

# HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of General Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009

in HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL at 8.00pm

### Present:-

Mr. N. Farnden	NF	Chairman
Mr. I. Wilkie	IW	Vice Chairman
Mr. B. Easom	BE	
Mr. P. Chandler	PC	
Mrs. S. Buchanan	SB	
Mrs. D. Salter	DS	
Mr. M. Frank	MF	
Mrs. S. Penton	SP	Parish Clerk

**90728-1 APOLOGIES – County Councillor Mr. Peter Downes and District Councillor Mr. J. Gray**

**90728-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATION of INTEREST for items on the agenda**

NF declared a Personal Interest in Item 6, as his daughter presented the Play Area petition to the Parish Assembly last year.

IW declared a Personal Interest in Item 7(ii), as he is a friend of the owner

PC declared a Personal Interest in Item 11 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.

**90728-3 TO APPROVE and SIGN MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June and the Planning Committee Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.** Both sets of Minutes were accepted as a true record. All in favour.

**90728-4 OPEN FORUM – for all members of the public and press present including District and County Councillors**

**90728-5 MATTERS ARISING**

The Standing Orders as revised at the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> June have been circulated to all.

Risk Assessment for the Play Area prepared by SB had been circulated to all.

**90728-6 PLAY AREA**

**(i) Refurbishment Project:-**

(a) CCC Play Pathfinder Part A funding application meetings and event:-

8<sup>th</sup> July 30 minute Surgery with Ashley List, County Play Strategy Project Officer (BE & DS)

10<sup>th</sup> July Site Visit also with Ashley List (BE)

20<sup>th</sup> July Working Party Meeting.

22<sup>nd</sup> July Consultation (BE, DS, SB & SP). – 92% of comments were favourable.

**The Play Pathfinder 'Part A' application was submitted on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.**

(b) Part B deadline moved from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

There will be fund-raising efforts in aid of the Playing Field project at the village fete being held on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**90728-7 PLANNING**

**(a) Planning Committee Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June to consider the following:-**

(i) HDC - Application Ref. 0900681FUL – Front and side extension to dwelling. 49 Orchard Close, Hail Weston, PE19 5LF

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- (ii) CCC - Application for the diversion of part of Public Footpath No. 1, Hail Weston and Public Footpath No. 15, Eaton Socon, Highways Act 1980 s119.

Minutes recording decisions circulated to all prior to this meeting.

(b) – **3 GREEN LANE, HAIL WESTON** – Ad. in Hunts Post to let out property, reported to Karen Tozer, Planning Enforcement. Breach of Planning Permission Application no. 0603902FUL. Copy of ad. sent to Karen Tozer. **SP** to request an update.

**90728-8 BUS SHELTER** – Sean Barnes has confirmed that he will carry out the work ‘by approx. the middle of August at the latest’.

**90728-9 PAINTING of POST BOX next to telephone box.** **SP** to follow this up.

**90728-10 BRIDGE over the FORD - Notification of change of dates from Robert Mulundika, Cambridgeshire Highways Area Bridge Engineer for work being carried out.**

Modification/extension of north abutment to Ford End Footbridge & Repair to area of undermining below carriageway slab.

Works have now been re-scheduled to commence on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009. Consequently, the works are now programmed to be completed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

#### **90728-11 CEMETERY UPDATE**

- **NF** sent letter enclosing Planning Documentation to Gross & Co., Solicitors on 26<sup>th</sup> June. Acknowledgement received.
- The electricity pole will be resited at the cost of edf Energy. However, the **PC** will have to bear the cost of the provision of a lighting column. Email attached to AGM Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009.
- It was resolved at the AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> May that **NF** is to deal with Loan application for purchase of land.
- A formal resolution is required regarding the wish to raise a loan from the Public Works Loans Board for £25,000 over 15 years. This is to be on the September Agenda for discussion.
- **BE** and **NF** met with the agents of the landowners i.e. Michael Alexander, and informed him of the conditions attached to the planning approval.

**90728-12 VILLAGE HALL** – **BE** and **DS** attended the AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June and the next meeting will be 19<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **90728-13 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS**

##### **a. Highways & Environment**

- **BE** had reported fly tipping, which was subsequently removed.
- **BE** suggested that a request is made to residents to trim back boundary vegetation. Some hedges are overhanging footpaths. An item to go in the Newsletter.
- The new grit bin is soon to be purchased and Peter Round will be asked to install it.
- **SP** to clarify the situation with the Bedfordshire planners regarding trees having been planted along the edge of the road adjacent to the new barn project. This could become an accident ‘black spot’.

##### **b. Council controlled open space**

(i) Risk Assessment for Play Area prepared by **SB** and circulated to all

(ii) Play Area sprayed to kill weeds on 29<sup>th</sup> June and work on removing dead matter carried out by grass cutting contractor on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

- **SB** recommended that that Play Area bark should be topped up. Mulch is to be ordered. Peter Round, the grass-cutting contractor is to be approached regarding the removal of one of the pieces of play equipment, the spider.
- **BE** suggested the formation of a working party to clean up the remainder of the equipment.
- **SP** to arrange the purchase of a sign saying ‘No Dogs Allowed’.
- **SB** to send letters of thanks to the sponsors of the Best Front Garden Competition.
- **SB** proposed an Open Gardens event for next year.

Signed by the Chairman.....**N. FARNDEN**.....

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**c. Communications**

- (i) Newsletter/Annual Report – **MF** reported that it is ready for printing and distributing.
- (ii) Web Site – Martin Baughan is keeping the web site up to date regarding agendas and Minutes of meetings – **SP** sends items from time to time e.g. the official notice re. the possibility of a Swine Flu outbreak, which was also put on the village notice board and the village hall notice board.

**d. Liaison with other Authorities (for information)**

- (i) Email from E-cops – Safety Camera Vans will be used in areas with a serious speeding problem but no history of serious collisions.
- (ii) Cambridgeshire Police Authority is in the process of recruiting one new independent member to be selected from the community to work with 9 councillor members to monitor the Cambridgeshire force to maintain an efficient and effective police service.
- (iii) New non-emergency number for Police – 0345 456 456 4

**90728-14 Councillor Professional Development Training Courses:-**

- (i) If anyone is interested in attending, the courses comprise 3 sessions with a choice of dates from September to November run by CPALC.  
These courses will also be run by Little Paxton Parish Council and could cost less with very little mileage.
- (ii) Authority required for expenditure – 3 sessions @ £35 per session i.e £105 per Councillor. This was unanimously approved should anyone wish to pursue it.

**90728-15 FINANCE**

- (i) Finance Reports and Accounts for Payment approved. All in favour.
- (ii) Report from Independent Internal Auditor, Gerry Whitfield, accepted.
- (iii) Other Finance – It is not possible to copy the Quicken Accounts software from **SP's** computer to **PC's** computer and, therefore, it was agreed that **PC** could purchase his own copy and to be reimbursed from Parish Council funds.  
Also **SP** is to use a flash stick instead of discs for backups. Expenditure approved – all in favour.

**90728-16 CORRESPONDENCE** – The list is attached to these Minutes.

**90728-17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**90728-18 DATES of NEXT MEETINGS**

**15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**20<sup>th</sup> October**  
**17<sup>th</sup> November**

**The meeting closed at 10.10pm**

**Signed by the Chairman.....N. FARNDEN.....**

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