

HAVERSHAM cum LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HAVERSHAM CUM LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HAVERSHAM SOCIAL and COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2017 at 7.30pm

PRESENT.

Cllrs I Burgess (Chair), P Furniss, N Watson, P Williams, C Langham, B Clift and E Neal; Ward Councillor J Green; 3 members of the public; Terry Sythes, Chair of Governors Haversham Village School; Richard Pryor, Chair of the Protect Rural MK; Mr Glenn Oldfield & Mr Kamran Rashid, Milton Keynes Council. Clerk J Vischer.

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Richard Pryor of Protect Rural MK gave a report on all recent activities and meetings with six neighbouring parishes, all of whom had been supportive of the fight to protect Haversham cum Little Linford Parish. A meeting with New Bradwell Parish Council was also arranged. He stated that there were over 400 email subscribers and 325 'followers' on Facebook. A sympathetic meeting with local MP Mark Lancaster had taken place. A vote of thanks was given.

Mr Glenn Oldfield and Mr Cameron Rashid, Milton Keynes Council (MKC) gave feedback on the two consultation meetings organised for local residents at the school regarding the school's expansion plans. Of 49 feedback forms submitted 45 welcomed the expansion, approximately 91%. Councillors commented that the consultation exercise had not been as promised in that of the three possible alternatives only one had been worked out in detail. He had recently arranged a meeting with Haversham Social and Community Centre (HSCC) to iron out a solution to the issues raised in HSCC's recent open letter. Councillors expressed concern at the lack of invitations to involve the HSCC in the consultation period as a legal partner on the site. Mr Oldfield insisted that he was seeking some sort of accommodation between the Centre and the proposed expansion. This could range from providing facilities for water and power on the nearby recreation field to the providing of some sort of permanent storage so that events previously held within the school grounds could be held there. Councillors also expressed disappointment at the lack of a social and community dimension to the project. Given the formal and longstanding sharing agreement between the school and HSCC that was brought to the attention of MKC officers on several occasions, the officers appear to have ignored the fact that the scope of their planning process should have extended beyond the limits of educational requirements and also included wider community needs. Mr Rashid assured councillors he would look into the overlooked opportunity of joining 'social spending' budget to the 'education' budget and report back. Provision was being made to draw up a new lease between the two institutions (School and Centre) as relevant legislation concerning insurance and the care and well-being of pupils had changed considerably since the original generalised 'contract of use' had been drawn up. Councillors welcomed the positive approach in seeking an accommodation with HSCC; Cllr Clift, the Parish Council representative on the HSCC committee, was appointed to attend the upcoming meeting (February 8th). Terry Sythes, Chair of Governors Haversham Village School, expressed concern and disappointment at the apparent conflict between HSCC and the School and identified that from School's point of view access and provision in the building would not be altered by the expansion.

Ward Councillor J Green requested an urgent meeting between all parties involved to try and resolve differences.

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST on any matters pertaining to this agenda – Cllrs Watson, Furniss and Neal declared a standing interest in item 5.5 as adjacent residents.

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2016 were approved. These had been circulated via email to elicit comments from councillors prior to the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 5.1. **Quote for hedge planting Beech Tree Close** – This had come in at £70. The quote was accepted. The Clerk was instructed to clarify the position with regard to watering-in during the first year and to request a timetable of works. **Clerk**
- 5.2. **Skate Park proposal** – no developments regarding the WREN grant form since the last meeting. **Clerk**
- 5.3. **Neighbourhood Plan** – The formal 6 week consultation regarding the geographical area of the Plan had been initiated by MKC following the Clerk's submission of the formal request to submit a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. The Chair thanked Cllr Williams for work done on the plan so far.
- 5.4. **Signage on recreation field** – in progress
- 5.5. **Speed Indicator Device (SID)** – the Chair reported that the device had been obtained from Castlethorpe Parish Council and invited suggestions as to where to locate the device over the next 6 weeks. Cllr Neal and the Chair would liaise over siting and dating records so that the data could be analysed effectively.
- 5.6. **Land Registry - Former Anglian Water land behind Brookfield Road** – the Clerk reported that a further letter had been received from Land Registry constituting a formal notice of referral to the First-tier Tribunal. Cllr Furniss commented that she was reasonably confident of being able to present the Parish Council's case effectively but reminded councillors that it had been previously agreed that solicitors could be requisitioned if necessary.
- 5.7. **Land Registry rectification on BM 338140 (Rec. Field)** – Cllr Furniss explained that it was still not confirmed whether MKC was making any progress on notifying Land Registry of the necessary rectifications. There were three rectifications necessary: Title BM338140 has an incorrect plan, is incorrectly named as the title for Haversham First School and (depending which area of land it actually refers to) incorrectly states the title holder as the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes. This is further complicated because the land area of the school grounds does not appear to be registered. Cllr Furniss would contact the relevant MKC officer. **Cllr Furniss**
- 5.8. **Any Other Matters** – none.

6 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS

- 6.1. Dumped mattress, 70 Wolverton Rd. ref FS10914727. 'Closed'. 30 December: 'Not on MKC land'. This had been removed but more rubbish dumped. Clerk to write to resident. **Clerk**
- 6.2. Mill Road gate MK ref FS9120625 . 'Closed' – to be verified.
- 6.3. Mill Road life-belts – Environment Agency – life-belts had been restored in position.
- 6.4. Traffic light sequence Old Wolverton FS9079105 - 'Closed' – traffic sensor still not working on one side. To escalate. **Clerk**
- 6.5. Overgrown vegetation - Old School House to Church – this had been cut back.
- 6.6. Footpaths 42 & 43 - to be verified.
- 6.7. Old 'Kill Your Speed' sign – re-reported 25th October FS9196085 NLR (no longer on reporting system) - to escalate. **Clerk**
- 6.8. Railway bridge/Old Wolverton roundabout – overgrowing shrubs reported 20th Sep: FS6850944 – 'Open' - To escalate. **Clerk**
- 6.9. Drains - a) Drain by planter and adjacent drain, Wolverton Rd. – reported 23rd April & 16th May - FS2704048 - 'Open' & FS3040422 - 'Open'; b) Drains on the hill between the upper and lower villages – new ref FS4297097 'Open' ; c) Drain on Lt Linford Lane – new ref FS4300030 - 'Open'; d) Several blocked drains in Wolverton Road (resident); e) Triangle Green culvert/drain blocked reported 20 Sep: ref FS6975137 - NLR (no longer on reporting system). Still no further apparent work.

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6.10. Recycling lorries (shortcut) – the Chair reported following a recycling lorry from Olney which then used the village as a shortcut. He had noted down the registration number and would acquire more evidence before meeting with the Head of Environment and Waste.

6.11. Verge by Little Linford Lane MK Council depot reported 23rd March. Re-reported dumped concrete June 23rd ref FS4283073 - 'Closed'. Reported resolved 4 July. Re-reported 4th October with photos - new ref: FS7897000 'Closed' – still not cleared and growing into the verge. To escalate. **Clerk**

6.12. The pavement on the hill between the upper and lower villages – new system ref FS4301554 - 'Closed'. Re-reported 13 July. Part done end September. Re-opened Nov 7th as FS4553328 – 'Closed'. Re-reported 22 Nov: ref FS9974748 - 'Closed' – this is clearly being ignored by MKC.

6.13. Street gutter weeds in Brookfield Rd – new ref FS4300224 - 'Open'.

7. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Watson reported that an article was in preparation for the Magazine Spring edition which would inform residents of all the developments. It had been agreed by the allotment group to allow the un-let South-west corner of the site in abeyance and develop it into a wild area to reduce strimming costs. Cllr Watson proposed that the allotment rent remain the same for the second year at £18 per plot as was common practice. Seconded by Cllr Burgess. Unanimous. **Clerk**

8. PLANNING MATTERS

8.1. PlanMK – Cllrs Williams and Watson reported that the Working Group had identified a consultant who was highly recommended from another parish council, as per the email that had been circulated. As time was of the essence it had been agreed to engage the consultant between meetings. This was formalised at this meeting. Castlethorpe Parish Council had committed a similar annual amount to the 'Fighting Fund' as Haversham, and it was understood they would share in the consultancy costs. The two parish councillors were instructed to negotiate within the group a process to determine the sharing of costs incurred, as only Section 137 funds could be committed. Ward Cllr J Green in her role as Hanslope Parish Council Chair explained that they had not been kept abreast of developments with the group. However it was pointed out that neither had they appointed a representative. Hanslope Parish Council was again similarly committed in terms of Section 137 expenditure, which they had already agreed internally. Ward Cllr Green would take back the idea of selecting a representative to the Group to Hanslope parish councillors for their consideration. **Ward Cllr Green**

8.2. Planning Applications

8.3. Previous - 16/02270/OUT Land At Linford Lakes, Outline planning application (all matters reserved except for access) for the residential development of land north of Wolverton Road (Linford Lakes) (up to 250 units), with access and provision for drainage, open space and amenity areas and the creation of an area for car parking (25 spaces) on land off Little Linford Lane for use in association with the use of land for an extension to the River Valley Park. *Pending.*

8.4. 16/02825/FUL 15 High Street Haversham Demolition of existing rear conservatory, attached store and front and rear outbuildings and the erection of a two storey rear extension to existing dwelling and proposed new dwelling to south of existing dwelling and hard-standing to the front. *Pending.*

8.5. 16/02984/FUL Vicarage Spinney Fishing Lodge Little Linford Lane, Reconstruction of fishery lodge destroyed by fire and reuse as a residential dwelling. *Refused.*

8.6. NEW – 16/03552/EIASCR Land To The West of M1 Off Little Linford Lane Little Linford Environmental screening opinion request for approximately 350 dwellings and associated works on the land off Little Linford lane. Councillors agreed that a major concern was the lack of transport infrastructure on Little Linford Lane with two narrow bridges in close proximity to the future site. The Chair proposed meeting on site to view the location in detail. This was agreed and arranged for Saturday 21st January 2017 at the field entrance. Any further agreed comments on the case to be forwarded to the Clerk.

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8.7. Any Other Planning related matters - None

9. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- 9.1. **Cllr Cliff** - Haversham Social and Community Centre (HSCC) committee - latest meeting not attended. A questionnaire was being drawn up to invite residents to say what they wanted from the HSCC.
- 9.2. **Cllrs Neal & Furniss** had not been able to attend the latest recycling group meeting.
- 9.3. **The Chair** – no governors' meeting.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1. Approval of Budget & Precept for 2017-18 – following minor corrections to update recent price changes in landscaping etc. the budget was approved. The precept was also approved at an increase of 2% (£15,504). Proposer Cllr. Furniss; Seconder Cllr Williams; unanimous.

10.2. Accounts for Payment -

a) Clerk's salary - £262.52; b) Admin expenditure - £47.25; c) Bin emptying - £30.00.

10.3. Financial Statement

Presented cheques since last report	£1,678.79
Receipts since last report	£37.50
Lloyds bank statement, 28 th December 2016	£12,422.25
National Saving Account at 1 st January 2016	£10,378.62
Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts	£22,800.87
Less new and outstanding cheques	£1,049.17
Available funds	£11,373.08

Resolved: The above financial statement and payments were approved.

11. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

- 11.1. **Cllr Cliff** – had been concerned that the Credit Unions article in the Magazine had in fact implied Parish Council support when the position of the Parish Council was neutral. However the magazine had since been published, but this did raise questions about editorial process between the Parish Council and the Editor. There was only an informal process.
- 11.2. **Cllr Neal** reported continual amounts of litter behind the recycling centre and the river. Clerk to contact MKC and the Recycling Centre. **Clerk**
- 11.3. **Cllr Furniss** enquired as to whether the very bright and visually intrusive exterior lights at 2 Keppel Avenue had appeared on the recent planning application. Clerk to pursue. **Clerk**
- 11.4. **Cllr Furniss** – reported streetlights 14A and 15A out, at the end of Manor Drive. **Clerk**

12. PUBLIC FORUM

None

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 20th February 2017 at Haversham Social & Community Centre at 7.30pm
Then 20th March 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed

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