

# HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of General Meeting of the Parish Council Held on TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008 in HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.45pm**

**Present:-**

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

**Also present:- District Councillor Jonathan Gray (JG), County Councillor Peter Downes (PD) and one member of the public.**

**Mr. Wilkie, the Vice Chairman, chaired the meeting in Mr. Farnden's absence. He opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.**

**80715-1 APOLOGIES – Mr. N. Farnden and Mr. P. Chandler**

**80715-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATION of INTEREST for items on the agenda – None**

**80715-3 OPEN FORUM – for all members of the public and press present including District and County Councillors including St. Neots Town Councillor Barry Chapman who wishes to address the Parish Council re. St. Neots Theatre/Cinema proposal.**

The meeting was closed for this item, which was brought forward to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate Mr. Chapman.

Details of this project had been forwarded to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Questions followed Mr. Chapman's presentation. This item took 30 minutes and Mr. Chapman left the meeting at 8.15pm.

The Open Forum continued.

**PD** reported that the Area Joint Transport Committee had not put the Bridge over the Ford very high on the priority list. It was pointed out that the hole in the river bottom had been reported to Highways explaining how dangerous it was to cyclists in particular. After some discussion **PD** agreed to take this matter further as it is clearly dangerous and, so far, the Parish Council had not received the response this deserves.

**The meeting was then re-opened for the remainder of the business.**

**80715-4 TO APPROVE and SIGN MINUTES of the General Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June – The Minutes were accepted as a true record. All in favour.**

**80715-5 MATTERS ARISING - QS – SP** had emailed Ian Dewar at CALC requesting the Parish Council's official confirmation of achieving QS. It is understood that Quality Status was achieved in March and, to date, we have still not received our certificate.

**80715-6 PLANNING UPDATE**

- (i) HDC's weekly Planning List showed that an appeal had been lodged re. Certificate of Lawfulness, Rushey Bungalow.
- (ii) Land rear of 29 High Street - HDC have granted permission to remove Condition 7 of planning permission 0702865.

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**BE** reported that the Hail Weston Springs access structures in sight of the B645 had still not been removed. Condition 2 of the Recommendation states that the gates, piers, security infrastructure and buildings adjacent to and visible from the B645 shall be removed no later than two months of the date of the decision. The time allowed under this condition has elapsed by several months. **SP** to email the Case Officer, Clara Kerr.

**80715-7 POLICING MATTERS** – Safer Neighbourhood meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July (see Item 10d)

**80715-8 BRIDGE over the FORD** – See Open Forum

**80715-9 CEMETERY UPDATE** – **SP** has written to Alexanders in connection with the possible purchase of the land, updating them on the present situation.

A pole has yet to be removed by EDF. However, some trees have to be removed before EDF can carry out this work. For this to be done access is needed over third party land.

### **80715-10 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS**

**a Highways & Environment - Sewers, Orchard Close** - The letters and maps will be delivered to the relevant residents shortly.

#### **a. Council controlled open spaces**

##### **(1) Playing Field work:-**

(i) RoSPA Play Area Safety Report –

(ii) Play Area mulch -

(iii) Request for Community Services (**CS**) to carry out the work to be overseen by John Baker (**JB**)

(iv) **JB** to prepare schedule of works for September PC meeting.

All of the above discussed as one item.

**SP** to write to John Baker (**JB**) asking him to prioritise the points in the report and ask him what he feels can be achieved. Also to request an estimate of costs for plant, materials and his labour. **SP** to send letter to **LB** who will deal with this personally.

##### **(2) Other tasks for CS**

Other possible tasks for Community Services e.g. Repaint Bus Shelter, Lop trees in Garden of Rest, Prepare site for Bottle Bank and jobs at Village Hall.

Only the Bottle Bank site was discussed. Various sites were suggested and it was agreed that residents should be consulted. Leaflet to be distributed to residents asking for their ideas.

##### **(3) Allotments**

Tenancy Agreement, Parish Council Allotment Policy and Health & Safety Policy.

**LB** distributed the various documents prior to the meeting. It is to be clarified that any tenant moving out of the village must vacate the plot by the end of that year. The Tenancy Agreement is to be published on the web site.

**LB** reported that there is no change to the Parish Council's Health & Safety Policy Statement.

The allotment meeting is to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

**(4) Possible site for Bottle Bank** – See Item 10 (2) above.

#### **b. Communications including web site**

**c. Liaison with other Authorities.** **IW** attended the quarterly Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July and reported that within the next months two police motorbikes are to be fitted with speed detection equipment. However, he emphasised that the policing problems in St. Neots far outweigh those in our village and that we are in a fortunate position.

### **80715-11 FINANCE**

(i) Finance Reports and Accounts for Payment. Reports were circulated and all payments were authorised. All in favour. The Chairman signed the reports as attached.

(ii) Annual Return – Internal Audit including revised fee and appointment for 2008/9

The Internal Auditor, Gerry Whitfield, has increased his charges to £14.00 ph and has had to charge for some mileage and, therefore his fee for 2007/8 has been increased from £50 to £59.40. This was agreed unanimously.

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He has also confirmed that he will offer his services for 2008/9 but he will be increasing his charges to £14.50 ph plus any mileage should this be necessary. He charges for 4 hours.

His appointment was confirmed for the 2008/9 audit and his revised charges were accepted. All in favour.  
(iii) Other Finance - **SP** to research prices for bark.

**80715-12 BUS STOPS** – The location for re-siting the bus stop from outside the Royal Oak to near the post box was confirmed.

**80715-13 CORRESPONDENCE (List attached) All items were noted**

**80715-14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –**

**LB** reported that there is a loop of cable at the bus shelter, which is a trip hazard.  
Still no response from EDF re. trimming the trees that are interfering with power lines.

**80715-15 DATES of NEXT MEETINGS – all on Tuesdays:-**

**September 16<sup>th</sup>**

**October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**The meeting closed at 9.44pm**

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