

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of General Meeting of the Parish Council Held on TUESDAY 18th March 2008 in HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL

Present:-

Mr. N. Farnden	NF	Chairman
Mr. I. Wilkie	IW	Vice Chairman
Mr. P. Chandler	PC	
Mr. B. Easom	BE	
Miss L. Bacon	LB	
Mrs. S. Penton	SP	Parish Clerk

Also present:- Two members of the public

80318-1 APOLOGIES - Mr. M. Baughan (MB), Mrs. C. Couzens (CC) and District Councillor Mr. J. Gray (JG)

80318-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATION of INTEREST for items on the agenda:-

IW declared a Personal Interest for item **80318-6 (ii)**, as he knows the applicant.

PC declared a Personal Interest in Item **80318-9** 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.

80318-3 OPEN FORUM – for all members of the public and press present including District and County Councillors.

Resident living opposite the bus shelter had complained about football being played at the bus shelter and the children causing a nuisance having to retrieve their ball from resident's garden. As mentioned at the last meeting, it is beyond the Parish Council's powers unless it is vandalism. It was resolved to discuss this with PCSO Carol Corn at the Safer Neighbourhood meeting on 8th April and to put up a sign saying 'NO BALL GAMES'.

Another resident brought up the subject of allotments and, therefore Item 12b was brought forward.

LB read out her report re. Allotment Workshop, which she attended on 8th March. Copy attached to these Minutes.

Her recommendations included:-

- ✓ Investing in reports and reference materials available from Allotment Regeneration Initiative (ARI) costing Approx. £15.
- ✓ Introduction of a tenancy agreement. Model agreement from ARI.
- ✓ Invite ARI mentor to a meeting of tenants re. introduction of agreement.
- ✓ Carry out regular inspections and H&S risk assessment annually.
- ✓ Clarify benefits of PC joining National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners - £55 pa.
- ✓ Possible notice board on site – Funding to be sought through grants.

All in agreement with these recommendations.

LB was congratulated on producing such an informative report.

80318-4 TO APPROVE and SIGN MINUTES of the Planning Committee meeting and General meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th February 2008.

Both sets of Minutes were accepted as a true record. All in favour.

80318-5 MATTERS ARISING

Request for an additional litterbin was refused by HDC.

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80318-6 PLANNING

(i) Application Ref. 0800338FUL – Extension to dwelling – The Paddocks, Moor Road, Gt. Staughton, Cambs., PE19 5BJ

The above application was considered by the Planning Committee at their meeting on 19th February and recommended for approval.

(ii) Application Ref. 0703950FUL – Change of use of land and building, widening of access etc., Agricultural Buildings North of 589 Great North Road, Eaton Ford, Cambridgeshire

BE queried wording in Planning Officer's Report – i.e. A1 Southbound should read A1 Northbound. The reply from Planning was that "it appeared to be all in order". Also that the Enforcement Officer is monitoring the site.

80318-7 POLICING MATTERS - Items (i) & (ii) for information.

- (i) Neighbourhood Newsletter – Wild birds will start nest building in March. It is an offence to damage or destroy nests by hedge cutting/tree felling (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981).
- (ii) Safer Neighbourhood Meeting, Hail Weston VH, Tuesday 8th April, 7.30pm.
- (iii) Any other Policing Matters.

80318-8 BRIDGE over the FORD – Letter from CCC Countryside Access Team Leader as a result of BE raising concerns about the bridge at the Local Access Forum meeting on 29th January. They will look into the cost of rebuilding the north abutments steps in 2008/9. BE remarked that it seems that they had missed the point that the bridge is on a cycle route and should, therefore, be suitable for cyclists as well as pedestrians. Copy of letter to go to JG. A copy had already been sent to PD.

80318-9 CEMETERY UPDATE – The application for faculty was progressing and a response is expected within two months.

80318-10 PARISH ASSEMBLY – NF to present his report for the last year. It was agreed that refreshments would be provided after the meeting.

80318-11 NF had spoken to John Baker with a view to asking him to be Project Manager. It was agreed to await the RoSPA Play Area Report after the annual inspection in April.

80318-12 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS

a. Highways & Environment

- (i) Parish Paths and Rights of Way – Footpath 4 will be maintained by Highways and has been added to the Highways Schedule for the coming season.
- (ii) Orchard Close Foul Sewer – BE will draft a letter.
- (iii) Trees Orchard Close – CCC has undertaken the work.
- (iv) Trees Ford Lane – The planting has been successfully completed.

b. Council controlled open spaces including:-

- (i) Report from LB re. Allotment Workshop is attached to these Minutes
- (ii) Play Area Safety Inspection booked for some time in April

Tony King, Highways, will arrange for the village bank to be tidied up.

c. **Communications** – The next Newsletter will be the Annual Newsletter.

d. **Liaison with other Authorities** – The next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting will be here on 8th April. Matters to be brought up will be B645 safety concerns and football being played in the bus shelter has become a nuisance to residents living opposite.

80318-13 FINANCE

- (i) Finance Reports including Budget Report and Accounts for Payment – These were unanimously accepted and approved.

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- (ii) Clerk's salary review/appraisal – This item was discussed in the Clerk's absence after she left the meeting at 10.00pm. Subsequently, the Chairman wrote to Mrs. Penton stating that it was unanimously agreed to increase her salary to spinal column 23 on the scale for Local Council Clerks and Manual Workers as from 1st April 2007 and if, as happened last year, the rates are increased retrospectively, then her pay will be increased in line with the new rates.
- (iii) Gerry Whitfield has confirmed that he will carry out the Internal Audit for this year, but he will not be able to continue.
- (iv) Other Finance - none

80318-14 QUALITY STATUS UPDATE - Waiting result of application

80318-15 CORRESPONDENCE (List attached)

80318-16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) There will be no change in the number of Council Members for Hail Weston as a result of the Electoral Review.
- (ii) Tony King, Highways to be informed of items needing attention:-
 - (a) Repair work after the water leak was not reinstated to the right standard.
 - (b) The dropped kerb outside 75 High Street is not stable and is a hazard to pedestrians.
- (iii) **IW** would like to support against the proposed changes to airspace over parts of London, southern and eastern England i.e Terminal Control North (TCN) since being informed that Hail Weston sits beneath the TCN region. **NF** will write to leader of HDC.
- (iv) **SP** to report that two streetlights on the corner of Orchard Close and Manor Way are not working.

80318-17 DATES of NEXT MEETINGS – all on Tuesdays:-

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

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