

Helpston Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st November 2010 *DRAFT MINUTES – A WAITING APPROVAL BY PARISH COUNCIL*

PRESENT - Councillors Smith (Chairman), Mrs Morton, Mrs Lakey, Mrs Stanton, Bradley, Dobson, and Driver plus five members of the public and City Council Officer, Jim Daley.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. Roy Hinchliff (post op.), Cllr. Chris Topper (Church duty) and Ward Councillor David Over. Kathie Rowbotham was also indisposed and in hospital. Good wishes were sent from Council to both Kathie and Roy.

2. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT – Jim Daley (PCC). JD discussed current diminution of VDS's within the Local Plan system and City's plan to incorporate them formally as Supplementary Planning Documents. He invited councillors to respond within two weeks to his draft documents, ready for their incorporation as a draft SPD and then Public Consultation.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – Agreed by the Council and signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

- 4.1 Pear Tree Lane bench – SS to chase repair quotes
- 4.2 Parking problems on Woodgate – City to implement white lines as delineated by SS and RM.
- 4.3 Natural Environment Project Grant 2010/11 – RM liaising with Tarmac.
- 4.4 West St/King St junction (south side) vegetation overgrown - SS to check.
- 4.5 Village benches – SS to check all benches.
- 4.6 Damaged telephone Kiosk – Clerk to check replacement status with BT and Jim Daley.
- 4.7 No response from British Gas re. sub-station. SS to write to EDF

5. PLANNING

a. Updates and City Council decisions None

b. New Applications

10/01251/LBC - 7 West Street Plans not returned in a timely manner to the meeting and only seen by two Councillors. Therefore...no comment!

10/010151/MMFUL- Maxey Quarry No objections.

10/01413/FUL – 5 Heath Road No objections

10/01434/FUL – 58 Glinton Road No objections

6. SCHOOL Hire Rate: Agreed at £17.50 per hour.

7. FINANCE – **Cheques approved – J Garratt (grass cutting) £213.50 (3), Clerk pay £435.86 (1), Clerk expenses £86.18 (2), Helpston Scout and Guide Assocn. £250 (S137) (4), Smiths of Derby £185.65 (3), John Clare School £240.00 (2), S Smith (YTD expenses) £86.34 (2), FE Morton and Son (Leadership Group event) £78.50 (2).

8. DONATION REQUEST, BEAVER SCOUTS. Out of sequence with the “January / July” policy, it was agreed that to avoid any precedents, Council would make an interest free loan of £250 to the group, repayable in January 2011. This would be reconsidered as a possible donation or part donation in January.

9. INITIAL DRAFT BUDGET Councillors to review the draft budget for discussion in December.

10. VILLAGE SIGN BASE – Two quotations received. SS to seek donations of suitable stone. Decision on contract to be taken at next meeting. Agenda item.

11. POOR CONDITION OF VILLAGE SIGNS – RM to table proposals for improvement or removal at next meeting. Agenda item.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS –

Cllr. AB reported on last meeting of PALC.

Cllr. JD reported on last meeting of the Rural Group Working Party and mentioned “legal” status of the Neighbourhood Councils re. other groups and Voting Rights.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- ◆ Cllr. SS reported on correspondence re. Village Hall strategy and his request to the City for funding priority.
- ◆ It was agreed not to respond to the CWU request for support against privatisation of Royal Mail

14. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – In addition to those mentioned in these minutes –

- Draft Budget 2011/12
- Cllr. RM Clerk to pass Cllr. RH’s email re recent problems at the Level Crossing to Network Rail.
- Cllr. JS Medicine Rota volunteer organisers to be requested.
- Cllr. KL Formal adoption of Donations Policy and ranking arrangements

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING This will be HELD ON MONDAY 6th DECEMBER 2010 in the John Clare School Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35PM.

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).