

## HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017 IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

#### PRESENT:

T Baker (TB)  
J Gooch (JG)  
J Sugars (JS)  
P Mailer (PM)  
R Rowley Smith (RRS)  
M Lobo (ML)

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

The parish meeting commenced at 7.30pm. There were 21 members of the public who attended the meeting. CC Cllr. Ian Gardener attended the meeting and left following item 5.

#### ACTION

- 171017-1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**  
Received from Cllr. Pam Wilkie who had prior to the meeting indicated she would be absent due to personal reasons.  
HDC Cllr. Jonathan Gray, circulated a report prior to the meeting.
- 171017- 2 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS** Received from TB with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest regarding item 6. JS and ML declared a Personal Interest with regard to item 5, due to the land availability being in close proximity to own dwellings. TB declared a Personal Interest with regard to item 5 also as land discussed could, if developed be beneficial to an existing interest already registered.
- 171017- 3 TO APPROVE and SIGN the MINUTES** It was proposed by PM, seconded by JG and RESOLVED by unanimous vote that the minutes were a true record and TB duly signed minutes from the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2017.
- 171017- 4 OPEN FORUM and TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS**  
**District Cllr. Jonathan Gray** circulated a report prior to the meeting outlining public Housing and Economic Land Availability Consultation (HELAA) was open and encouraged members of the public and PC to comment on the site following the proposal submitted by the planning consultant.  
**CCC Cllr. Ian Gardener** – outlined new primary school opening 2019 (school year 2020) at Wintringham Park. (south of Loves Farm site) Children’s Centres set to remain the same in Cambridgeshire, adoption workshops launched to encourage families. St Ives Park & Ride to adopt a renewable energy to power up P & R and contribute to local electricity grid.

Several residents contributed thoughts and opinions regarding item 5. Matters raised were concerns with potential plans to

develop the site as put forward as part of the Call for Sites consultation. Public opinion was gathered through well attended parish meetings and Hail Weston's Community Plan 2016-2021. These had captured the view that the majority of residents were opposed to significant development. Residents had concerns with: parking, road infrastructure, protecting views of St Nicolas church, environmental impacts, inadequate facilities and infrastructure in the village. In addition, concerns were raised with the land being sold to a developer and protecting the density of the village houses/hectare and lastly protecting village from widening/spreading towards Eaton Ford, St. Neots. Residents discussed listing the RO Pub as an Asset of Community Value one resident offering reasons as not to list it with two residents in support of the PC listing it. A resident congratulated the PC on gaining permissions from the land owner and the new permissive path footpath linking to existing RoW to Duloe. TB thanked for feedback.

TB closed the open forum at 8.19pm there were 18 members of the public that remained at the meeting.

- 171017- 5 TO DISCUSS RESPONSE TO HOUSING and ECONOMIC LAND AVAILABILITY CONSULTATION** A discussion followed regarding the Community Plan and resident feedback. It was proposed by PM, seconded by TB and RESOLVED by unanimous vote to Approve a response to the HELAA consultation reflecting PC view that it supported HDC decision not to assess the land based on HDC's comments in respect of the shortfall of the sustainability criteria for a small settlement. Response to also include poor road infrastructure, car parking provision, lack of amenities, environmental. Also highlighting residential responses from the Community Plan and well attended parish meetings. JA to construct draft paragraph to be circulated and submitted by 3.11.17

**Clerk**

TB read out an email received from a resident which expressed their view that the comment made by said resident at last month's parish meeting had been misinterpreted and used in the recent resident letter. TB apologised for this and stated it had been unintended error.

TB left the hall at 8.30pm to allow members of the public to discuss item 6. JG chaired item 6. TB returned to the hall at 8.35pm.

- 170919- 6 TO DISCUSS LISTING ROYAL OAK PUBLIC HOUSE ON ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE REGISTER**  
Members in turn expressed their decision to the item which had been on the Agenda and the matter deferred twice previously.

The item was three against and two for listing the RO as a ACV. It was proposed by RRS, seconded by ML and RESOLVED not to place the RO pub as an Asset of Community Value list. A discussion ensued following. Clerk clarified that item had been Resolved and could only appear on the Agenda again following a period of 6 months.

**170919- 7 FINANCE**

- a. It was proposed by JG, seconded by PM and RESOLVED by unanimous vote to Approve account balances and bank reconciliation October 2017. Account balances: Business Money Manager £43,236 Community a/c £2158 and Community a/c £0.91. TOTAL £45395
  
- b. It was proposed by JG, seconded by PM and RESOLVED by unanimous vote to Approve payments on finance report dated October 2017:  
J Abell Wages £444.99  
Easiprint £25.00 (**BACS**)  
J Abell £20.00 (£4 dog poo bags £16.00 dispensers)  
T & S grounds contractor 2 x cuts £450 (**BACS**)  
Cambs. Acre Subs annual £54.00  
St Neots museum donation £50  
Clerk allowance £150 March – October  
T Baker £12.00 (concrete to secure p. path signage)  
£9.50 (replace wooden fence at playing field)

TB encouraged members to prepare for next meeting in which precept discussions would take place and thanked Clerk for preparing background information.

**171017- 8 TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES and RECEIVE ITEMS FOR DECISION**

It was RESOLVED that PM would assist playing field lead (JS) and Neighbourhood watch with TB. ML to assist JG with Finance responsibilities. RRS to complete trees and environmental responsibilities. JG to complete monthly open space checks. TB outlined permissive path opening with thanks to Richard Gooch who also volunteered time to erect signage. Clerk to publish footpath.

**Clerk**

JG reported that C.Couzens had resigned from VHMC. Allotments: It was proposed by TB, seconded by RRS and RESOLVED that following a resident request for an allotment the non-resident who was currently occupying two would need to relinquish one within 28 days. Clerk to inform tenant following 5 days and receiving feedback from JS. RRS reported that HDC had inspected group of trees opposite allotments who confirmed ash dieback disease. Also RRS provided residents with a case study with regard to the ongoing

issues for some residents in relation to poor smells. Clerk confirmed that HDC and AW had been contacted and whilst sympathised with residents it was not within their jurisdiction following several assessments. Clerk felt it was also out of PC responsibilities but wondered if a generic note should be communicated. TB to discuss with Clerk.  
JS reported that works were progressing at playing field with a few volunteers assisting however more help was required .

**171017-9 TO CONSIDER GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED and ANY OTHER ACTIONS**

**RESIDENTS: 19/9** pub garden owner, **19/9** new cemetery, **20/9** football charges, **20/9** pub ACV letter, **10/10** pub ACV listing MD HW Pub Company Ltd. - circulated prior to the meeting.

**HDC: 18/9** L Palmer - precept request, **21/9 & 28/9** HDC parking survey results, **5 & 6/10** Clara Kerr Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) comments by 4.30pm on 3.11.17

**ST NEOTS MUSEUM: 22/9** Susanna Rendall - request for donation Clerk to inform donation award.

**CAMBS ACRE: 3/10** Town & Parish Development plan circulated prior to meeting Clerk urged Members to read report. Comments required by 10.11.17 for inclusion.

**POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER: 2/10** presentation from Hunts Parish Conference.

Clerk

Clerk

It was RESOLVED that Clerk to ascertain ownership of shed parts located in playing field and ask them to remove it.

**HD PLANNING: 6/10** Confirmation received on 16.10.17 that consultant is keen to progress and hear residents view and explore development potential on land as submitted as part of Call for Site. A website has been set up to capture resident feedback by the developer, in addition a Public meeting would take place on 14.11.17 @7.30pm in village hall. Members expressed a view that clearly this was interest to residents at this stage no further PC decision was required and therefore HD planning would host the public meeting. Clerk confirmed following advice it was reasonable for PC to capture resident numbers in attendance and highlight resident feedback to the presentation.

Clerk circulated report prior to all following attendance at the conference for Huntingdonshire town and parish councils.  
Summary: - 180,000 strong district which is set to increase to 250,000 by 2036. HDC must be more self-sufficient from a funding point of view, not reliant on the Government at a time when the communities HDC serves is more diverse. HELAA consultation, 60/40 approach in villages of affordable housing (LP26) but sites must meet facilities and infrastructure (LP 28)

Neighbourhood plans by having one town/parish councils can attract a further 10% CIL monies. Legal document that planning Dept. can use. Cambs. Acre can help with housing need surveys and support a plan if agreed appropriate in future for Hail Weston.

**171017-10 TO APPROVE PC MEETING DATES FOR 2018-2019** It was proposed by ML, seconded by JS and RESOLVED to approve the following: - January 16<sup>th</sup> 2018, February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup> (parish assembly), April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup> (AGM), June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>, September 18<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2018,

**171017-11 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.** budget/finance. Playing field access. Cllr. JG gave her Apologies in advance of meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

TB thanked residents for staying and closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

DRAFT