

Helpston Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2010

DRAFT MINUTES – AWAITING APPROVAL BY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Questions from the floor –

- DP – 4 bags of rubbish in dyke King St – Clerk to report to PCC
- DP – Broadwheel Rd overgrown hedge needs cutting – Clerk to contact Milton estates

1. APOLOGIES: Councillors Hinchliff & Driver.

2. MINUTES OF 5 JULY 2010 MEETING – Agreed by the Council and signed by the Chair.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

- 3.1 Pear Tree Lane bench – SS awaits repair quotes
- 3.2 Road outside 24 Arborfield Close – clerk to chase B Rowcroft
- 3.3 Parking problems on Woodgate – Clerk to chase P Tebb re agreed signage, SS to liaise with JC Cottage, Clerk to contact PCC Traffic Enforcement & PC Norm McCallum – to stop vehicles parking on both sides of the road.
- 3.4 Advertising boards – Clerk to chase Terms & Conditions agreement slip from Exeter Arms & ask for the appropriate changes to be made to ensure compliance with those terms.
- 3.5 Natural Environment Project Grant 2010/11 – SS to liaise with R Astle to complete application
- 3.6 Maxey Rd/Church Lane Junction overgrown – clerk asked resident to cut vegetation. Clerk to see if area added to PCC cutting contract (B Rowcroft) as previously requested.
- 3.7 West St/King St junction (south side) vegetation overgrown – clerk to report to B Rowcroft.
- 3.8 Village benches – clerk asked B Rowcroft re tidy up & repairs – he will look at them all. Clerk asked fix it to trim back all overgrown grass/vegetation around the benches – clerk to chase this.

4. PLANNING

a. Updates and City Council decisions

10/00683/FUL Grasslands – permitted 16.07.10

10/00202/R3OUT Land adjacent to 65 West St – permitted 23.07.10

10/00736/FUL 1 West St – Permitted 12.08.10

b. New Applications

10/00957/FUL 139 West St -alter roof to rear extension & canopy & porch to front – Agreed no objections.

5. FINANCE:

**Cheques approved – J Garratt (grass cutting) £213.50 (3), Clerk pay £460.93 (1), Clerk expenses £116.20 (2). The Clerk issued the Quarterly Financial Statement up to 30.09.10.

6. DONATIONS – The Chairman thanked KL & RH for preparing the application form. It was agreed that this would be circulated to council and reviewed on another agenda for future use. The current applications were discussed and the motion was carried to donate £200 to the WI and £50 to the Tennis club on this occasion. Cheques to be issued OCT 2010 meeting. Next donations Jan/Feb 2011.

7. BARNACK SOCIAL EVENT – Wednesday 15.09.10 7pm – all Councillors Welcome.

8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS –

SS – Village Strategic Plan – future meeting will involve the agreed committee - SS/RM/RH/KL & Clerk
SS – Medicine Rota – Advised Terry & Margaret Firmedow will no longer be undertaking this task. SS asked if anyone was willing to take it on to contact Terry, Margaret or the Clerk.

JD – Neighbourhood Councils – meeting to discuss alternatives for Rural Areas. Next NC meet 16.09.10. SS to request the use of the £25000 fund held by the NC for the HPC Village Strategic Plan.

9. CORRESPONDENCE –

- Peterborough Core Strategy – Inspectors report read out confirming that the Regional Spatial Strategy no longer applies. SS to write to show our concern that we are no longer being consulted about what will be done or changed in our rural villages. Councillors to make any comments direct to SS.
- Letter from J Anderson (PCC) confirming that PCC are under consultation to make the B1443 7.5T weight restriction a permanent enforceable order.
- SS/Mr Bancroft advised of damaged lamp post/BT line West St. SS liaised with J Daley (PCC)
- Noise complaints Exeter Arms – D Over advised the issue had been reported & resolved
- Quotation from J Garratt to remove dead Cherry Tree in Cemetery £65 – next agenda.
- SS advised of damaged telephone kiosk – ss liasing with J Daley (PCC) & BT to replace with an original

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

- Initial Budget ideas 2011/12
- Review School room hire fees
- Cemetery Rate Review
- JD – requested an update from Stamford homes for the Arborfield Mill site (KLR)
- CT – Overgrown vegetation on Broadwheel Rd/West St footpath (footpath alongside JC School) KLR to liaise with PCC footpaths Officer
- JS – Top of Heath Rd pothole patching has disappeared – needs attention (KLR)
- RM – commented that our previously Best Kept Village now going downhill – overgrown vegetation at junctions/state of roads/ requests not being done etc
- SS – Village Sign Base – all councillors to view poor condition & agree action on future agenda.
- RM – Maxey Rd damaged sign – RM to advise Clerk location & what the sign is.
- RM – poor state of all village signs – future agenda council to list specific signs/locations needing attention.

11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING This will be HELD ON MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2010 in the John Clare School Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55PM.

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.