

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of General Meeting of the Parish Council Held on TUESDAY 19th January 2010 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	
Mr. M. Frank	MF	
Mrs. S. Penton	SP	Parish Clerk

Also present – One member of the public

100119-1 APOLOGIES - Mrs. D. Salter still in hospital (See Item 6), District Councillor Jonathan Gray (JG) & County Councillor Peter Downes (PD)

100119-2 MEMBERS' DECLARATION of INTEREST for items on the agenda

NF declared a Personal Interest in Item 13, as his daughter presented the Play Area petition to the Parish Assembly in 2008.

NF also declared a Personal Interest in Item 16b(i) as his Wife is one of the allotment tenants affected by the dispute.

SB also declared a Personal Interest in Item 16b(i) as her Husband is one of the allotment tenants affected by the dispute.

MF also declared a Personal Interest in Item 16b(i) as his Wife is one of the allotment tenants affected by the dispute.

PC declared a Personal Interest in Item 14 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.

100119-3 TO APPROVE and SIGN MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Tuesday 24th November 2009. In item 12b(i) the Allotments Disputes 'Committee' is to be changed to 'Working Party'. The Minutes were then accepted as a true record. All in favour

100119-4 OPEN FORUM – for all members of the public and press present including District and County Councillors – There were no comments from the member of the public present.

100119-5 MATTERS ARISING

Bus Shelter – The new bargeboards have yet to be painted. **SP** to follow this up with the contractor.

100119-6 DI SALTER'S SICKNESS LEAVE – Formal approval required by the Council of reason for absence. Di had a stroke in October and is still in hospital and she is making good progress. All were in favour of approving her leave of long-term absence.

Meanwhile, another member of the Planning Committee is required to fill her position during her absence. **PC** will fill that vacant post.

100119-7 PLANNING

- (i) **Ref. 0901597FUL – 589 Great North Road, Eaton Ford. Tensor time systems, Hail Weston House.** Erection of new warehouse on existing B8 use site.

The application and plans were circulated to all prior to the meeting. There were no objections to the application.

- (ii) **Enforcement Cases**

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- a. **3 Green Lane** – Site visit by HDC Planning Enforcement arranged 23.11.09 as per report received from Enforcement dated 11.1.10. **SP** to follow up.
- b. **Kym Stables – Siting of caravans** – Site visit by Enforcement, but no reply and no response received from card left asking for contact.

100119-8 POLICING – PCSO Carol Corn rang **SP** re. the vehicle that has been left at Ford End. She has confirmed that it belongs to a local resident. She has spoken to the wife of the owner who confirmed that they would do their best to remove it as soon as possible. It had broken down and the AA had brought it back and left it there.

100119-9 VILLAGE HALL – Martin Baughan has been asked to change the name of the VH representative on the website to Sheila Buchanan.
 VH bookings are now being handled by Dawn Isaacs. Martin will also change this on the web site.
 Village Hall Risk Assessment required for whoever rents it.

100119-10 VILLAGE EMAIL DATABASE – The subject was discussed but no conclusions were drawn. Some felt that the web site should be sufficient. Perhaps to be discussed again some time in the future.

100119-11 HAIL WESTON PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE – Volunteers may be found amongst the residents to collect facts and photos.

100119-12 OFFICE HOLDERS FROM MAY 2010 – **NF** reminded the Parish Council that the 3-year term of office for the Chairman and Vice Chairman expires in May and some thought must be given to plans for replacements.

100119-13 PLAY AREA

Including:-

(i) The funding of £9,367 has been received from Awards for All for Project 2, Trim Trail being supplied by Fenland Leisure.

(ii) Play Pathfinder – Half of grant received December i.e. £15,000 the remainder is due in March. Estimated cost of Project 1 is £30,870. However, the **£870**, which has not been funded will only be expended if the Zip Wire contractor, Lappset, needs to carry out works to the mound being provided by the Ground Works Contractor, Lattenbury Services.

(iii) Other possible expenditure to be sanctioned by the Parish Council and to be underwritten if it is found to be needed:-

2 Picnic Tables - **£1,040**

If it is found that some work on the Playing Field cannot be combined with the Cemetery works as planned then there will be costs of a further **£600**.

Therefore, it is requested that the Parish Council will approve the underwriting of **£870 + £1,040 + £600 totalling £2,510**

This, however, will be reduced by whatever funds can be raised by the Quiz Night being held on 6th February and any other donations that may be received for picnic tables as a result of an appeal in the Newsletter.

This was proposed and seconded. All in favour.

(iv) Various work scheduled as follows:-

Ground works are due to commence w/c 8th February.

Installation of the Shelter and the Multi-activity unit will commence during February.

The Willow Tunnel planting is due to be started on 10th March.

The Zip Wire is due for erection in a 4-day period during the mid 2 weeks of March.

BE's full report is attached to these Minutes.

Risk Assessment required for the Playing Field. **SB** to produce this.

100119-14 CEMETERY

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(i) Week commencing 15th February Lattenbury Services will carry out the tree clearance in the close vicinity to the Electricity Pole, under the direction of EDF. EDF will arrange for the road closure order for one day and the power will be off.

(ii) Public Works Loan Board – Loan paid into Council's cheque a/c on 8th January- £24,975 – i.e. (£25,000 less transaction fee of £25).

The interest rate is 4.03%, £2,237.12 pa. Payments will be half yearly as from 8th January 2010. Therefore, the first payment of £1,118.56 will be made on 8th July 2010. The final payment being 8th January 2025.

(iii) Discharge of Conditions of Planning consent:-

Planning Condition 1 re. commencement of work, will be met as work will start on 15th February 2010.

Planning Condition 2 re. Drainage – Letters received from Environment Agency and HDC confirming that this condition may be discharged.

Planning Condition 3 re. Tree planting scheme – Letter received from HDC confirming that this Condition is partly discharged and will be fully discharged once the scheme has been implemented.

A requirement of the Planning Consent is that the new Cemetery access is to be built according to the Highways Authority specification and contact has been made with the County Highways Department.

BE's full report is attached to these Minutes.

100119-15 PAINTING of POST BOX next to telephone box (no. PE19 5JW -130) – SP rang the post office again on 13th January and received the same response. They apologise for the delay and will remind the engineering department again.

100119-16 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS

a. Highways & Environment

Recent closures of Ford Lane due to the River level being high have coincided with A1 closures resulting in excessive traffic through the village. BE has written to County Highways requesting signs at the entrance to the village off the B645 to warn motorists when the Ford is closed.

b. Council controlled open spaces

(i) Allotment Disputes Working Party will meet at a later date.

(ii) Village Notice Board – John Baker will inform the PC as to whether or not he is able to repair it.

c. **Communications** - The Newsletter is ready for printing.

d. Liaison with other Authorities – IW reported on various Police Actions taken over Christmas and the New Year including closing down a bar/night club in St. Neots. On reopening after a change of management, opening hours will be reduced and they will have to serve substantial food until 10.00pm.

In another case dating from last February, two men were sentenced to a total of 12 years in prison for arms and drugs offences.

IW's full report is attached to these Minutes.

100119-17 FINANCE

(i) Finance Reports and Accounts for Payment. Approved. All in favour.

(ii) SP is suggesting closing the Cater Allen bank account. They levied a charge of £25 for the transfer of funds last month and no interest has been paid since 31.03.09 despite there being a balance of £17,000. It was proposed and seconded to close the Cater Allen Account. All in favour.

(iii) Amounts received to date in the newly opened bank account for funding transactions are £15,000 from Play Pathfinder and £9,367 from Awards for All. With the remaining £15,000 being paid by Pathfinder in March.

100119-18 CORRESPONDENCE (List attached)

100119-19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

100119-20 DATES of NEXT MEETINGS for 2010:-

February 16th - March 16th - April 20th (Parish Assembly) - May 18th (AGM) - June 15th -

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July 20th - September 21st - October 19th - November 16th

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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