

## HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

#### PRESENT:

T Baker (TB)  
J Gooch (JG)  
J Sugars (JS)  
P Mailer (PM)  
M Lobo (ML)  
P Wilkie (PW)

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

The parish meeting commenced at 7.30pm. There was 1 member of the public who attended the meeting.

#### ACTION

- 180220-1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**  
Received from Cllr. RRS who had prior to the meeting indicated she would be absent due to personal reasons.  
CCC Cllr. Ian Gardener and HDC Cllr. Jonathan Gray.
- 180220- 2 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS** None
- 180220- 3 TO APPROVE and SIGN the MINUTES** It was proposed by JG, seconded by PM and RESOLVED by unanimous vote that the minutes were a true record and TB duly signed minutes from the meeting held on 16th of January 2018 and the Extra-ordinary meeting held on the 9th of January 2018.
- 180220- 4 OPEN FORUM and TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS**  
None.  
**CCC Cllr. Ian Gardener** – forwarded an update prior to meeting as attached.
- 180220- 5 FINANCE**
- a. It was proposed by ML, seconded by PW and RESOLVED by unanimous vote to Approve account balances and bank reconciliation February 2018. Account balances: Business Money Manager £37,284.74, Community a/c £3,118.36 and Community a/c £0.91. TOTAL £40,403.10.
  - b. It was proposed by ML, seconded by TB and RESOLVED by unanimous vote to Approve payments on finance report dated February 2018: -  
New Cemetery maps £327.05  
RoSPA playing field inspection £112.00  
J Abell Wages £444.99 (February)  
J Abell Wages £444.99 (March -no meeting)  
J Abell Allowance £150 (Nov. – March)

J Abell £4.59 (paper)  
G of R fence RG £245  
HWPCC £1.00

- c. To Appoint Internal Auditor & Grounds Maintenance Contractor 2018/19 Following a discussion on the quotations It was proposed by ML, seconded by TB and RESOLVED by unanimous vote to Appoint K Wilson as Internal Auditor 2017/18 and award T & S Grounds Maintenance contract for 2018/19.
- d. To Approve cemetery pricing structure following discussion It was proposed by ML, seconded by PM and RESOLVED by unanimous vote to increase prices to reflect the following structures for Interments: - resident double depth £550, single £400. Non-resident £1200 single and non-resident double depth £1700. Clerk to update communications.

**180220- 6 TO AGREE PARISH ASSEMBLY FORMAT** It was RESOLVED to replicate structure from previous years inviting District & County Cllr's., PCSO, representatives from: - VH, Pub, Café, GSPC, Solar Farm, Church and other village groups. Clerk to draft report to TB.

**180220- 7 TO APPROVE CEMETERY REGULATIONS,** It was proposed by ML, seconded by JS and RESOLVED by unanimous vote To adopt interment times between the hours of 9.30am & 3.30pm and reflect that 'resident definition' has changed to '3 years' with caveat that substantial ties to HW by prior approval by PC. Clerk to circulate Draft to JS.

**180220- 8 TO DISCUSS ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION RESULTING FROM CIRCULATION OF COUNCILLOR REPORTS PRIOR TO THE PARISH MEETING**  
**TB** Suggested dog poo bags were being left on paths & hedgerows. TB forwarded an article to include in newsletter, social media platforms and village news as this may jeopardise permissive path agreements. TB expressed concern regard to B645 LHI delay in delivering enhancements as approved 2016/17. IG to be alerted of issues. Ford Rd continues to be problematic in terms of criminal damage and road repair. Clerk confirmed High St. sign, pot hole in High Street and broken manhole cover all reported and CCC acknowledged. Following letter from resident regard to cars parked poorly Ford End & High Street a reminder for residents/visitors to park responsibly to be included in next PC communications.  
Trees Ford Road: **RRS** attended meeting with resident and working with CCC to address issues as highlighted.

**JG** completed monthly checks highlighting slippery surfaces on wooden apparatus at playing field. **JS** to add to maintenance list at playing field. **JG** to prompt **VHMC** to cash outstanding cheque from 2017. **JG** in discussion with a church representative regard youth provision.

**ML** reported on next steps in relation to budget control which would allow for strategic spending/investments. **JA** to complete data entry. A resident provided clarity in relation to **PWLB** loan interest rates. Clerk to enquire regard penalties to buy out and re-borrow at a lower interest rate.

**180220- 9 TO CONSIDER GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED and ANY OTHER ACTIONS**

**CCC:** 7/2/18 Karen Lunn B645 awaiting **SKANSKA** target cost, date for commencement still unknown. Clerk written again to **PM** on 17.2.18 following resident letter to ascertain with urgency an update to commencement of B645 improvements.

**RESIDENTS:** 10/01/18 St Nicolas church restoration Group Fund raising sign

16/01/18 Trees: **TPO's** and speed limit Ford End - item carried.

22/01/18 Fly tipping Ford End reported.

26/1/18 Ford End speeding/Sat Nav. awaiting - **CCC** response.

31/01/18 Garden of Rest fence.

4/2/18 Playing Field access 4 residents responded one outstanding. Clerk to re send.

9/2/18 Suggestions to alleviate cars parked junction Ford End with road markings article to include in newsletter, social media platforms and village news to remind folk to park responsibly.

4/2 & 9/2 Exclusive Rights Clerk working with family.

**HDC:** 21/01/18 Precept notification

22/01/18 2A Green Lane notification of street number

24/01/18 Daniel Buckridge Land at 79 High Street: removal from list of Assets of Community Value

30/01/18 Open fires & wood burning stove advice

**CAPALC:** 22/01/18 **CAPALC** Bulletin

26/01/18 The Knowledge Clerk training course

7/2/18 Elections material Clerk issued nomination papers for current Members to reflect on. Deadline for Clerk to hand deliver to **HDC** is 6.4.18. Clerk to receive papers on 20.3.18. Clerk advertised on website election process.

**BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL:** 22/01/18 Bedford Borough Local Plan 2035 consultation live Clerk had posted on website as **IG** has received several correspondences from residents.

**COMMUNITY PAYBACK:** 02/02/18 Assessment confirmation still outstanding.

**PARISH COUNCILS:** Great Staughton – 17/01/18 Timebank Clerk to invite to PC meeting to understand further. 22/01/18 The Garden Room, Great Staughton - Clerk to forward a short submission in support of concerns that this may cause increase to traffic and of concern.

Hilton – 22/01 & 24/01/18 Proposed LP 2016 submission small Council. Clerk highlighted HDC wording on 2036 Local Plan referring to requirement for 20,100 homes, 'Key Service Centres' identified and locally as Buckden and Kimbolton. Great Staughton identified as a 'Local Service Centre' and wording changes to small settlements applicable to Hail Weston.

Duloe – 31/01/18 Morelock speed signs £2,250 +Solar panel £699 Clerk to write to update with regard delay to new enforced speed limit.

**POLICE CRIME COMMISSIONER:** 24/01/18 January Newsletter 23/01/18 Non-Reporting emergencies

**HOME GROWN FARM:** 30/01/18 Request for land for young adults & animals

ML enquired regard to Data Protection specifically if the appointment of a DPO (Data Protection Officer) detail was clear Clerk confirmed SLCC & CAPALC had issued statements to suggest this could be the case but further advice was due imminently to confirm. Clerk suggested Members email addresses within the 'contact us' page on the website were a concern - Clerk to update to reflect these as [hailwestonpc@outlook.com](mailto:hailwestonpc@outlook.com). Many Parish/Town Councils were changing their host to a gov.uk name.

Litter pick date very successful, 20 volunteers assisted. HDC very apologetic for their error of not delivering equipment and would provide 2 grabbers and bags to the parish to add to Parish stock in due course.

Clerk in process of ordering a second defibrillator for attachment to BT Kiosk as approved previously.

Clerk reported that the Innovate & Cultivate fund item carried.

ML enquired if Clerk could update regard to her position: Clerk clarified still reflecting and working through hence no resignation presented. Clerk confirmed her commitment as stated that whatever outcome she would complete financial yr. end responsibilities and see election process through.

180220- 10 **MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA** None as previously discussed within item 6.

**TB closed the meeting at 9.28pm.**

**Report to Hail Weston Parish Council on 20.02.18 from Councillor Ian Gardener**

Cambridgeshire County Councillor for the Alconbury & Kimbolton Division

*Happy New Year Everyone*

*The County Council has now received all the LHI applications from PC's, which were presented to the LHI Panel meeting for Huntingdonshire on 17 & 18 January.*

*The result of which LHI Bids have been successful will be announced following the March meeting of the Highways & Infrastructure Committee on the 13th March.*

*It is the time of year when Councils are looking at their budgets for the ensuing year. The County council agreed a 2.99% Council Tax increase, plus an additional 2% Adult Social Care precept at the Full Council Meeting on 06.02.18 The result of this proposal would be to add £1.14 per week to the average Council Tax Band ie a Band D property.*

*It should be noted that Cambridgeshire receives £75 million less in Government funding than an average London Borough and £13.7 million less than an average County Council. The current funding formula for councils is outdated and broken and needs to be looked at so that all councils are funded fairly.*

*Since the Conservatives took back control of the Council in May we have refused to re-visit reductions in winter Gritting and have increased spending by £2 million on repairing potholes. We also have plans to increase library provision. Our Children Centre proposals have increased spending on the frontline.*

*Our focus for the future is to spend on those areas that need the services the most. Cllr Steve Count the Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council stated "If the outdated and broken funding formula had been rectified by now or if the transitional funding had been maintained, we would not need to consider whether to increase Council Tax in Cambridgeshire"*

*The Fire Authority has agreed an increase in its precept of 3%, HDC will be approving a 2% increase at its meeting tomorrow*

*night. As I understand it the Police Authority has agreed a £12 increase for the year.*

*At the moment there is no word from the Government as to whether the Fire Authority will come under the control of the Crime & Police Commissioner*

*A Free NHS Health Check which is funded by Cambridgeshire County Council is available in some libraries across the County.*

*To find out more or to book an appointment contact Everyone Health on 0333 005 0093 or go to*

*changepointcambs@everyonehealth.co.uk*

*The events will be held on 8th March @St Neots Library & 12th March @ Huntingdon Library*

*If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.*

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