

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of General Meeting of the Parish Council Held on TUESDAY 19th February 2008 in HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL

Present:-

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

Also present:- District Councillor Jonathan Gray (JG)

Mr. Wilkie chaired the meeting in Mr. Farnden's absence

80219-1 APOLOGIES:- Mr. N. Farnden (NF)

80219-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATION of INTEREST for items on the agenda

PC declared a Personal Interest in Item **80219-9** as his wife has an interest in the plot of land adjacent to the site the Parish Council is hoping to purchase for the new burial ground.

80219-3 OPEN FORUM – for all members of the public and press present including District and County Councillors.

There had been a complaint from a resident re. fencing at Hail Weston House. **JG** had followed this up and confirmed that this does not need planning permission .

80219-4 TO APPROVE and SIGN MINUTES of the General meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th January 2008. The Minutes were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. All in favour.

80219-5 MATTERS ARISING

- ✓ **SP** has written to Alexanders informing them of the Parish Council's application for a faculty.
- ✓ **SP** has spoken to PCSO Carol Corn re. adding B645 speeding issue to agenda for the April Neighbourhood policing meeting – She said it has to be brought up at the meeting.
- ✓ May Parker, Church Newsletter editor, has included the Mobile Library timetable in the Church Newsletter.
- ✓ **SP** had made 2 calls to HDC re. new litterbin request. Someone was supposed to be 'phoning back, but no one did.
- ✓ Sharp's Barn Application – Permission Granted by Bedford BC. The letter also stated that the Committee took into consideration the Parish Council's representations in reaching their decision.
- ✓ **CC** confirmed that the refuse bin outside no. 105 High Street is not actually on Highways land and, therefore its removal cannot be enforced

80219-6 PLANNING UPDATE

Application Ref. 0703950FUL – Change of use of land and building to class B8 (storage and distribution), widening of access and construction of access road and security structures (retrospective) Agricultural Buildings North of 589 Great North Road, Eaton Ford, Cambridgeshire.
PC attended the St. Neots Planning meeting where the Town Council approved this application.

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

This was subsequently approved by HDC under delegated powers, but it was subject to many conditions. Decision and Officer Report sent to all via email prior to this meeting.

80219-7 FOOTBALL NUISANCE AROUND BUS SHELTER- After some discussion it was concluded that any action was beyond the powers of the Parish Council. The resident concerned does not wish to involve the police or the PCSO directly. However, she did request their contact details, which **SP** will forward to **LB**.

80219-8 BRIDGE over the FORD – BE reported that the recent floods have affected the settlement of the bridge. This has been reported to the Bridge Engineer.

JG is following up the development of the National Cycle Network.

80219-9 CEMETERY UPDATE - The invoice for the survey of the proposed cemetery was unanimously approved for payment to Associated Surveying Consultants - £440.63.

80219-10 PARISH ASSEMBLY – To discuss timing and format. Various ideas were discussed, but it was decided to defer this item for the next meeting in order to have Mr. Farnden’s input.

80219-11 To discuss the appointment of Street Warden/Project Manager

- (i) Street Warden – **CC** to put an item in the next Newsletter to invite interest.
- (ii) Playing Field Project Manager held over for **NF**’s input.

80219-12 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS

a. Highways & Environment

- (i) **Orchard Close Foul Sewer – BE** is deferring the letter to residents until after the trees have been dealt with.
- (ii) **Trees Ford Lane –** After the disappointment over the vandalism that partly destroyed the first weekend’s work the second weekend saw the completion of the planting. It was a splendid effort and there was a good turnout of Councillors and residents. There is a very good report in the Hunts Post together with photographs.
- (iii) **Trees Orchard Close –**The work has been completed.

b. Council controlled open spaces - Including possible alternative quote for treatment and reseeded of Village Bank.

LB & BE met with Tony King, Highways and he has agreed to improve the village sign area after recent improvements to the path. However, due to budgetary constraints, this will not be done until April. Meanwhile, **LB** has arranged for moss treatment to be carried out by ‘Green Thumb’ at a cost of £32. This will be followed by a weed and feed treatment at a further cost of £32. These costs unanimously agreed.

c. Communications including web site

The deadline for Newsletter items is 15th March

MB & CC had a meeting to discuss the web site resulting in some improvements.

d. Liaison with other Authorities.

80219-13 FINANCE

- (i) Finance Reports and Accounts for Payment. Two reports were circulated to all prior to the meeting – Account Balances and Transaction Report showing Statutory Powers for the expenditure. The reports were accepted and the payments were authorised. All in favour. Reports filed with these Minutes.
- (ii) Other Finance
 - ✓ Precept confirmed by HDC at £14,800 – based on 238 Band D properties @ £62.18 per property. (This year was £59.37)
 - ✓ The Audit Commission have confirmed the appointment of Moore Stephens as External Auditor for the next 5 years and the fee is fixed at £135 for Income/Expenditure Band up to £25,000
 - ✓ Transfer of £2,000 from the Deposit A/C to the Current A/C was authorised to ensure that the Current A/C does not go overdrawn. All in favour.

80219-14 QUALITY STATUS UPDATE – Evidence Portfolio and Application submitted 7/2/08

CC & SP met with Ian Dewar at the CALC offices. The portfolio was examined and discussed. Mr. Dewar considered that all the requirements had been met and that no further documentation was needed.

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

IW said that a vote of thanks should go to **SP** for all the work put into the preparation of the package. Also a vote of thanks to **CC** for giving up so much of her time preparing Newsletters and helping to compile the package.

80219-15 CORRESPONDENCE (List attached)

SP passed the Parish Paths Partnership information and map to **BE**

The possible attendance of the Clerk at a CALC Workshop on Archiving and Freedom of Information was not discussed.

80219-16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Since the ban on smoking came into force there is a lot of smoking-related litter outside the pub.

80219-17 DATES of NEXT MEETINGS – all on Tuesdays:-

- March 18th**
- April 15th (Parish Assembly)**
- May 20th (AGM)**
- June 17th, July 15th**
- September 16th**
- October 21st**
- November 18th**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm