

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21 JUNE 2022 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT:

J Gooch (JG)
N Farnden (NF)
R Rowley-Smith (RRS)
J Hubble (JH)
O Oldfield (OO)
S Mailer (SM)

IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public, Clair Slade, Community Connector from Cambridgeshire County Council, HDC Ward Cllr. Stephen Cawley and the Clerk attended the meeting.

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- 220621 - 1** It was resolved to accept apologies and reasons from P Martin.
- 220621 - 2** Two Declarations of Interests from JG and OO received relating to Item 220621-7b planning. (applicant is acquaintance)
- 220621 - 3** It was proposed by JG by seconded by OO and RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2022.
- 220621 - 4** Open Forum - Ukraine report circulated to HWPC members' detailing summary of support to date, financial points from Wendy & Paul Baker. JG thanked both for their effort and reports. Following SM raising a question, Wendy clarified that presently the financial outlook was positive and would inform HWPC if/when this should change. Paul Baker suggested a third virtual bus stop could be located at the east of the village which may help residents accessing services in that part of the village.
HDC Ward Councillor Stephen Cawley: £150 Energy Bill Rebate letters on the way to residents who are yet to receive this payment. Residents who have not received a letter or are outstanding monies should contact HDC, details on the website, under Council Tax.
Huntingdonshire District Council's Active Lifestyles Team have recently launched a new scheme entitled "Active For Health" which is a **FREE** 12 week activity programme to help our residents to become active and move more - <http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/activeforhealth>
Adults (18 and over) with a BMI of 25 or over, or 23.5 if they are from the BME community.
Young people (11 years to 15 years) who are concerned about their weight.
Families (with children 7 years to 10 years) who are concerned about their weight.
Stephen reported that he is part of the Growth & Partnerships team at Huntingdon District Council, and he would continue to inform on progress of St Neots High Street fund (16.3M).
Clair Slade, Think Communities Community Connector, Huntingdonshire discussed her position outlined her focus of sharing knowledge across the district, idea finding, advise and signposting to funders. Clair discussed 'men's shed' concept and noted some of HWPC concerns around financial support for 'small

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- settlements' specifically improving cycle path to connect to St Neots and would highlight to her colleagues. HWPC were welcome to contact her at any time.
- 220621 - 5** All Register of Members' Interest received and forwarded to HDC, bank interest rates comparison was insignificant, speed data sent to Force, additional waste bin received for playing field these concluded matters arising.
- 220621 - 6**
- a. Following discussion, it was proposed by RRS seconded by JG and RESOLVED to approve **APPLICATION REF. 22/01131/FUL 21**
Proposal: Full planning permission for the redevelopment of commercial buildings at The Elms to 1 No. dwelling with associated access and landscaping, including the demolition of neighbouring derelict commercial storage buildings. Site address: Agricultural Buildings West of The Elms Kimbolton Road Hail Weston. **Clerk**
- b. Following discussion, it was proposed by JG seconded by JH and RESOLVED to approve **APPLICATION REF. 22/01010/HHFUL**
Proposal: Two-storey rear extension, Site Address: The Old Bakehouse, 81 High Street Hail Weston. **Clerk**
- c. Following discussion, it was proposed by JH seconded by RRS and RESOLVED to approve **APPLICATION REF. 22/00496/LBC**
Proposal: rubber roof and replace wooden struts and feather edge attached to the listed building, Site address: Public House the Royal Oak 79 High Street Hail Weston St Neots PE19 5JW. **Clerk**
- d. Awaiting response from HDC regard to solar panels. It was proposed by JH seconded by RRS and RESOLVED to approve Objection to 'Call for Sites' land known as 'Eaton Bank' within the **Bedford Borough Local Plan 2040** consultation citing original concerns and that HWPC supported Bedford Borough's assessment that the site has been excluded from further assessment at Stage 1 because its location is not in accordance with the development strategy. **Clerk**
- 220621 - 7** It was proposed by JG seconded by PJM and RESOLVED to approve financial account balances, statements verified and bank reconciliations May 2022 and Account balances: Business Money Manager £55,678.20, Community a/c £4134.94 and Community a/c £2.08. **TOTAL £59,815.22.**
It was proposed by NF by seconded by JG and RESOLVED to approve June 2022 expenditure:
Total Energies streetlight supply £25.98 (parish owned lighting)
HDC Uncontested election costs £132.58
Clerk Wages June (J Abell) £487.96 SCP 25 £122 HMRC
T & S Gardening £580
K Webb Ltd. Internal Auditor £90
Wave Playing field £11.71
MVAS Solar panel £444
It was proposed by JG by seconded by NF and RESOLVED that Internal Auditor report 2021/22 was adopted. Clerk to probe HMRC regard to overpayment of £121.22, update Risk Assessment to reflect pension arrangement and due to reserves at 157% of precept detail contingency and earmarked funds. NF to progress with clerk forecasting report improvements. **Clerk/NF**

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- 220621 - 8** Councillor Responsibilities reviewed as OO – website, Communication & RoW, JH - Highways, JG - Village Hall & Finance, PJM – Playing Field, RRS - Open Space Checks & Trees, NF – CLP, SM - Neighbourhood watch/Crime.
- 220621 - 9** It was proposed by JG by seconded by JH and RESOLVED that following one expression of interest HWPC trial the handyman position for the remainder of the season. The work conducted would be invoiced to HWPC at £15/hour and up to 15 hours per month. Clerk to organise. **Clerk**
- 220621 - 10** A discussion ensued regard to Playing field car park extension. It was proposed by NF and seconded by JH and unanimously RESOLVED to refuse the extension to the increase of car parking provision at the playing field. The quotations received had included changing the gated access to the playing field it was approved that this work alongside replacing the gate to the child's play area. PJM to discuss with contractor. **PJM**
- 220621 - 11** It was proposed by RRS and seconded by OO that the land known to rear of the Royal Oak pub was a private matter between landowners. HWPC would not be attempting to negotiate, rent or attempt to purchase the open space.
- 220621 - 12** **RRS** - circulated Health & Safety report, outstanding items: central brace on Fort – continue to monitor, as per the ROSPA report. The zip wire clearance from the ground requires action. The 4th bar on the fort climb is loose and safety caps require fixing. the mound with the slide requires improvement.
JH – Highways – Timber fencing on the B645 and weeds. Clerk to request sweeper. **Clerk**
NF – Community Led Plan status: analysis capture.
- 220621 -13** **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE** (for information)
RESIDENTS:
16/05/2022 Ukraine Support Group Update
18/05/2022 churchyard info
18/05/2022 Pub Garden correspondence
18/05/2022 B645 Highways safety concerns and PC dates
20/05/2022 Landowner RoW's
21/05/2022 Grass-cutting congratulations
CCC: 17/05/2022 Grass cutting donation £237.31 unchanged
08/6/2022 Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme
HIGHWAYS ENGLAND: 18/05/2022 & 09/06/2022 Important roadworks information: A1 between Buckden roundabout and Brampton Hut Interchange
HUNTS FORUM:19/05/2022 Dream drops recognises i-dash
CAPALC/NALC: 20/05/2022 new report by the County Councils Network (CCN) and Zoom which supports NALC's ongoing call for councils to have the flexibility to hold remote meetings. The report also says moving permanently to a hybrid model of both online and in-person council meetings would improve the diversity of councils, which is an argument NALC has also made in support of remote meetings and as part of our [Make A Change](#) campaign. You can read more: [news story](#)
08/06/2022 CAPALC Bulletin - Annual Conference has been

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confirmed for *Friday 9th September 2022*

HDC: 18/05/2022 The new nine-member team is made up of new leader, Councillor Sarah Conboy, supported by eight councillors, each responsible for a different portfolio. HDC will be run by a Joint Administration made up of Liberal Democrat councillors, Labour councillors, Independent councillors, and a Green Party councillor. Their portfolios are: Executive Councillor for Place – Cllr Sarah Conboy, Executive Councillor for Planning – Cllr Tom Sanderson, Executive Councillor for Regeneration & Growth, Economy and Jobs – Cllr Sam Wakeford, Executive Councillor for Climate and Environment – Cllr Lara Davenport-Ray, Executive Councillor for Corporate & Shared Services – Cllr Martin Hassall, Executive Councillor for Customer and Transactional Services – Cllr Stephen Ferguson, Executive Councillor for Leisure, Waste and Street Scene – Cllr Simone Taylor, Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources – Cllr Brett Mickelburgh, Executive Councillor for Health and Community – Cllr Ben Pitt. In addition to the Cabinet roles, Cllr Michael Burke was elected as the new Chairman of the Council, and Cllr Steve McAdam was elected as the new Vice-Chairman of the Council.

20/05/2022 DPI's

24/05/2022 CIL Funding Round one

26/05/2022 Allocation of addressing to a new dwelling at Newtown, Hail Weston. To Be Known As:
Weston Springs, 8 Newtown

01/06/2022 CCG funded Health Equalities project to improve health inequalities across the district Initial meeting held Wednesday 15th June. HWPC to consider activities and respond.

All

06/06/2022 St Ives Flood Resilience Day and £150 Energy Bill Rebate letters on the way to residents

MAGPAS: 24/02/2022 Milly Cole, Senior Philanthropy Officer Magpas Air Ambulance is celebrating 50 years of service to the people of the East of England

EAST WEST RAILWAY COMPANY: 20/05/2022 EWR Local Representatives Group for Sandy, Tempsford & St Neots meeting Thursday 16 June at 7.30pm

12/06/2022 face-to-face engagement with communities across the East-West route Cambourne: Wednesday 20 July, 2pm - 8pm. The Cambridge Belfry, Back Lane

PKF -LITTLEJOHN LLP: 26/05/2022 2021/22 AGAR submitted and acknowledged by the external auditor.

SPEEDWATCH: 19/05/2022 no remit over the deployment of mobile camera vans. Data passed to the safer speed team. The clerk had invited County Broadband to PC meeting awaiting reply, Open reach surveying area prior to building ultra full-fibre broadband. Articles for the newsletter to be forwarded ASAP. Hunts Forum received nomination for rural volunteers.

All/Clerk

220621 - 14 Matters for Next Parish Meeting, on Tuesday July, 19, 2022: Playing Field.
The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.