

Helpston Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 JUNE 2010

DRAFT MINUTES – AWAITING APPROVAL BY PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT - Councillors Smith (Chairman), Hinchliff (Vice), Mrs Morton, Mrs Lakey, Bradley, Dobson, Driver & Topper. Seven members of the public. Ward Councillor David Over (to 8.00pm) **CLERK** K Rowbotham

Questions from the floor –

- Broken bench corner of Pear Tree Lane (see item 3.6 below)
- Arborfield Close – poor state of roads (outside No 24). Clerk to report to PCC Highways.

1. APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs Stanton.

2. MINUTES OF THE AGM, MAY and EXTRA PLANNING MEETINGS – Agreed by the Council and signed by the Chair.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

- 3.1 Barnside Planning – SS read out our letter & D Barker (PCC Planning) response
- 3.2 Peterborough Site Allocations – Evening Telegraph article noted, suggesting the strategy should be started again. However pre-hearing meeting set for 14.07.10.
- 3.3 Cemetery Spoil Heap – Now cleared. Agreed not to calculate cost increase towards Cemetery fees
- 3.4 Parking problems on Woodgate – (PCC Highways previously agreed works) – SS to liaise directly with Mr M Cooper
- 3.5 Neighbourhood Councils – next meeting 17.06.10
- 3.6 New Oak Bench – SS confirmed only one available. Agreed to check possibilities of moving Village Green bench to the corner of Pear Tree Lane and then place New Oak Bench on Village Green & Dedicated to the memory of Mr D Fane. SS to deal.
- 3.7 Problems with vehicles parking on pavements – CT reported problem on Glington Rd, just after Maxey Road junction, causing difficulties for pedestrians/cyclists. Clerk to liaise with PC McCallum.
- 3.8 10/00387/FUL – Arborfield Mill Site planning application (meeting 17.05.10). SS read out our letter of objection for the application.
- 3.9 School Room Hire – Clerk to remind School again of all future meeting dates to ensure Hall is open & set up.

4. PLANNING

a. Updates and City Council decisions

10/00179/FUL - 26 Glington Rd – rear extensions – granted 14.05.10

10/00290/FUL – 18 Glington Rd – rear extension – granted 07.05.10.

b. New Applications

10/00582/FUL – 48 Broadwheel Rd – single storey extension – agreed no objections, but Councillors' comments to be included re- materials/pointing & overall appearance.

5. FINANCE:

**Cheques approved – J Garratt (grass cutting) £213.50 (3), Clerk pay £369.53 (1), Clerk expenses £118.42 (2), John Clare Society (subs S137) £15.00 (4), J Garratt (clear spoil heap) £400.00 (3).

6. CEMETERY FEE REVIEW – Agreed clerk to confirm PCC current total fees charged, then SS to make recommendations for Agenda item July meeting

7. DONATIONS – POSTPONED TO JULY AGENDA- notice placed on parish notice board to invite suitable applications to be considered by the Parish Council at the July meeting. Closing date 25.06.10.

8. RELOCATION OF DOG WASTE BIN – it was agreed to relocate the bin from outside the Scout hut to further along West Street opposite numbers 51 to 61 on the semi-circular grass verge outside the Bungalows. Clerk to liaise with M Horsley (PCC). It was also agreed for the Clerk to liaise with him to move the dog waste bin from the Village Green & relocate it alongside the general waste bin next to the bus shelter on the Village Green.

9. ADVERTISING BOARDS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN The recommendations given by A Driver were discussed. RM declared an interest and took no part in the voting process. It was agreed that all boards must be i) up to 100cm high & 70cm wide to ensure a consistent appearance ii) they must be neat & tidy with NO ‘stuck on’ additions at any time advertising special events or additional information iii) they must NOT obstruct drivers line of vision from any direction iv) they can be brought in at night at the owners discretion. v) The Parish Council reserves the right to remove or ask for the removal of any board at any time if it is deemed unsuitable or if it does not comply with these agreements.
In order to be given this year’s annual permission, owners are requested to ensure their boards comply with the above criteria by 05.07.10. Clerk to respond to the three applicants.

10. GROCERY STALL REQUEST TO USE VILLAGE GREEN – Letter received from M Hibben to request using the Village Green to set up a grocery stall one day a week. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would not grant permission for this. Clerk to respond.

11. BARNACK WARD PARISH COUNCIL SOCIAL EVENT – It was agreed for the Chairman to look at arranging a social event in September 2010.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS – Village Strategic plan meeting – Agreed for SS to attend 18.06.10 for initial discussion.

12A. CORRESPONDENCE

- JD – email from Adrian Chapman re future meeting to discuss the role of Neighborhood Councils & Community Planning. Date yet to be confirmed. JD to attend this and next regular meeting on 17th June forwarding his own agenda items as requested by Caroline Rowan the new Neighbourhood manager.

13. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – In addition to those outlined in these minutes -

- Request for grass verges to be cut around all village benches. Also request benches to be cleaned & treated to protect them. Clerk to action
- Clerk to issue quarterly financial statement.
- Council to review whether August meeting required

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING This will be HELD ON MONDAY 5 JULY 2010 in the John Clare School Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05PM.

Finance ** 1 -LGA 1972 Section 112 (2), 2 - LG (Financial Provisions) Act 1963 Section 5, 3- LGA 1972 Section 214, Section 215 & LGA 1894 Section 6, 4- LGA 1972 Section (137)