

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 20TH FEBRUARY 2017 at 7.30pm

PRESENT.

Cllrs I Burgess (Chair), P Furniss, P Williams, C Langham, B Clift and E Neal; Ward Councillor A Geary; Kieron Tanner and Thom Boddington (Skate Park group)
Clerk J Vischer.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr N Watson. These were accepted.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

The Skate Park item (6.7) was brought forward. The Clerk explained the requirement for a Third Party Contribution on the WREN grant funding application without which the application could not proceed. He proposed that the Parish Council could fulfil this role. **Resolved: that the Parish Council commit the necessary £806.25 from general reserves to the project** (sum derived from the application itself). The Clerk added that signatories to the application were also required for which role both the Chair and Cllr Neal accepted. Clerk to finalise and submit immediately to meet the imminent deadline. *[Post-meeting Note: the 19 page application (+ appendices) was submitted and signed-off on Tuesday 21st February]*

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST on any matters pertaining to this agenda – Cllrs Furniss and Neal declared a standing interest in item 9.1 as adjacent residents.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2017 were approved. These had been circulated via email prior to the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 5.1. **Hedge planting at Beech Tree Close** – This had been completed. The contractor had informed the Clerk that the planting density of the whips had been increased to allow for a certain number of losses. Watering during the season was quoted at £25 per visit.
- 5.2. **Signage on recreation field** – in progress
- 5.3. **Any Other Matters** – Cllr Furniss stated that the previously reported faulty streetlight 15A should be 16A. Clerk to report. Clerk

6. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- 6.1. **PlanMK Working Group** – Cllr Williams reported that the proposal to include land within Haversham cum Little Linford as a strategic development area had been removed. Ward Cllr Geary affirmed this position although it had to be formalised this coming week. He added that the time-period of the Plan had been reduced to 15 years (previously proposed as 20 years) and that the proposed Plan would still have to undergo a Planning Inspector's Examination in 2018 and is likely to be challenged by developers at that time. A new element of the draft Plan:MK requires 1,000 houses to be built across the rural parishes during the Plan period, in line with their Neighbourhood Plans which should be prepared within the next five years. As a result of the MKC decision to withdraw the Haversham development plans Cllr Williams in negotiation with the consultant had revisited his terms of contract. He would now prepare a comprehensive report on the draft Plan:MK for Haversham cum Little Linford, Castlethorpe and Hanslope to use as part of their consultation response. Castlethorpe and Hanslope Parish Councils along with Protect Rural MK had been in agreement. Cllr Williams would be speaking at the MK Council

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- Meeting tomorrow (21st Feb) to thank the Plan:MK working party for listening to representations from Haversham cum Little Linford and others, and to support the draft going out for public consultation. Approval of the Plan would initiate a statutory 12-week consultation period.
- 6.2. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Williams reported that following the closure of the consultation for the neighbourhood area application – as circulated by email – the Senior Planning Officer had received two consultation responses. One from Barton Willmore on behalf of Gallagher Estates and one from Gladman Development Ltd. Neither of these responses objected to the neighbourhood area application or to the principle of producing a neighbourhood plan for the area, but outlined requirements which the respondents felt the Parish Council should take account of in preparing a neighbourhood plan. As there were no objections he had recommended that the area application be approved and had submitted it for delegated decision. The Senior Planning Officer offered to attend a neighbourhood plan group meeting following the expiry of the PlanMK 12-week consultation period if invited. Cllr Williams announced that she now had to get down to the business of involving local residents on the Group and that she would be making an application for the £9,000 grant towards the hiring of a consultant. It was agreed that Cllr Williams contact Alan Mills, ex-MKC planning officer, for advice over the nature of setting up a neighbourhood plan. The Chair offered his thanks to Cllr Williams for all her work to date.
- 6.3. **HSCC representative** – Cllr Clift reported back on the February 8th meeting between HSCC and MKC officers. The points outlined in HSCC's recent open letter were gone through one-by-one and answers arrived at. New elements to the drawing, for example a gate through to the recreation field from near the HSCC, had been agreed by MKC. It had also been agreed that the drawing up of a new shared-site licence would be negotiated at a separate meeting. The Chair added that he had suggested same at a Governors' sub-committee meeting. Cllr Clift confirmed that the regular meeting of the Committee had not thrown up any new items other than a request to use the recreation field by a Youth Group for scout-type activities. They should request use in the usual way, via the Clerk.
- 6.4. **Save St. Peter's Group** (Stanton Low) – Cllr Furniss reported back that the Site Interpretation Boards should be in place by the end of March. The AGM of the Group would be held on Thursday 23rd February 2017
- 6.5. **MK Waste Recovery Park** – Next meeting to be held on March 21st 2017
- 6.6. **Parishes Forum** - Cllr Langham confirmed that the upcoming MKALC Conference on 25th March (Saturday) would replace the next Parishes Forum. She would attend this, as will the Clerk.
- 6.7. **Skate Park** – (*see above: Public Forum*)
- 6.8. **Haversham School** – Cllr Burgess confirmed that governors at their recent meeting had agreed to keep the negotiation for the licence of use with HSCC separate to the modifications to the school extension for HSCC's benefit. Governors planned to devote expenditure towards refurbishing the parts of the school that would adjoin the new extension to facilitate it moving forward swiftly.
- 6.9. **Speed Indicator Device** – Cllrs Neal/Burgess reported that they had set up the device in the lower village in the last fortnight and after one more siting would download the data.
- 7 **ALLOTMENTS** – The Clerk reported that the revised renewal letters would go out by the end of the week.
- 8 **ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS**
- 8.1. Litter behind the Recycling Centre – reported 23rd Jan. 2017. Ref FS12093609 MKC had requested more detailed location information, which had been provided – not cleared up.
- 8.2. Intrusive exterior lights at 2 Keppel Avenue reported 25th Jan 2017 – ref FS12224816. The Clerk had established that this had to be reported as a nuisance and not a planning matter.
- 8.3. Dumped rubbish, 70 Wolverton Rd. – removed by 26th Jan 2017. This was no longer on the verge.
- 8.4. Mill Road gate MK ref FS9120625 – unrepaired

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- 8.5. Traffic light sequence exiting Old Wolverton FS9079105 – no change or update.
- 8.6. Footpaths 42 & 43 – still outstanding 18th Jan 2017. Still ploughed up.
- 8.7. Old 'Kill Your Speed' sign – re-reported 25th October FS9196085. Re-reported 23 Jan 2017 - New ref FS12115562. Not removed.
- 8.8. Railway bridge/Old Wolverton roundabout – overgrowing shrubs reported 20 Sep: FS6850944. Still not cut back.
- 8.9. Drains - a) Drain by planter and adjacent drain, Wolverton Rd. – reported 23rd April & 16th May - FS2704048 & FS3040422 'investigated' 27th October. [*post-meeting note*: 22 Feb 2017 - FS2704048 & FS3040422 reported 'completed'; b) Drains on the hill between the upper and lower villages – new ref FS4297097; c) Drain on Lt Linford Lane – new ref FS4300030; d) Several blocked drains in Wolverton Road (resident); e) Triangle Green culvert/drain blocked reported 20 Sep: ref FS6975137. Remaining drains un-cleared – no update forthcoming.
- 8.10. Recycling lorries (shortcut) – more evidence/reported sightings being gathered.
- 8.11. Verge by Little Linford Lane MK Council depot reported 23rd March. Re-reported dumped concrete June 23rd ref FS4283073. Reported resolved 4 July. Re-reported 4th October with photos - new ref: FS7897000. Re-reported 23 Jan 2017 new ref FS12193989. Reported cleared 31 Jan 2017. Cllr Williams reported that this was not the case; the rubbish had not been cleared.
- 8.12. The pavement on the hill between the upper and lower villages – new ref FS4301554. Marked as 'closed' with no explanation. Re-reported 13 July. Part done end September. Re-opened as FS 4553328 – Nov 7th: "does not require immediate remedial work". Re-reported 22 Nov: ref FS9974748. Still unfinished.
- 8.13. Street gutter weeds in Brookfield Rd – new ref FS4300224. Died back but not treated.
- 8.14. As most of the environmental items above had, yet again, to be updated or completed it was **Resolved**: that the Chair write a formal letter of complaint about the long list of issues that are not resolved and how the reporting system does not work – items are reported completed when they are not and the lack of any update or information – to Duncan Sharkey, Corporate director, Place, MKC, with a copy to the CEO, Carole Mills. Clerk to dispatch. **Chair/Clerk**

9. **PLANNING MATTERS**

- 9.1. **Land Registry - Former Anglian Water land behind Brookfield Road** – Cllr Furniss reported that the processes for the Tribunal hearing had begun and the first submission from the plaintiff was due tomorrow (22nd February). Following this submission the Parish Council had 28 days to respond. Land Registry had informed the Parish Council that another complaint had been received by the Tribunal along similar lines to the Parish Council case. **Cllr Furniss**
- 9.2. **Land Registry rectification** on BM 338140 (Rec. Field) – Cllr Furniss explained that she was in receipt of a proposed updated map of the Recreation Field showing the correct Parish Council 'borders'. Ongoing. **Cllr Furniss**

Planning Applications

- 9.3. **Previous applications** – 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*. Ward Cllr Geary reported that this application would be presented before the Development Control Committee and invited a member to explain the Parish Council view at the upcoming meeting. The Chair offered to fulfil this role. This was accepted. **Chair**
- 9.4. 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*.

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- 9.5. 16/03552/EIASC 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. *EIA Not Required*
- 9.6. **NEW applications** – (the drawings had not arrived in time for the meeting) - 17/00246/MKCOD3 Haversham First School, Expansion of existing infants school to create a one-form entry primary school with associated external works including new car park and outdoor play areas. It was agreed to comment on the continued concern about increased traffic, which did not seem to be being addressed. **Clerk**
- 9.7. 17/00296/FUL 26 The Crescent Haversham, Raised decking in the rear garden (retrospective). No objections.
- 9.8. 17/00169/LBC Little Linford House Little Linford Lane, Listed building consent for replacement windows and doors to stone barn within the curtilage of listed building. No objections.
- 9.9. 17/00334/FUL 37 Brookfield Road Haversham, Single storey rear extension and enlargement of existing rear dormer. No objections.
- 9.10. **Any Other Planning related matters** - None

10 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 10.1 **Magazine - Potential cost savings** - Cllr Williams noted that the typeface size had been reduced on the latest edition thus saving on the number of pages. Cllr Langham had been asked if she could suggest ways to increase the advertising revenue. The Editor, Lesley Gilbert, had circulated a questionnaire to readers asking for suggestions on content, within the latest edition. It was agreed that Cllrs Williams and Langham work together to draw up a strategy to reduce costs, improve circulation and advertising revenue in discussions with the Editor.

Cllrs Williams and Langham

- 10.2 **Accounts for payment** – a) Clerk's salary - £262.82; b) Admin expenditure - £56.29; c) Bin emptying - £39.00; d) HSCC Hall Hire (Oct-Dec) - £21.00; e) Magazine printing - £528.00; f) Landscaping (Wolverton Rd Hedge) - £84.00

10.3 **Financial Statement**

Presented cheques since last report	£1,019.17
Receipts since last report	£195.00
Lloyds bank statement, 31 January 2017	£11,598.08
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	£1,021.11
Available funds	£10,576.97

Resolved: The above financial statement and payments were approved.

11. **COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS**

- 11.1. **MK Dons SET 'Play' project** – the Chair proposed that we invite the group to send us more information with a view to running some sessions on the Recreation Field. This was agreed. **Clerk**
- 11.2. **Cllr Neal** reported that vehicles at 26 Wolverton Road are driven across the grass verge onto their front garden/parking area. Clerk to report. **Clerk**
- 11.3. **The Chair** – reported that he had examined the Village Sign-plates with a view to re-fixing those in need of tightening. He offered to carry out the work. This was accepted. **Chair**
- 11.4. **Cllr Williams** reported the removal of a hedgerow at Hall Farm and in another nearby field without planning permission. This had been reported. Councillors agreed to be vigilant.
- 11.5. **The Chair** reported parked cars on the grass verge outside the Old Schoolhouse and asked the Clerk to write. **Clerk**

12. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 20th March 2017 at Haversham Social & Community Centre at 7.30pm
Then 17th April 2017. The Annual Parish Meeting: last Wednesday in April – April 26th.

The meeting closed at 10pm

Signed

date