

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of General Meeting of the Parish Council Held on TUESDAY 17th July 2007 in HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL

Present:-

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

Also present: - Cllr. Mr. P. Downes (PD)

In the absence of Mr. Farnden Mr. Wilkie chaired the meeting

70717-1 APOLOGIES - Mr. N. Farnden (NF), Mr. B. Easom(BE) & Cllr. Mr. J. Gray (JG)

70717-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATION of INTEREST for items on the agenda

PC's 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. He, therefore, declared a Personal Interest in Item 6.

70717-3 OPEN FORUM – for all members of the public and press present including District and County Councillors.

PD reported that a new officer had been appointed and that speed limits on local roads will be reviewed. PD stated that local people should have a bigger say and asked for the Parish Council's views. Various recommendations were put forward and it was decided to place this item on the September Agenda for further discussion.

PD had met with County Officers and the owners of Waste Recycling Group Ltd., to argue against closing the recycling depot at Brampton. PD is organising a petition for submission to County in October.

70717-4 TO APPROVE and SIGN MINUTES:-

- (i) **General Meeting of the Parish Council – 19th June 2007**
- (ii) **Planning Sub-committee Meeting – 26th June 2007**

Both are to be held over to a future meeting, as those who attended were not present at this meeting.

70717-5 MATTERS ARISING

SP read out the letter from RoSPA in reply to the queries raised from their annual Playground Report.

PC had previously sprayed the weeds.

John Baker is to be asked to carry out some remedial work on the play area gate, to repair the village notice board and replace rails in fence. Charge for all the work will be £120. Accepted and all in favour.

The bark was laid in 1999 but only topped up since then. A thick layer is needed to prevent growth of weeds. Provision for bark to be made in next year's budget - £1,100.

Fence needs repainting.

Car Park trip hazard was highlighted. As mentioned in the June Minutes aggregate is required and PC's neighbour has the equipment for this.

PC plus 2 volunteers had carried out some clearing of hedge trimmings etc. However, they felt that not enough progress had been made and, therefore, recommend that the work be put out to a contractor.

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70717-6 CEMETERY UPDATE

- a) **Membership of Ass. Burial Authorities** – SP has requested a refund through CALC but, to date, no response has been received. The matter will be pursued.

70717-7 POLICING MATTERS

- a) PCSO Carol Corn was informed about the disturbance at the bus shelter and surrounding area affecting nearby residents. It has been noted that the bus shelter has been used as goal posts.
- b) Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting. Discussed under Item 9c. The letter from Chairman of Eynesbury & Hardwicke PC re. “possible joint funding of laser speed gun for use by local police” was discussed. This will not be pursued as a laser speed gun is not relevant to Hail Weston.

70717-8 PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) **Application ref. 0701527FUL – Manor Cottage, 2 Newtown. Extension to dwelling.** Permission granted by HDC.
- (ii) **Application ref. 0701583OUT – Land at and including 1 Ford End. Outline application for means of access and layout for the erection of two dwellings.** Permission granted by HDC.
- (iii) **Application ref. 0701805FUL - Dirt House, 589 Gt. N. Road, Eaton Ford – Extension to dwelling.** The application was considered at the meeting of the Planning Sub-committee on 26th June and is recommended for approval. However, there are concerns that change of use to business purposes will increase the traffic onto the A1 or B645.

70717-9 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS

- a. **Highways & Environmental** – Hedges on private property need to be cut back from pavements. Grass cutting by Mr. Green to be carried out later that week. Also trimming trees around lights and cables. Litter bin emptying to be monitored by BE.
- b. **Council controlled open spaces** including receipt of allotment rent. LB had collected £12.50 for 2007/8. Handed to SP for banking. CC will be collecting any further rents due for the current year. Also NF, PC & BE had some success in clearing playing field debris but a contractor has to be employed for the remainder of the work as per Minute no. 70619-9a. Goal posts need repainting – Community Services to be asked to carry out this work.
- c. **Liaison with other authorities** – Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting attended by SP & IW on 3rd July. IW’s Report attached to these Minutes.
- d. **Communications** – It was agreed that E-cops information could be put on web site.

70717-10 FINANCE

- a) Finance Report including Accounts for Payment. SP to provide an analysis of grass cutting expenditure showing costs for each area. Reports accepted and payments approved. All in favour.
- b) Annual Return for the year ended 2006/7 including Internal Auditor’s Report. This was accepted and approved. All in favour. SP will forward the Annual Return together with the Variance Report and Bank Reconciliation Statement to Moore Stevens by the agreed date, 1st August.

70717-11 QUALITY STATUS UPDATE –Progress meeting to be arranged with Ian Dewar, CALC. CC, MB and SP will attend.

Keith Barrant, Chief Executive of CALC has resigned. SP to send a letter of thanks to him in appreciation of his help and guidance that he has given over the years.

70717-12 NEW CODE of CONDUCT for consideration with a view to approval by 1st September. Already accepted by NF, BE and PC at June meeting.

And to review how it is working in practice in a few months’ time with a view to incorporating CALC’s ‘Light Touch Rules’ in Standing Orders. Approved by all those present.

70717-13 CORRESPONDENCE (List attached) – Approval was given for the Clerk to attend the Code

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of Conduct and Accounts Training Workshops.

70717-14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There had been another incident of a dog, belonging to a Hail Weston resident, killing a cat. **IW** was given permission by the Parish Council to follow up this matter with the police – initially with PCSO Carol Corn. **LB** reported that the trees in the Garden of Rest are overhanging the fence and blocking out light. Two properties are affected. Mr. Green, the grass-cutting contractor, to be asked to cut them back.

CC – The deadline for the Newsletter for the September quarter was 12th August.

It is with regret that the Street Warden, Mr. Eric Foxley has had to resign. **SP** to send a letter of appreciation for his excellent service.

BE to be asked if he will draw up a Job Specification for the post.

70717-15 DATES of NEXT MEETINGS:-

Tuesday, September 18th

Tuesday, October 16th

Tuesday, November 20th

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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