

Helpston Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2 JULY 2007

DRAFT MINUTES – AWAITING APPROVAL BY PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT - Councillors Smith (Chair), Mrs Stanton (vice), Mrs Morton, Firmedow, Britton, Wright, Hinchliff and Cooper. Eleven members of the public. **CLERK** – K Rowbotham

Questions from the floor

- EC Following the smoking ban, cigarette ends being left on the road outside the Exeter Arms.
DP Buildout by Arborfield Mill – currently no plans to remove it.
DF Advised footpath outside 30 Glington Rd now repaired.
DF Bush on corner of Church Lane overgrown.

1. APOLOGIES – Councillor Dobson.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

3. MATTERS ARISING (for information only)

- 3.1 **CODE OF CONDUCT** – Future agenda
3.2 **Church Wall Repairs** – Currently being completed. Payment authorized.
3.3 **Dual Purpose Play Area** – Our letter has now been acknowledged by the Governing Body and the matter has been resolved.
3.4 **Church Lane Improvements** – SS to liaise with the PCC. Await response from T Gibson (PCC)
3.5 **8 House development Glington Rd** – Clerk to liaise with PCC planning re-size of properties.
3.6 **Speeding on B1443** – Clerk to liaise with PC McCallum re unsilenced motorbike.
3.7 **Road sign deterioration** – Glington Rd/Maxey Road Junction – clerk to report.

4. PLANNING

a. Updates and City Council decisions NONE

b. New applications before the Parish Council for comment

07/00827/FUL & 07/00816/CON 14 West St Demolish rear wall & roof of single storey annexe. Single rear extension. Agreed No Objections.

07/00911/CTR The old Chantry. Fell 2 poplar trees. Agreed No Objections

07/00846/FUL 24a Maxey Rd, single rear extension. Agreed No Objections

07/00958/LBC Wisteria House. Replacement windows. Agreed No Objections

5. FINANCE - Quarterly financial statement given out to all councillors. **Cheques approved – J Garratt (grass cutting) £188.00 (3), Clerk pay £347.49 (1), Clerk expenses £46.44 (2), Chair meeting expenses £23.43 (2), PCC Cemetery Rates £12.00 (4), J Clare Society Subscription £15.00 (5), M Sharpin church wall repair £200 (6). Toucan auto DD.

6. DISCUSSION – THREAT OF POST OFFICE CLOSURE – Following discussions it was agreed that the Parish Council would object strongly to any suggestion of the post office / shop closure. No action planned at present, SS to raise at next GPP meeting, D Over suggests residents may wish to highlight the issue to the local MP on his visit to the village in July.

7. CHURCH CLOCK ANNUAL SERVICE ENGINEERS Agreed this is not a decision for the Parish Council to become involved in, because the Church Clock is the responsibility of the Church.

8. ALLOTMENTS – Seven letters had been received & acknowledged. The Chair read out the Parish Council's acknowledgement letter and the reply letter from Mr T Harvey. Two further request letters now received. SS/RM will now look into possible available land and SS to prepare note for the Tribune.

9. BUILDERS PARKING OPPOSITE PAPER MILL – this has recently been a problem that has not only resulted in pedestrians & cyclists being unable to use the footpath, but it has also resulted in several accidents. Clerk to highlight again to PCC and PC McCallum.

10. TENNIS CLUB NOTICE BOARD – written request received from Mr T Valentine for the Tennis Club to place a temporary A board on the village Green to advertise the location of there facilities for special events i.e. club nights, match days etc. Agreed Clerk to prepare annual license condition letter.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter received from Mr G Montague re volume and speed of traffic on Maxey Road. Clerk to acknowledge and raise the issue with PC McCallum.

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- SS outlined the Strategic Village Plan Feasibility Study – which proved that, not only is the plan viable, but it also presents some positive and exciting opportunities for the village. SS to present the plans to GPP on 03.07.07.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

TF Grass verge outside the village hall not being cut. This is not strictly the responsibility of the Parish Council, nor the City Council. SS to liaise with the clerk.

JS Continued problem of cars parking on the Glinton Rd footpath.

CW In addition to the above, cars continue to park 'within 15m of village junctions'.

CW High No of HGV traffic still coming through the village.

CW Wheelie bins still not being returned correctly by refuse collectors.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 6 AUGUST 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)
- 5 LGA 1972 S(137)
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