

# HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM) Held on TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 in HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL**

### **Present:-**

<b>Mr. N. Farnden</b>	<b>NF</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Mr. I. Wilkie</b>	<b>IW</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Mr. P. Chandler</b>	<b>PC</b>	
<b>Mr. B. Easom</b>	<b>BE</b>	
<b>Miss L. Bacon</b>	<b>LB</b>	
<b>Mr. M. Baughan</b>	<b>MB</b>	
<b>Mrs. C. Couzens</b>	<b>CC</b>	
<b>Mrs. S. Penton</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>Parish Clerk</b>

**Also present:- County Cllr. Peter Downes**

**80520-1AGM ELECTION of CHAIRMAN** – Mr. N. Farnden was elected. All in favour.

**80520-2AGM** Mr. Farnden signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**80520-3AGM APOLOGIES** – District Cllr. Jonathan Gray

**80520-4AGM ELECTION of VICE CHAIRMAN** – Mr. I. Wilkie was elected. All in favour.

**80520-5AGM APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE for VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
Mr. B. Easom was appointed. All in favour.

**80520-6AGM APPOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS to serve with the Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice Chairman.** There was no change from the existing Planning Committee i.e. **MB, BE & CC** together with **NF** or **IW**.

**80520-7AGM TO SIGN and APPROVE MINUTES of the FOLLOWING MEETINGS:-**  
**General Meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> and Planning Committee 6<sup>th</sup> May** – The Minutes were accepted as a true record. All in favour.

### **80520-8AGM MATTERS ARISING**

**MB** suggested that Planning Agendas are to be sent to all Council members – agreed.

**NF** has received confirmation of the faculty in respect of removal of the hedge around the proposed new burial ground. **NF** will contact surveyor for plans to be drawn up.

**IW** read out his draft letter to National Air Traffic Control Services re. proposed stacking areas over East Anglia. It was unanimously accepted and agreed that copies are to go to Jonathan Djanogly MP, Jonathan Gray, District Councillor and Peter Downes, County Councillor.

**80520-9AGM MEMBERS' DECLARATION of INTEREST for items on the agenda - None**

**80520-10AGM OPEN FORUM** – for all members of the public present including District and County Councillors.

**PD** There has been extensive response to CCC re. Airspace, particularly with reference to effluence and noise contamination.

An exhibition had been held re. the new Recycling Centre in St. Neots, which is due to open late 2009.

Signed by the Chairman.....Date.....2008

## **80520-11AGM HAIL WESTON PLAY EQUIPMENT**

### **To consider the way forward and possible Working Party**

At the Parish Assembly, Katherine Farnden presented a petition for better equipment in the children's play area. After some discussion it was agreed to back a project for play area improvements and to seek funding for this. It was agreed to circulate a questionnaire to all residents to find out what the majority of residents want. CC is to prepare a survey for discussion at the July meeting.

**80520-12AGM VILLAGE HALL** – Nothing formal to report except that consideration will be given to increasing the refundable deposit in the light of a recent incident at a neighbouring village hall.

**80520-13AGM POLICING MATTERS – SP** to request PCSO Carol Corn to display notices around the village to the effect that it is a 'No Cold Calling Zone'.

**80520-14AGM UPDATE REGISTER of INTERESTS** – 'Changes' forms to be issued at next meeting where required.

**80520-15AGM REVIEW of INSURANCE prior to renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> June. To be considered in conjunction with ASSETS REGISTER VALUES and RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY.** NF to seek discount as in previous two years.

### **80520-16AGM REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IF FELT NECESSARY:-**

Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Equal Opportunity Policy to remain unchanged.  
Risk Management & Health & Safety Policy re. Allotments to be reviewed for July meeting.

### **80520-17AGM RENTS:-**

(i) **Allotments** - Rent to remain unchanged at £15 but payment to be made at the start of the year instead of end of the year. This is to be built into the newly drafted Tenancy Agreement.

(ii) **Playing Field** - Currently £5 for residents and £10 for non-residents to remain unchanged.

### **80520-18AGM PLANNING**

(i) **Update on recent applications** – Refer to Minutes of Extraordinary meeting held prior to this General meeting.

(ii) **To discuss BE's concerns over inconsistency of the approach to Town & Country Planning Act 1991.** Details sent out prior to meeting with a view to seeking an explanation from HDC.

It was resolved to send BE's email to District Councillor Jonathan Gray for his comments.

### **80520-19AGM COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **(i)Reports**

a. Highways and Environmental Issues – Fly-tipping situation is much improved.

Still one householder's hedge encroaching the pavement.

One householder's pampas grass needs attention. NF to speak to resident.

IW reported that there is a crack in the concrete in the base of the Ford rendering it dangerous to cyclists. BE to take up the matter with Highways Dept.

b. Council-controlled Open Space – LB's Report attached including grass cutting and Allotments.

SP is to seek contribution from Cambs. CC towards work needed on the village sign area.

Contribution from CCC for general grass cutting has only been increased by 2.5% to £287. However, this is to be accepted.

Allotments – The Allotment Regeneration Initiative (ARI) mentor will attend a meeting of the allotment holders on August 7<sup>th</sup> to help launch the Tenancy Agreement and Policies.

Play Area weeds need spraying and the grass-cutting contractor will be asked to include this in his schedule of work.

c. Liaison with other Authorities – IW's letter to National Air Traffic Control Services was approved for proposed stacking areas for East Anglia

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d. Communications – Deadline for Newsletter items is 6<sup>th</sup> June for distribution at the end of June.

**(ii) No changes in allocation of responsibilities**

**80520-20AGM FINANCE**

a Approval of Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 – These have yet to be finalised and examined by the Independent Internal Auditor. Moore Stephens approved an extension of the deadline for submission to 1st July.

b. Approval of Finance Reports including Accounts for Payment – All in favour

c. Other Finance Matters - None

**80520-21AGM CORRESPONDENCE** – Letter received from Mr. Smith regarding re-routing of footpath at Hail Weston Springs.

**80520-22AGM ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**80520-23AGM DATES of NEXT GENERAL MEETINGS (All on a Tuesday)**

**JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>**

**JULY 15<sup>th</sup>**

**SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

**OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

**NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Planning Committee Meetings when necessary**

**The meeting closed at 10.05pm**

Signed by the Chairman.....Date.....2008