

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of General Meeting of the Parish Council Held on TUESDAY 18th November 2008 in HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL at 8.00pm

Present:-

Mr. N. Farnden	NF	Chairman
Mr. I. Wilkie	IW	Vice Chairman
Mr. M. Baughan	MB	
Mr. B. Easom	BE	
Mrs. S. Penton	SP	Parish Clerk

Also present:- District Councillor Jonathan Gray (JG)

81118-1 APOLOGIES - Mr. P. Chandler (PC) & Miss L. Bacon (LB)

81118-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATION of INTEREST for items on the agenda

NF declared a Personal Interest in Item 7 as his daughter presented the Play Area petition to the Parish Assembly.

81118-3 OPEN FORUM – for all members of the public and press present including District and County Councillors.

81118-4 TO APPROVE and SIGN MINUTES of the General Meeting held on 21st October.

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

81118-5 MATTERS ARISING

81118-6 COUNCILLOR'S RESIGNATION

Mrs. Cindy Couzens tendered her resignation in writing and the Casual Vacancy Advertisement was displayed on village notice board, the Village Hall notice board and on the website on 10th November. The Elections Manager at HDC was duly informed and will inform the Clerk as to whether or not an election has been called for at the end of 15 working days from 10th November.

81118-7 PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT of PLAY AREA

- (i) Report of meeting with Philip Peacock, Cambridgeshire ACRE
- (ii) Approval of Membership of Cambridgeshire ACRE – All in favour and cheque signed.
- (iii) Authorisation of funding Consultation expense – All in favour – this becomes payable on receipt of the consultation report from Cambridge ACRE.

81118-8 BOTTLE BANK UPDATE

81118-9 PLANNING UPDATE - Cemetery application not on this week's Weekly List

81118-10 BUS STOP UPDATE

81118-11 PAINTING of POST BOX next to telephone box

81118-12 BRIDGE over the FORD

81118-13 CEMETERY UPDATE – Surveyor's fees of £1,516.88 for preparation and submission of Planning Application included in this month's Accounts for Payment.

81118-14 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS

Signed by the Chairman.....Date.....2009

- a. **Highways & Environment** – Including Report from **BE** circulated prior to meeting
- b. **Council controlled open spaces – Allotments** – Two months’ Notice of Termination of Tenancy for non-payment of rent, delivered to a tenant on 12th November 2008.
LB’s Report attached to these Minutes – Contractor for grass cutting, Mr. Peter Rounds, will be submitting a request to apply a fuel surcharge should the cost of diesel rise above £1.10 per litre in the next year. Noted.
- c. **Communications including Newsletter & Web Site** - Someone required to take over responsibility for the Newsletter. **MB** has agreed to do this temporarily pending reallocation of duties in the New Year.
- d. **Liaison with other Authorities.** Nothing to report

81118-15 FINANCE

- (i) Authorisation for Clerk’s interim pay award for 2008/9 (pending arbitration)
 - a) If above approved, letter to bank to be authorised re. increased SO
 Interim pay award was approved and letter of authorisation for bank was approved and signed. All in favour.
- (ii) Finance Reports and Accounts for Payment – The Bank Balances and Transactions Reports were accepted and signed by the Chairman and are attached to these Minutes. The Transactions Report includes the Statutory Powers where necessary.
All accounts were accepted for payment. All in favour.
- (iii) 2009/10 draft Budget & Precept Application – Some adjustments to be made to the draft Budget.
It was agreed to apply a 3% increase to the present Precept for 2009/10.
- (iv) Transfer of funds to Current A/C - £5,000 approved and letter of authorisation was signed accordingly.
- (v) Other Finance

81118-16 CORRESPONDENCE (List attached)

81118-17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

81118-18 MEETING DATES for 2009:-

- 20th January
- 17th February
- 17th March
- 21st April (Parish Assembly)
- 19th May (AGM)
- 16th June
- 21st July
- 15th September
- 20th October
- 17th November

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Date.....2009