

# Helpston Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1 OCTOBER 2007

### DRAFT MINUTES – AWAITING APPROVAL BY PARISH COUNCIL

**PRESENT** - Councillors Smith (Chair), Mrs Morton, Cooper, Britton, Firmedow, Dobson, Wright & Hinchliff. Six members of the public. Martin Whelan (PCC) Ward Councillor David Over. **CLERK** – K Rowbotham

**Questions from the floor** None

The Chairman took the opportunity to congratulate Steven Bean, a local resident who has successfully completed swimming the English Channel – Well done!!

**1. APOLOGIES** – Councillor Mrs Stanton.

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair, subject to the amendment to 4b. which should include ‘no objections subject to comments regarding materials, site line & size of footprint’.

**3. MATTERS ARISING (for information only)**

- 3.1 **30 Glinton Rd entrance** – viewed by JC & CB who reported no action required. Council agreed Clerk to ask PCC Planning if this is a new specification for how an entrance should be constructed, despite being over a cycle way.
- 3.2 **Wheelie Bins** – notice placed in Notice board. Any problems should be reported to John Kelly, tel 425423. CW asked why recycling bins have been tagged? Clerk to enquire.
- 3.3 **Broken 30MPH flashing sign** – Not yet in working order as reported by PCC. Clerk to chase again and if repair involves replacement, can the wording be changed.
- 3.4 **Build outs** – JD raised the issue of broken sign lighting at the first build out by the railway crossing and the one near 41/43 Glinton road is surrounded by trees. Clerk to report.
- 3.5 **Drop Kerbs Church Lane** – Agreed to fund the £50 required by PCC to place lining across these areas to prevent obstruction by parked cars. Clerk to arrange.
- 3.6 **Butter Cross** – weeds reported to Fix It. Repointing work raised with G Beasley. Oak posts replaced recently? Clerk to liaise with PCC Highways.

**4. PLANNING**

**a. Updates and City Council decisions**

07/01110/LBC – St Botolphs Church Oil storage tank – permitted 28.08.07  
07/01073/FUL – land adjacent to 20 Arborfield Close – withdrawn 22.08.07  
07/00627/FUL – Addys Barn change of use – Permitted 13.09.07

**b. New applications before the Parish Council for comment**

07/01384/FUL 30 Glinton Rd – Oil Tank. This tank is already in situ. Agreed no decision could be made. Clerk to ask PCC Planning why our Council was consulted after tank had been installed.

**5. DRAFT BUDGET 2008/09** The Clerk reported the first draft budget. It was proposed seconded & agreed to adopt this first draft. To be reviewed & agreed Nov/Dec Agenda.

**6. FINANCE** \*\*Cheques approved – J Garratt (grass cutting) £188.00 (3), Clerk pay £359.95 (1), Clerk expenses £28.31 (2), PCC Cemetery Rates £12.00 (4). CALC Code of conduct advertisement £24.00 (5) Toucan auto DD. 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment precept £6175 received. Quarterly Financial Statement to 30.09.07 given to all councillors.

**7. PCC ENVIRONMENT GRANT SCHEME 2007/08** The area proposed for this scheme is actually contained within Etton Parish. However, R Astle has volunteered to co-ordinate the works which will benefit Helpston residents who regularly use the cycle path. Therefore it was agreed to support these improvements as a joint venture. Agreed to fund £75 required for the scheme to go ahead. Clerk to confirm this decision with R Astle 01.10.07.

**8. VILLAGE STRATEGIC PLAN** Following the detailed presentation given by SS at the AGM this year, the current position was discussed. Further information needs to be ascertained before any decisions need to be made regarding the way forward. Various fact finding meetings have been held with PCC, Community Association & GPP. SS & RM to attend a meeting with Milton Estates 04.10.07 to look at the potential access. In addition SS read through the Grant proposal that was put forward to Opportunity Peterborough, following a request from M Dewdney PCC. The Council thanked the Chair for preparing such a detailed document on behalf of the Parish Council in such a short timeframe. It was agreed for SS to prepare a brief chronological overview of events to date regarding this strategic plan.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE –**

- Opportunity Peterborough Integrated Growth Study Workshop 31.10.07. SS & RM to attend.
- Experimental Lorry Ban B1443 – Following the request from the Community Leadership Scheme, the project received objections from Burghley Estates. This has now been resolved and providing documentary evidence can be produced by drivers, lorries traveling to and from the estate will be exempt from the ban.

**10. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS - None**

**11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- CW Update for road signs at Maxey Rd/Glinton Rd junction – reported to highways, photographed & highways works order is in place.
- CW DUPF update – SS to liaise with PCC to ascertain current position and next action.
- CB Road drain by 24 Woodgate completely blocked with overgrown grass.

**12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2007 IN THE JOHN CLARE SCHOOL, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

**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 Sec 214 (6)
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