

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of General Meeting of the Parish Council Held on TUESDAY 17th June 2008 in HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL at 8.00pm

Present:-

Mr. N. Farnden	NF	Chairman
Mr. I. Wilkie	IW	Vice Chairman
Mr. P. Chandler	PC	
Mr. M. Baughan	MB	
Mrs. S. Penton	SP	Parish Clerk

Also present:- District Councillor Jonathan Gray (JG)

80617-1 APOLOGIES - Mr. B. Easom (BE), Miss L. Bacon (LB) and Mrs. C. Couzens (CC)

80617-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATION of INTEREST for items on the agenda - None

80617-3 OPEN FORUM – for all members of the public and press present including District and County Councillors.

JG reported on the possibility of a bottle bank being installed in the village. **HDC** will provide bins and arrange collection but there is no funding for engineering work for the construction of the base. It has to be a flat paved area large enough to accommodate minimum of 5x1,100 litre bins. A site at the west end of the village was suggested. **PC** is to find out who owns the land. To be discussed at a later meeting.

80617-4 TO APPROVE and SIGN MINUTES of the Extraordinary General Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM) both held on 20th May

These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. All in favour

80617-5 MATTERS ARISING

80617-6 PLANNING UPDATE

(i) Application Ref. 0801250REM Land at and including 1 Ford End, Hail Weston.– Approval of reserved matters for the appearance, landscaping and scale in respect of the erection of two dwellings.

This application was later reported as invalid and is to be submitted as a full application.

(ii) Application ref. 0801358S73 – Land rear of 29 High Street, Hail Weston – Removal of Condition 7 of Planning permission 0702865 (Re. Affordable Housing). Recommended for Approval at Extraordinary General Meeting on 20.5.08.

(iii) Application Ref. 0801241FUL – Replacement of the flat roofs with pitched roofs and re-construction of entrance hall, 5 Orchard Close, Hail Weston. This application was approved by **HDC**.

80617-7 POLICING MATTERS – This matter was referred to Trading Standards by PCSO Carol Corn. However, there has been no response to date. **SP** to follow this up.

80617-8 BRIDGE over the FORD – This will be on next month's list of the Area Joint Committee when the order and level of priority will be ascertained.

80617-9 CEMETERY UPDATE – The Surveyor will be requested to draw up provisional plans.

80617-10 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS

a. Highways & Environment

EDF again contacted re. tree interfering with overhead cables but still no response.

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

SP read out **BE**'s report in his absence. **BE** had contacted Cambs. Highways re. cracked road surface through the Ford reminding them that this is a problem reported to them last year. The problem was acknowledged and is expected to be dealt with during this summer when river flows are expected to be low. **BE** also mentioned concern re. the bridge abutment failing at the same time.

BE noted that the hedge that was obstructing the footpath near the pub has now been cut back.

BE is yet to find a suitable contractor for clearing the site for the new cemetery and would appreciate any ideas for suitable contractors from the PC.

b. Council controlled open spaces including:-

- (i) RoSPA Play Area Safety Report – It was agreed that John Baker is to be Project Manager and the report has been passed to him.
- (ii) Play Area mulch – An alternative supplier of mulch is to be sought. John Baker will be requested to draw up a schedule of works with costing.
- (iii) Request for Community Services to carry out the work to be overseen by John Baker. **SP** has contact details.

c. Communications including web site – The annual Newsletter will be produced later.

d. Liaison with other Authorities – Nothing to report

80617-11 FINANCE

- (i) **Finance Reports and Accounts for Payment** – **SP** distributed the Bank Balances Report and the Transactions Report. These were accepted and signed by the Chairman – All in favour.
- (ii) **Insurance renewal** – **SP** had obtained a discount from £611.87 to £585.51
- (iii) **Year end Accounts and Annual Return** – The final accounts were prepared by **PC** and distributed prior to the meeting. These were discussed and then accepted and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. Copies of the Annual Return were circulated and subsequently accepted for submission, first to the Internal Auditor and then to Moore Stephens, the External Auditor. The Chairman and the Clerk also duly signed this.
- (iv) **Other Finance** – **SP** is to request bank statements to the end of each month instead of to 18th.

80617-12 QUALITY STATUS UPDATE – Although the official 'Q' logo was forwarded to the Clerk from CALC via email, still no official confirmation has been received or the relevant certificates for the Clerk and the Parish Council.

80617-13 CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Hail Weston Springs. Proposed diversion of public footpath around Hail Weston Springs – letter and plans from Mr. Smith, the owner. The Parish Council does not have an issue with this and **NF** is to reply accordingly.
- (ii) Terminal Control North Consultation – PC's letter acknowledged and a response will be forthcoming in due course.
- (iii) **NF** had written to MP, Jonathan Djanogly regarding the poor Broadband service from BT. He has taken up the matter with BT.

80617-14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Bus Stops – Although the resiting has been approved this had still not taken place and there are still no timetables. **JG** to follow this up.

It was reported that the post box needs painting.

80617-15 DATES of NEXT MEETINGS – all on Tuesdays:-

July 15th
September 16th
October 21st
November 18th

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

The meeting closed at 8.59pm

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