

MINUTES OF THE HILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd JANUARY 2017 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, HILTON

Present: Cllr P Balicki (Chair), Cllr G. Barradell, Cllr R Collard, Cllr K. Dunk, Cllr A. Goodridge, Cllr J Perez, Cllr S. Walker and Cllr W. Wilson

In Attendance: The Clerk (Jo Perez), 9 Parishioners and Cllr Ian Bates

1. To note Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr S Partridge due to personal commitments.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr J. Perez – item 6.2

Parishioners Open Session

Parishioners were invited to participate stating to which item on the agenda they wish to comment.

Dr Way – item 5.5 would like the amended letter and map regarding the boundary line and position of his property and neighbours sorted out as soon as possible.

Margaret Shardlow – item 3.3 would like to see the money spent on the Pavilion. Item 4.2 would like to know if there will be a printed version. Item 4.5 explanation please.

Andy Bush – Item 5.2 reported that Hemingford Grey is having some discussions with the police about putting in CCTV which potentially could be monitored by the central networks operation centre in Huntingdon.

Ken Attwood – Item 5.2 would like to see more Street Lighting especially around the Crossroads.

Ian Bates – Cambridge County Council. Budgets are being prepared and will be discussed on 21.2.17. Expecting a 2% increase. Elections for County Council will be held in May.

2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th December 2016 and extraordinary meeting held on the 19th December 2016.

The Minutes of the full PC meeting held on the 5th December 2016 were approved as a true record. Prop P.B, 2nd G.B, all Cllrs were in favour, J.P abstained as not present, all other Cllrs were in favour. The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 19th December 2016 were approved as a true record. Prop P.B, 2nd K.D, all Cllrs present were in favour.

3. Matters arising or carried forward from the last meeting for discussion and decision

3.1 A14 construction vehicles using the Village for access – discuss and decide action

It has been noted that A14 construction vehicles are using the Village for access, there were a number recorded this morning. The Clerk will report this to our contact and ask that this be addressed.

3.2 (5.1) Traffic Regulation CCC regarding prevention of vehicles using Church End when Road Closure sign shown due to Flooding – update confirming signs are to be posted at nearest junction allowing vehicle to take an alternative route

The Clerk has received an email to confirm that the signs will be placed at the nearest junction.

3.3 (4.6) CIL payment received- £1759.86- Further discuss ideas on areas this money can be spent

Ideas so far have included a cycle path, footpaths and the Pavilion. The money needs to be used within 5 years. Street Lighting and the Parish Plan could be added to the list of possibilities. It was suggested that once ideas were finalised that Parishioners could be asked for their views.

3.4 (4.3) A14 – information of request made and response regarding any assistance from highways regarding the possibility of a Cycle path

The Clerk spoke with Gerard Smith from the A14, he explained that there is a fund available for NMU (non motorised users) and they are working with Cambridge County Council looking at projects. He said that he will present our request at the next meeting and suggested that we speak with the cycle path people at CCC and get their support. He suggested that we put together a brief background and suggested route and why this would be of benefit. As a cycle path was one of the most requested ideas from the Parish Plan meeting, it was decided that the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Perez and take this forward.

3.5 TTRO application for the Conington Road – discuss alternative routes due to weight restrictions and the Ford on Church End

The Clerk will go back to A14 Traffic management and ask that they come up with an alternative route as the PC are not equipped to know what alternative routes are suitable.

4. Committees, Working Groups and Members items

4.1 (4.1) Green Open Spaces Management- Tree work and other updates

Tree quotes received and priority list produced. There has already been quite a lot of expenditure on essential Tree work. K.D prop that priority list A & B be carried out, P.B 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour. 'No parking on the Green' signs have been received and 3 have been erected. The 4th will be erected shortly. There are 2 areas of the Green cordoned off currently, by the Turkish Oak and Lychgate due to damaged grass, this is so these areas can recover.

4.2 (4.2) Parish Plan – working group update.

There was a meeting held on Thursday 19th January, 12 parishioners attended, they were a cross section of the village. From the last Parish Plan 2005 there were 28 actions outstanding, some of which are no longer relevant. From the initial meeting it was felt Transport was a big issue, being able to get in or out of the Village more easily, easier access to other Villages via cycle paths or footpaths. Another meeting will be organised and flyers delivered around the Village in order for more Parishioners to get involved.

4.3 Village Hall- report from Cllr G. Barradell

A couple of events could be planned for June 2017 and a request to use the Green has been made. The VH have received a number of financial gifts and it has been suggested that they may wish to recognise these with the planting of some Trees (blossoming kind) with plaques to recognise who made the donations. Cllr G.B will have more details at the next meeting.

4.4 (4.5) Fireworks- historical expenditure and update on Fencing and storage.

The historical expenditure was discussed, it was discussed whether some of the profit from the 2016 event should be used to offset the loss of 2015 or whether it should be written off and kept for future events. It was proposed that the PC write off the loss and roll the £958.75 forward for future years. K.D prop, J.P 2nd, 4 Cllrs were in favour, 2 Cllrs were against. The quotes for fencing and posts were discussed and it was agreed that a spend of £25 for 50mtrs of fencing and £56.54 be spent on posts. P.B prop, G.B 2nd, all Cllrs in favour. Firework and Candle spend to be on the next meeting agenda to be discussed.

4.5 Pecks Coppice – access across The Green – discuss and action

Documents from the land owner were received today and therefore there was not enough time to read before the meeting. Cllr K.D expressed how important it is for the Parish Council to defend its position and that the PC is in no doubt that this is Parish Council land. It was suggested that an informal meeting be held between the owner of Pecks Coppice and the PC to try to get this issue resolved. The Clerk will schedule a meeting of both parties.

5. To consider any correspondence/communications received requiring decision or action and any other agenda items

5.1 Illegal driving on the Green – discuss ideas of ways in which the Parish Council can address this issue

Despite evidence of criminal offences being carried out, authorities are not willing to take matters further. Cars are still being driven on the Green and causing damage to the Green and potentially worse could happen. After discussion it was decided with the approval of the Common Rights holders that for a trial period the Green will be roped off using metal stakes and rope. P.B Prop, R.C 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

5.2 Discuss request from Andy Bush to look at ways in which to help with Village Security

Andy Bush advised the Parish Council that Hemingford Grey were holding a meeting with Inspector Paul Rogerson regarding Village Safety and crime prevention and specifically the use of CCTV. The Clerk will contact Hemingford Grey Parish Clerk to see when this meeting is being held to see if one or two Cllrs can attend. The Clerk will also enquire with the Clerk regarding whether they are using CCTV recognition for vehicles entering and leaving the Village and how this is monitored. Ken Harris reminded everyone that there is a Neighbourhood watch website that has good ideas on crime prevention. The Chairman reminded everyone to be vigilant.

5.3 Community Road Watch – read and discuss emails sent for Parish Council's information

Information has been provided to the PC regarding the speed of vehicles through the village. It was noted that Mick George vehicles are sticking to the 20mph voluntary speed limit, the Clerk will email to thank them. The Clerk will email thanks to Community Road Watch for the information provided. The Clerk will contact the traffic police to ask for an enforcement to be carried out when possible.

5.4 Cambridgeshire Communities Innovation Fund – discuss if there is any area in which this may be of interest

This fund is aimed to support the elderly and vulnerable in the local community. If a need is established whilst looking at the Parish Plan this can be looked at further.

5.5 Discuss letter received from Dr Way regarding boundary lines.

Following on from the last PC meeting, Dr Way was disappointed that he had not yet received an amended map despite this being agreed. He would like this dealt with and new documents delivered to himself and neighbours showing the correction as soon as possible.

6. To consider and decide upon matters relating to Finance and Risk Assessment

6.1 Authorise payment of any bills

6a John Carter (JSC)	S/O December 2016	£ 660.00
	2 posts for fencing repairs by Pavilion	£ 24.00chq
6b B Ashby	Handyman Nov 16/Dec 16	£ 78.75chq
6c Cambridge Water	Water Services 18.05.16 – 30.11.16	£ 14.90DD
6d Atlas Tree Surgery	Felling leaning Ash	£960.00chq
6e Archer Safety Signs	Keep off the Green signs	£220.92chq
6f Ecotricity	Electricity charges (estimate) 25.11.16 – 24.12.16	£22.95DD
6g K & M Lighting Services	Street Light Maintenance 01.01.17 – 31.03.17	£153.82chq

P.B prop, W.W 2nd, all Cllrs were in favour.

6.2 Authorise Clerks salary and expenses

Jo Perez	Clerks Salary - December	2016	£456.30 s/o
	January	2017	£456.30 s/o
	Expenses – printer paper		£6.00 chq

P.B prop, A.G 2nd, all other Cllrs were in favour

6.3 (6.3) Notification of precept acceptance £27,570

The precept amount requested by the PC has been accepted and will be paid to the PC as one payment.

7. Councillors' items – information only. No discussion and no decisions can be made.

The wooden bridge adjacent to the Ford has been reported to CCC, as this needs attention as some of the wooden planks are deteriorating.

Date of the next meeting 6th March 2017.

8. Closure of meeting

Meeting closed 9.37pm

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