

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15th NOVEMBER 2016 IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

PRESENT:

V Bolton (VB) (Chair)
J Sugars (JS)
T Baker (TB)
G Warner (GW)
J Gooch (JG)

J Abell (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Parish Meeting commenced at 7.30pm. There was one member of the public present.

ACTION

- 161115-1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were previously given in advance by Leona Evans (LE) – Holiday and Phil Evans (PE) - Holiday. Guy Warner (GW), CC Cllr. Peter Downes and Dawn Isaac would be late joining the meeting due to work commitments. It was RESOLVED by all to accept Apologies, Reasons for Absence and for VB (Chair) to adjust the Agenda accordingly.
- 161115- 2 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS** Jane Sugars Declared a Personal Interest with an item of correspondence as the matter had been raised by a neighbour and friend.
- 161115- 3 TO APPROVE and SIGN the MINUTES** It was proposed by TB, seconded by GW and RESOLVED by unanimous vote that the minutes were a true record and VB duly signed Minutes from the meeting held on 18th of October 2016.
- 161115- 4 OPEN FORUM and TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS**
CC Cllr. Peter Downes circulated report and presented financial analysis for next 5 years which outlined both pressure of inflation and demand on services.
Devolution Deal decision deferred to November 22nd to elect Mayor.
Projected mayoral costs (salaries and expenses) will be in the order of £881,000 per year.
Service Cuts work continues. Children's Services are very anxious about what could happen if the forecast cuts are implemented.
The plan to reduce the winter gritting programme from 44 to 30% of roads has been heavily criticised.
Grammar Schools no imminent plans for the introduction of selection in Cambridgeshire and in the last few weeks the

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government's stance has changed following pressure from all the professional associations.

Early Years pressure for education funding. The increase of free places for all 3 and 4 year olds from 15 hours to 30 hours per week has not been funded in such a way as to allow providers to cover costs. CCC fears that it may not be able to meet its statutory duties.

Dawn Isaac presented plans for the Garden of Rest that addressed residents' concerns following the aborted proposed sale. The plans highlighted a low maintenance, attractive, peaceful setting that could attract wildlife, planting of apple trees for residents to pick long term and protecting the heritage of the closed Baptist grave yard.

Colin Crane outlined his work to date and anticipated work to be carried out in the village. He recommended that PC work towards a tree planting plan and suggested the PC plant trees only as agreed in this plan. It was Resolved that PE should start work on this specifically highlighting planting opportunities for future years.

PE

161115- 5 FINANCE

- a. It was proposed by TB, seconded by GW and RESOLVED by unanimous vote to Approve account balances and bank reconciliation November 2016. Account balances: Business Money Manager £33,915, Community a/c £3115 and Community a/c £0.91. TOTAL £37030.
 - b. It was proposed by TB, seconded by GW and RESOLVED by unanimous vote to Approve payments on finance report dated November 2016:
 - T Sands Grounds man £500
 - J Abell Wages £414.57 November (December payment also Approved)
 - J Abell poop bags £6
 - Clerk allowance £150 (March-Oct)
 - HMRC £49.09
 - Colin Crane £50
 - Matthew Easom £292 (£1000 already Approved)
 - Office subscription (Annual) £55
 - K & M lighting £314.74
 - CCC signage Ford Rd. up to £900. Clerk to seek alternative quotations providing CCC approve and specifications are met.
 - Anglian Water £50.41
- Clerk to transfer £3000 to current A/C.

Clerk

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It was proposed by TB, seconded by VB and RESOLVED by unanimous vote to approve the financial contribution to LHI application of B645 of up to 40% of the total cost.

- c. It was proposed by TB, seconded by GW and RESOLVED by unanimous vote to approve precept increase of 20% generating £4366 income for 2017/18. Clerk to notify HDC by 19.12.16.

Clerk

161115- 6 TO DISCUSS ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION RESULTING FROM CIRCULATION OF COUNCILLOR REPORTS PRIOR TO THE PARISH MEETING.

TB circulated report prior to meeting. Updates received from Neighbourhood Scheme, Café progress, Newsletter, Pub and Friends of Playing Field Group. Clerk to seek advice with regard to HWPC holding a Trade Account.

Clerk

B645: Clerk to complete LHI application following police comments by 28.11.16. Clerk to continue to contact local businesses for letters of support and any financial contributions. HGV signage - Clerk to follow up on signage 'not suitable for heavy goods vehicles' seeking Little Paxton Council permission and financial contributions.

Clerk

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- 161115- 7 **TO REVIEW GARDEN OF REST SPACE** It was proposed by TB, seconded by GW and RESOLVED by unanimous vote to approve the plans presented. Clerk to seek quotations for removing stumps, brambles and leylandii. Clerk to discuss with abutting neighbours although highlight timescale is long term project whilst preparatory work could start planting would be best left to Winter 2017.

Clerk

161115-8 TO CONSIDER GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED and ANY OTHER ACTIONS

a. CCC: 24/10/16 consultation on the enforcement of minerals and waste 24/10-6/12/16, 1/11/16 Karl Brockett LHO site meeting Clerk met with LHO and discussed reinstating white lines at Pound Close, Orchard Close, Ford End and Green Lane. Repair to road by Pound Close and pathway repair by Newtown which had temporarily put back due to financial restrictions at CCC, 4/11/16 HGV signage Ford Rd. also discussed in terms of siting signs at little Paxton end, East and West entrances to the village. Clerk to discuss with Andy Caddy at CCC.

Clerk

b. HDC: 19/10/16 CIL Payment received for development. (HDC to Pass 15% CIL, 25% Neighbourhood plan 1/4/16-31/9/16), 20/10/16 & 31/10/16 Bridget Halford Parish tree scheme. 20/10/16 All out Elections consultation by 5/12/16.

c. HMRC: 25/10/16 Outstanding PAYE. A telephone call had clarified that £49.09 was balance outstanding.

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d. TENSOR: 19/10/16 letter of support received for B645 speed reduction.

e. RESIDENTS: 25/10/16 Road signage replacement Clerk progressing with HDC, 31/10/16 footpath enquiry, 1/11/16 letter regarding trees Clerk to seek land ownership.

Clerk

Richard Braddick new PCSO had been in touch and keen to work with PC. Clerk to make positive contact inviting to a forthcoming meeting.

Clerk

161115- 9 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.

Veronica Bolton stated that her work commitments were greater than she had anticipated and felt that it would be best when following this years' term of office she stood down from the PC.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.