

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HAVERSHAM CUM LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT HAVERSHAM SOCIAL CENTRE ON MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2016 at 7.30pm.**

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PRESENT.

Cllrs Burgess (Chair), Furniss, Gibbons, Neal and Watson. Ward Cllrs. A. Geary (until 8.30pm), J. Green Haversham Village School Headteacher, Alison Mears, Chair of Governors Terry Sythes, Simon Simms from MK Council and 10 members of the public.
Clerk J Vischer.

1. **Apologies** None

2. **PUBLIC FORUM** The 10 members of the public – teenagers and two adults - had all come to support a request made by young Eve Tanner for a skate park to be created in the parish. They felt that facilities in the village for their age group were poor and that a skate park for roller blades, skate boards and scooters would be something that would be welcomed by many in their age group as well as young adults. They had learnt that Section 106 funds were available and so the Parish Council would not have to foot the bill. They were promised that their proposal would be considered and thanked for suggesting the initiative.

The Headteacher, Alison Mears, explained that Haversham Village School was considering extending the age range of pupils at the school to include Junior level. This would mean that the school would cater for pupils from 4 to 11 years old (Year R to Year 6) via the present one-form entry structure. The strategy would be to allow the increase in pupils to happen gradually, thus if 2018 saw the first Year 3 then it would not be until 2021 that the first Year 3 would be Year 6. She added that parents often asked if this could happen and an informal survey conducted of 60 parents achieved a high return of 41 responses of which 93% were in favour. The school wanted to capitalise on its good reputation and high scoring Ofsted assessment, and local authority standing. The 'school run' would be easier for many families, the children would benefit from continuity in staffing and management, staff would benefit from better opportunities and the sharing of expertise between the older and younger classes. Current transfer arrangements to Junior school were becoming more and more difficult as these schools were becoming over-subscribed.

Simon Simms from the education branch of MK Council confirmed that Infant places were well catered for in the city but Junior places were at a premium. He explained the timetable and process: a preliminary 6-week consultation of parents would ascertain if there was an appetite for expansion along these lines, this would be held in early February. If successful this would be followed by the statutory 4-week consultation process which would include all stakeholders although, in response to questions, not ordinary residents unless they lived close to the school. This could be a role for the Parish Council or Haversham Social and Community Centre: to consult the wider population. A desktop viability study would be undertaken by MKC to assess the practical issues of site and access. The final part of the process would be to formally apply for planning permission through the usual channels which would give further opportunities for residents and the Parish Council to express their views. Mr Terry Sythes added that the governing body was fully in favour of the proposal. Councillors asked questions and pointed out that the Haversham Social and Community Centre (HSCC) has legal rights of use of parts of the school. As such HSCC must be consulted. The visitors were thanked for taking the time and trouble to come and brief the Parish Council.

3. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** on any matters pertaining to this agenda
None.

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21st December 2015 were approved subject to three amendments: typo p.1, item 3 – ‘panning’ = ‘planning’; p.1, item 5f ‘parking only’ should read ‘emergency vehicles only’; p.3, item 9 (Cllr. Gibbons) – ‘new garages’ should read ‘new roofs on garages’. Proposer Cllr. Burgess, Seconder Cllr. Gibbons. Unanimous.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. **Speed Indicator Device (SID)** – The clerk had contacted Adrian Carden who had stated that there was a rota for the equipment shared between the parishes but that this was arranged amongst themselves. Haversham shared Kit 3 with Sherington, Tyringham and Filgrave, Stoke Goldington and Castlethorpe. Cllr Gibbons had been told that Adrian Carden arranged the sharing operation. After emailing and several attempts at telephoning him she resolved the issue. Haversham could be fitted in to the rota straightaway but the equipment had to be collected from Castlethorpe. She was able to do this but had nowhere to store the kit. The Chair offered the use of his garage. A data recording card for Haversham had been ordered by Adrian Carden and would be delivered in the next few days.

b. **Bids for section 106 funds – church access; play equipment.** The clerk had applied for the funds before Christmas. He had been told today that both applications had been approved and would be paid shortly. However he reported that there had been no reply to his query about the total funds available (*December minutes - there was only £48,836.32 in the kitty when all believed it to have been over £83,000*). Ward Cllr. Geary offered to take up the matter. **Ward Cllr. Geary/Clerk**

c. **Former Anglian Water land behind Brookfield Road** – Nothing to report.

6. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS

a. Parking over the kerb and in the garden at no 17 High St. – the clerk reported that Planning Enforcement had said this was not a planning issue, assuming the people were ordinarily resident at the property. The Chair pointed out that there was no ‘drop-kerb’ for access and four kerb-stones were loose. Clerk to report to Highways (Tony Toynton) and Adrian Carden, Road Safety. **Clerk**

b. Plants overhanging the pavement from above – reported 21st Oct ref: 737382 ‘*In progress*’. The clerk had updated the request on 16 December. No update.

c. Parking on the pavement in the lower village – (*problem due to nearby building works. Reported to TVP in November but had heard nothing*). The clerk had contacted the new local PCSO Andy Hipkin in December but has had no reply.

d. Traffic congestion on exiting the village towards Old Wolverton – (*was ref 778262 - passed to Highways by Andy Hudson. Councillors agreed it varied according to the morning*). On 8th January an email received stated: “...has been assessed as a 'non-safety repair' and is not programmed for action. We will continue to monitor the issue on subsequent regular estate safety inspections and if it deteriorates and becomes a safety issue we will re-prioritise and action as necessary”.

e. Greyhound dogs kept at No 15 the High St. - No update.

f. Drains opposite Brian West’s – (Ward Cllr. Green) - No update.

g. The road surface down to Haversham Mill – (*reported 23 Sep 2015, ref 737524. ‘Closed’ – but only repaired down to the gate, just as bad beyond*). The clerk had re-reported just before Christmas (ref: 807363) but had received an almost immediate response saying: “*Abandoned*”.

h. Blue bulk bags outside of no. 6 Wolverton Rd – (Landscape dept passed on to Highways)
Monitored items –

i. Drain at the end of Brookfield Rd near the junction with Wolverton Rd – *reported 17 June: ‘identified as planned works’*. This may have been emptied – to be checked. But a general discussion about outstanding requests led to agreement that the clerk should enquire as to a schedule. **Clerk**

j. [Liquidambar tree - *feeding and watering over the growing season.*]

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k. Pothole by bridge Little Linford Lane - reported 24 April ref 575738. 'unable to locate. 'Re-reported 19 May ref 596100. 22 May: 'This has been investigated and currently doesn't meet our repair criteria]

7. **ALLOTMENTS.**

a. Proposed revision of Regulations (*especially to incorporate the new rules about structures*) - Cllr. Watson circulated a revised draft proposal, for circulation with the renewal letters. The latter would include an invitation to comment on the proposals. This was agreed. **Cllr. Watson/Clerk**

b. New plot rental rate - Cllr. Watson proposed a standard biennial increase of £2 per plot (making £18). Seconded Cllr. Furniss. Passed unanimously.

8. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Applications

15/03049/DISCON Land North of The Old Rectory, Details submitted pursuant to discharge of condition 2 (external materials) attached to application 15/01821/FUL

15/02970/FUL Bury Court Little Linford Lane, Two storey side extension and new detached triple garage.

NEW – 15/03084/FUL 5 High Street Haversham Erection of detached garage and outbuilding.

Objection on the grounds of: insufficient information i.e. apparently not being built in the vernacular style; lack of clarity on materials used – roof tiles should surely be slate not clay - and over-development of the site.

15/03086/FUL 20 Keppel Avenue Haversham Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, loft conversion, replacement windows and external insulation and painted render finish to all elevations. Objection on the grounds of: different to and out of proportion with the existing; over-development and inappropriate development of the site.

15/03207/FUL 22 Rowan Drive Haversham Prior notification for a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 4.1 metres from the rear wall of the original garage with a maximum ridge height of 3.5 metres and maximum eaves height of 2.5 metres. No comments.

15/03172/DISCON Linford Hall Lane To Church Off Little Linford Lane Little Linford, Details submitted pursuant to discharge of conditions 3 (brickwork), 4 (roof materials), 5 (coping and ridge tiles) attached to planning permission 15/01757/LBC

15/03167/FUL Days Inn M1 Motorway Service Area North And South Little Linford Lane, Single storey flat roof ground floor extension with glazing and doors leading to an external decking. No objections.

9. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllr Gibbons had attended the Neighbourhood Action Group meeting but there was nothing to report - she had decided not to attend any future meetings. Other councillors were invited to attend – there were no volunteers.

Reporting back from the Haversham Social and Community Centre meeting she stated that Kim Irving a new bookings secretary had replaced Pat Brightman; however they were still trying to recruit a new secretary. The Sports Hall had mould caused by a hole behind the outside light and the drainpipe and the drain itself is broken. It has been reported for the second time to the school. The fire risk assessment had been completed.

Cllr. Furniss reminded councillors of the upcoming visit to the Waste Recycling Plant on 27th January at 4pm. She and Cllr. Neal would be attending. She offered to arrange a subsequent meeting to cater for other councillors and the clerk. There had been no update on the light in the roof of the Waste Recycling Plant from Amey Senior Communications Manager, Allison Darling. **Cllr Furniss**

The Chair reported that governors had discussed and been in agreement with the proposed school expansion, not least because it enabled future possibilities to be investigated.

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10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. **Budget & Precept Approval** – the clerk was thanked for preparing the draft budget. The budget of £18,425 was discussed and approved. The level of precept was set at a 2% increase, £15,200. Proposer Cllr Furniss, Seconder Cllr Gibbons. Unanimous. **Clerk**

b. Financial Statement to 24 th December 2015 –	
Lloyds bank statement at 30 th November 2015	<u>£14,021.46</u>
Presented cheques since last report	£334.11
Receipts since last report	£247.50
Net Position	<u>£13,934.85</u>
National Saving Account at 1 st January 2015	£10,301.36
Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts	<u>£24,236.21</u>
Less Allocated reserves	£13,732.57
Less Outstanding Cheques	£1,430.40
Available funds at 24 th December 2015	<u>£9,073.24</u>

c. **Accounts for payment -**

AH Contracts - £36.00; b. Haversham Social & Community Centre Hall Hire - £21.00; c. J Vischer, Salary as Clerk - £252.61; d. J. Vischer – clerk’s incidental expenditure - £49.62; e. Cllr Watson – training and allotment expenses - £86.37

The above statement and payments were agreed.

11. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

Cllr. Furniss reported two flickering streetlights by the entrance to Manor Drive (one was 14A) but as works were going on nearby she would monitor and not raise it as an issue at the moment.

Cllr. Watson reported that the crowing of the early-waking cockerel had ceased.

Cllr. Neal reported that yet another drain needed emptying – on the exit to the village on the right towards Wolverton by the village sign planters. **Clerk**

There had been several power outages on Brookfield Road with no explanation. Clerk to enquire of Western Power. **Clerk**

The Chair reported new environmental matters – the pavement on the hill between the upper and lower villages, opposite Brian West’s gateway was infested with weed-growth and leaf-mould.

A deep pothole on Little Linford Lane 50 yds before the narrowing by the single gate-post.

Devil’s Dip - the ‘proposed road closure’ signs were confusing and unhelpful – yet again why is the Parish Council not notified? Ward Cllr Green added that in her view even MK Council did not seem to know what was going to happen. **Clerk**

The Chair offered his apologies for the next meeting, as did Cllr. Gibbons.

12. PUBLIC FORUM

Ward Cllr. Green reminded councillors about the upcoming Castlethorpe meeting regarding Plan:MK on Thursday 21st January.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 15th February 2016 at Haversham Social Centre at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

Signed

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