

Helpston Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2010

DRAFT MINUTES – AWAITING APPROVAL BY PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT - Councillors Smith (Chairman), Mrs Morton, Mrs Lakey, Hinchliff (Vice Chair), Bradley, Dobson, Driver & Topper. Eleven members of the public. **CLERK** K Rowbotham

1. APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs Stanton & Ward Councillor David Over

2. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT – Jim Daley (PCC). JD advised documentation not yet complete. Therefore item postponed to NOV AGENDA.

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 Road outside 24 Arborfield Close – B Rowcroft confirmed works order has been raised.
- 4.3 Parking problems on Woodgate – after discussion it was agreed for SS and RM to meet PCC traffic enforcement Judy Anderson at 9am Wed 06.10.10 to discuss the way forward, with a representative from John Clare Cottage.
- 4.4 Advertising boards – await compliance from the Exeter Arms by 15.10.10.
- 4.5 Natural Environment Project Grant 2010/11 – F Gosling completing application. RM to liaise with Tarmac re any assistance to help with the project.
- 4.6 Maxey Rd/Church Lane Junction overgrown – B Rowcroft confirmed this was added to the works contract.
- 4.7 West St/King St junction (south side) vegetation overgrown – B Rowcroft confirmed all ok. SS to check.
- 4.8 Village benches – PCC confirmed all works completed. However, RM checked & advised that they have not all been done. Clerk to check & liaise with PCC.
- 4.9 Broadwheel Rd Hedges – Milton Estates confirmed they will cut them back
- 4.10 Damaged telephone Kiosk – BT confirmed it would be replaced 'like for like'.
- 4.11 Arborfield Mill Site – Gary Martin (Stamford Homes) confirmed the project is not financially viable at present, therefore no works planned in immediate future, except perhaps some remedial works.
- 4.12 Footpath Broadwheel Rd/West St – PCC confirm grass will be cut down, but overhanging vegetation from neighbouring properties is the responsibility of the property owners.
- 4.13 Heath Rd potholes – previously patched – B Rowcroft will check & action accordingly. RM asked if PCC can take another look at the subsidence by the substation-clerk to enquire.
- 4.14 Damaged sign Maxey Rd – illuminated 'uneven road' sign – reported to PCC streetlighting/B Rowcroft.
- 4.15 Police Speed Checks – 9 warnings issued in the village.
- 4.16 Barnack Ward Social Event – thanks go to RM for hosting the event.

5. PLANNING

a. Updates and City Council decisions

10/00957/FUL - 139 West St –permission granted 14.09.10

10/00964/FUL - 7 West St – permission granted 14.09.10

10/00755/FUL - 5 Heath Rd - Permission refused 27.08.10

b. New Applications

10/01106/FUL – Grasslands construct 4 bed dwelling. No objections, provided house remains in agricultural residency

10/01224/WCPP – Addys Barn change condition to allow unrestricted occupancy. Object – property is outside the village planning envelope.

10/01205/FUL – 8 West St – new boundary wall. No objections, conservation must oversee conditions to ensure matching stone & quality workmanship.

10/01266/TRE –land adjacent to 11 Crossberry Way – treeworks. Poor quality plans – no comment.

6. FINANCE:

**Cheques approved – J Garratt (grass cutting) £213.50 (3), Clerk pay £411.52 (1), Clerk expenses £41.90 (2), Anglian water £14.11 (3), Helpston WI £200 (S137) (4), Helpston Tennis Club (S137) (4). J Garratt quotation £65 to remove dead cherry tree in cemetery – agreed.

7. CEMETERY FEE REVIEW – The Chairman proposed the new fee structure. This was agreed with immediate effect. Master copy signed. Annual review to be carried out again OCTOBER 2011.

8. REVIEW OF SCHOOL ROOM HIRE RATE. Clerk still awaits invoice 01.04.10-30.09.10. Postponed to NOV AGENDA.

9. OVERALL DETERIORATION OF CONDITION OF THE VILLAGE This mainly referred to village seats (see 4.8 above) & signs (see item 11 below).

10. VILLAGE SIGN BASE – it was agreed that we need to look for a re-design that will withstand all weather conditions. SS to find out if the post goes into the ground. Clerk to obtain quotes/advice from 3 stone masons. SS to obtain quotes from local blacksmiths. Nov Agenda.

11. POOR CONDITION OF VILLAGE SIGNS – it was agreed for RM to take a look and list all village signs in priority order for the works that need to be carried out. Nov Agenda.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS –

RM Village Hall meeting 09.09.10. The committee are fundraising to maintain the current Hall and are trying to increase revenue from bookings. Daffodils to be planted around the village (AD to action)

JD Neighbourhood Council meeting 16.09.10. Next meeting 13.12.10. Working party meeting 07.10.10.

SS Core Strategy – the Inspectorate has requested definition of a Limited Growth Village. SS & Mr Dorgan-Davey provided the statistics.

13. CORRESPONDENCE –

- ◆ Carriage resurfacing A15 18.10.10 for week – info only
- ◆ PCC notice of refund due for £80.16 for Cemetery extra business rate relief
- ◆ PCC Rural Community Research Review – SS to respond
- ◆ Geoff Crookes (assistant Cub Scout Leader) letter requesting small grant or loan to help fund the initial set up costs. Clerk to acknowledge with copy of donation form. November Agenda.

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

- Draft Budget 2011/12
- CT item needed for ‘Cambridgeshire Together’ document – currently on circulation.
- CT Clerk to contact British Gas to find out what works were carried out at the Heath Rd Service Station recently.
- AD Footpath by Village Hall overgrown. SS to deal.

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING This will be HELD ON MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER 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).