

Helpston Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6 AUGUST 2007 *DRAFT MINUTES – AWAITING APPROVAL BY PARISH COUNCIL*

PRESENT - Councillors Smith (Chair), Mrs Stanton (vice), Mrs Morton, Dobson, Wright, & Hinchliff. Six members of the public. **CLERK** – K Rowbotham

The Chairman requested a minutes silence in memory of Mr Norman Mason who died on 27.07.07. Mr Mason had served on the Parish Council for over 20 years and had been Chairman for more than 10 years.

Questions from the floor

- DF Broken Water Hydrant Marker outside no. 35 Glinton Road.
- DF Deep potholes on the carriageway at the kerbing on Glinton Road opposite Maxey Rd
- DF Problem with builder's vehicles parking outside the new 8 house development – reported to PCC enforcement & police on several occasions.

1. APOLOGIES – Councillors Firmedow (the Parish Council send their best wishes to Terry & wish him a speedy recovery), Cooper & Britton.

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

3. MATTERS ARISING (for information only)

- 3.1 All PCC Highways matters** – all items reported, but no feedback to date due to PCC holidays..
- 3.2 All Police Matters** – reported to PC McCallum and dealt with accordingly including speed checks, dealing with the unsilenced motorbike, and warning motorists who were illegally parked within the village. Re traffic on Maxey Rd it has been suggested that the Parish Council may wish to pursue a 'No through Traffic' sign for Maxey Rd – Clerk to seek advice from PCC Highways.
- 3.3 Allotments** – Letters sent to all local landowners to pursue possible locations for allotment provision. Three responses to date – no available land at the moment.
- 3.4 Strategic Village Plan** – SS presented the feasibility to GPP on 03.07.07 – this was viewed as a positive step for the village and their full support was given.
- 3.5 Village Hall Verge** – Clerk liaising with PCC contractors to add this to their schedule.
- 3.6 Wheelie Bins Problem** – SS to liaise with D Over

4. PLANNING

a. Updates and City Council decisions

- 07/00827/FUL & 07/00816/CON 14 West St** Granted 12.07.07
- 07/00911/CTR The old Chantry.** Fell 2 poplar trees. Granted 10.07.07
- 07/00846/FUL 24a Maxey Rd,** single rear extension. Granted 19.07.07
- 07/00703/FUL 13 Glinton Rd** rear & side extensions. Granted 21.06.07.

b. New applications before the Parish Council for comment

- 07/01019/OUT 28 Glinton Rd** Erection of a dwelling. JS declared an interest and left the discussions. Agreed to object on the grounds of overdevelopment on the site, adverse effect on street scene & lack of garage facilities.
- 07/01073/FUL land next to 20 Arborfield Close** erection of a dwelling. Agreed to object on the grounds of inaccuracy of presented location plans v. Ordinance Survey location plan, tandem development, proposed materials and congestion/access problems in such close proximity to the

railway crossing.

07/01110/LBC St Botolph's Church Oil Storage Tank. Agreed no objections.

5. FINANCE - The Chairman reported the Annual Statement had been returned from the External Auditors and it was clear and unqualified. They advise the Parish Council to consider incorporating higher reserves when setting the next budget.

**Cheques approved – J Garratt (grass cutting) £188.00 (3), Clerk pay £366.22 (1), Clerk expenses £20.73 (2), PCC Cemetery Rates £12.00 (4), St Botolph's Church Room hire £18.00 (5), JC Primary School Room Hire £60.25 (5), Moore Stephens External Audit £158.63 (6). Toucan auto DD.

6. CODE OF CONDUCT Council agreed to adopt the new Code of Conduct from 06.08.07 with effect from 01.09.07, to include the adoption of paragraph 12 (2). Light touch rules were agreed as a temporary measure until we take further advice from CALC for a firm resolution in the near future (On declaring an interest in an item, ideally under the open forum, the Councillor will be given an opportunity to present and answer questions, members of the public will be offered the same opportunity, then the Councillor will withdraw from the meeting & take no part in council discussion nor decision making on this item). All councillors were given the new register to complete & return within 28 days. Agreed for CALC to notify the relevant authorities on our behalf and to pay £24.00 for their blanket press advert.

7. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

- PCC Environment Grant Scheme 2007/08 Correspondence passed to RM

8. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- RM reported from two Rural Vision meetings 1. Rural Landscaping 2. Rural Transport

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

JD Discussions needed regarding the increasing traffic congestion caused by development by the railway crossing on Glinton Rd. SS to liaise with D Over re:PCC contact point.

JS Poor state of Glinton Rd Cycle Path

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2007 IN THE JOHN CLARE SCHOOL, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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 Section 142
- 6 A&A Regs 1996 (SI 1996/s90) Section 5