initiative (raised by Ward Councillor David Over.

9. FEEDBACK FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL MEETING 03.12.09 – It was agreed that the Parish Council question the use of this initiative; members are not 'elected', nor known in the immediate area and in many ways its existence will lead to duplication of the work undertaken by Parish Councils in their normal business. SS to respond.

10. CORRESPONDENCE – none

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS – none

12. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – *Reviews for Insurance, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment, Standing Orders & Groundsman Contract Tender. Room hire for monthly meetings*
Next/Future agenda –

- CT – Good examples of reducing our carbon footprint set by our local school & church
Met with J Garratt re-quote for paving bin area (clerk awaits quote). Also await quote for attention required at spoil heap within the cemetery.
Topple Testing – CT/RH to attend to this before Feb meeting.
- JS – State of roads & pavements
- KL – The need for more dog waste bins
Unclear footpath signage (KL to review)
- AB - Use of email for all councilors monthly minutes & agendas
- RM- Snip Green Corner – sign damaged & needs replacing

13. PROVISIONAL MEETING DATES

1st Feb, 1st March, 6th April, 10th May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd Aug, 6th Sept, 4th Oct, 1st Nov & 6th Dec.
Under this item the invoice received from the JC School for room hire was discussed. The monthly rate has been significantly increased & backdated, without notification with effect from October 2009. Clerk to liaise with the Bursar regarding the increase & to look at the availability of Botolphs Barn, check facilities requirements for the disabled with CALC.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING This will now be held on Monday 1 FEBRUARY 2010 in the John Clare School Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50PM.

15. Co-option – discussed in committee after the meeting. Due to icy roads the clerk left before this item.

Finance **

1 -LGA 1972 Section 112 (2), 2 - LG (Financial Provisions) A 1963 Section 5, 3- LGA 1972 Section 214, Section 215 & LGA 1894 Section 6, 4- LGA 1972 section 142.