

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HAVERSHAM CUM LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT HAVERSHAM SOCIAL CENTRE ON MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2016 at 7.30pm.**

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PRESENT.

Cllrs Neal (Chair), Furniss, and Watson; Jackie Brown and Pat Brightman (Haversham Social and Community Centre) and 2 members of the public.

Clerk J Vischer.

1. **Apologies** Cllrs Burgess, Gibbons. These were accepted.
2. **PUBLIC FORUM** Jackie Brown expressed concern about the status of the Social and Community Centre in the proposed school expansion plans. The organisation would still need to cater for the needs of the community and she sought assurance that the wider community would be consulted on the proposals. The two organisations shared parts of the premises, for which the Social and Community Centre had legal rights. Pat Brightman and another resident supported her views. Councillors agreed that this wider consultation should take place. Clerk to ascertain from Milton Keynes Council (MKC) when the best time to consult with the wider community would be.

Clerk

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18th January 2016 were approved subject to two amendments: a) p.1 - second to last sentence item 2 "...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.*" b) p.4 - the last two of the three items under Cllr Watson should come under Cllr Neal. Proposer Cllr Neal, Seconder Cllr Furniss. Unanimous.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- a. **School Expansion** – nothing further to add to the above.
- b. **Speed Indicator Device (SID)** – The device had been set up in the Lower Village for a week, and since had been returned to Castlethorpe. The Chair and Cllrs Gibbons and Neal took down the device and downloaded the dataset. However there appeared to be an error in the data recording on Castlethorpe Parish Council's loaned data card. Clerk to check with Adrian Carden at MKC. **Clerk**
- c. **Bids for section 106 funds – church access; play equipment.** There had been no news on the discrepancy in funds (*December minutes - £48,836.32 instead of over £83,000*) in spite of the clerk's emails to the relevant officer Jonathan Robinson. Neither had he had any reply from Ward Councillor Geary who had said he would look into the matter (January minutes). **Ward Cllr. Geary/Clerk**
- d. **Former Anglian Water land behind Brookfield Road** – Nothing to report.

6. **PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS**

- a. Drain needed emptying on the exit to the village on the right towards Wolverton by the village sign planters *reported 22 Jan ref 830697 'in progress'*.
- b. Power outages on Brookfield Road – the clerk had contacted Western Power Distribution even though initially he was told that 'no power cuts occurred in the region specified'. He had not had a reply. There had been one minor power cut since the last meeting.
- c. The pavement on the hill between the upper and lower villages – (*originally reported 29 September 2015 as part of ref 737382*) updated Feb 2016. *'in progress'* (no change).
- d. Deep pothole on Linford Lane *reported 20 January ref 830431. Declared a 'non-safety repair'... 'will be monitored'. 'Closed'*.
- e. Devil's Dip – works and road closure. Works completed 12 February.

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f. Parking over the kerb and in the garden at no 17 High St. – the clerk had reported the matter to Highways (Tony Toynton) and Adrian Carden, Road Safety. The latter had said it was not a road safety matter but he had helped ensure that it had been logged on the environment portal so that the relevant enforcement team would be notified. 11th Feb confirmation received; given ref 849127 and described as ‘mud on road’ due to the paucity of categories on the environmental reporting system.

g. Plants overhanging the pavement from above – reported 21st Oct ref: 737382 ‘*In progress*’. (updated 16 December). No update.

h. Parking on the pavement in the lower village – (*problem due to nearby building works*). Reported to TVP in November and the new local PCSO Andy Hipkin in December. No update.

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

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

k. Blue bulk bags outside of no. 6 Wolverton Rd – (*Landscape dept passed on to Highways*). The clerk had attended the NW Area Forum where he had met Andy Hudson, Director of Waste and Environment MKC, and asked after this to be told that ‘crime enforcement’ had taken over the issue. They would require the residents to remove the bags and repair the verge, or face criminal proceedings.

Monitored items –

l. Drain at the end of Brookfield Rd near the junction with Wolverton Rd – reported 17 June: ‘*identified as planned works*’]. Cllr Furniss reported that this drain had still not been emptied. Again at the NW Area Forum the clerk had met Rob Ward, Business Liaison Manager, and been told that a schedule for drain emptying no longer existed. The clerk made the point that it was not always easy to see if a drain had been emptied as some can refill quickly, and that some kind of spray-marking to show a drain had been inspected and emptied would be very helpful. Rob Ward had agreed. However some days later an email had been received from Highways stating that it ‘was not possible to spray-mark the drains’.

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

n. 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*’]

Due to the time-consuming nature of this item with its many ongoing issues it was agreed to put reorganising the presentation as an agenda item for the next meeting. [*post-meeting note – as a possible solution the clerk will circulate a log of these issues with the agenda and minutes prior to the meeting with any updates incorporated*]

Clerk

7. **ALLOTMENTS.**

a. Renewal letters, including proposed revision of Regulations – these had been sent out by post a few days before the meeting. One new tenant had subscribed.

b. Cllr Watson informed councillors that another cockerel had been heard. He would do a circuit of all chicken-runs and provide the plot numbers to the clerk. The clerk would email those plot-holders and remind them of the regulations.

8. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Applications

Previous -

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. *Approved.*

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

15/03084/FUL 5 High Street Haversham Erection of detached garage and outbuilding. *Refused.*

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. *Refused.*

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

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height of 3.5 metres and maximum eaves height of 2.5 metres. *Prior Approval Required and Approved*

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. *Approved.*

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. *Pending*

NEW – 16/00248/FUL 26 The Crescent Haversham Prior notification for a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 5.5 metres from the rear wall of the original dwelling with a maximum ridge height of 3.9 metres and maximum eaves height of 2.65 metres. No comments.

Other Planning related matters

11/01193/FULEIS - A wind energy development comprising the erection of fifteen wind turbines, each with a maximum overall height of up to 120m together with access tracks and hard standing areas and a temporary site compound. - Stoke Lodge Farm Purse Lane Stoke Goldington Newport Pagnell MK16 8LW. *Pending.*

9. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllrs Furniss & Neal had both attended the Waste Recycling Plant Tour - Cllr Furniss reported that Amey was more than willing to arrange another tour for parish councillors. The window in the roof would be treated to prevent light shining out across the valley.

Cllrs Neal, Furniss, Gibbons and the Clerk had attended the site meeting with Wicksteed Playgrounds for the siting of the new play equipment; ex-councillor Lucy Aspinall and another resident were also present. It was broadly agreed to site the equipment up from the existing towards the trees in the corner. John Hambrook the Wicksteed representative, had promised to draw up proposals to finalise the exact locations *vis a vis* the gate through from the school grounds and a possible skate park.

Since that meeting one drawing had been sent through from Mr Hambrook and circulated by email. However it was not clear how well the Upsilon Trail fitted with regard to a possible skate park in the corner. Cllr Furniss added that she had decided that she would prefer the trees in the corner be left *in situ*. It was agreed to contact Mr Hambrook and instruct him to consider allowing space for a skate park. Also to invite him to give an estimate of the footprint of a small but attractive skate park and an estimate of the costs involved. The start date for installing the play equipment was yet to be suggested by Wicksteed.

Clerk

The clerk - the footpath from the Crescent to Wolverton Road. The property owners had received a letter from MKC threatening to cut the hedge and invoice them for the work unless they cut it by the end of the month. They were most concerned so the clerk offered to talk to the author of the letter Euan Darling, Landscape Services Officer. It transpired that MKC were still not clear on responsibility as the footpath had never been registered with Land Registry, consequently the land did not belong to anybody and where the boundary lay – inside the hedge or outside of it – was not defined. Mr Darling would confer with the Rights of Way officer, Andy Burton, to decide a long-term policy and get back to the clerk. Clearly the owner did not want the hedge removed, as had been threatened by MKC in the past, but at the same time as he was getting on in years, and finding such work increasingly hard to do, did not want to have to pay a contractor – or MKC – to do the work for him.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Financial Statement to 21 st January 2016 –	
Lloyds bank statement at 30 th December 2015	<u>£13,934.85</u>
Presented cheques since last report	£1,778.40
Receipts since last report	£140.00
Net Position	<u>£12,296.45</u>
National Saving Account at 1 st January 2016	£10,378.62
Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts	<u>£22,597.81</u>
Less Allocated reserves	£13,732.57
Less Outstanding Cheques	£97.60
Available funds at 21 st January 2016	<u>£8,767.64</u>

b. Accounts for payment -

AH Contracts - £30.00; b. J Vischer, Salary as Clerk - £252.61; d. J. Vischer – clerk’s incidental expenditure - £76.62; Anglian Water - £76.86.

The above statement and payments were agreed.

11. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

Cllr. Furniss reported two faulty streetlights by the entrance to Manor Drive on Wolverton Rd. - 14A and 16A.

12. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 21st March 2016 at Haversham Social Centre at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed

date