

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HAVERSHAM CUM LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HAVERSHAM SOCIAL CENTRE ON MONDAY 18th May 2015 at 7.50pm.

2015-05-16

PRESENT.

Cllrs Burgess (Chair), Neal and Gibbons, Ward Cllr A. Geary
Clerk J Vischer
Members of the public: Mr & Mrs Godber. Mrs Aspinall.

1. Apologies

Cllr. Furniss.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr & Mrs Godber brought up the planning application for Linford Court but Milton Keynes Council (MKC) had already approved these. They commented disapprovingly that there 'were now a lot of stone walls in Little Linford'.

Mrs Aspinall (ex-Parish Councillor) had been investigating the choice of new **play equipment** on behalf of the Parish Council to give the choice a parent/child bias. She had not been given an official budget but the clerk had suggested by email that she match an existing quote for around £15,000. She had chosen a fun & Fitness Trail 'Upsilon Trail' from Wicksteed at £7,986 and a Timber Swing "Birds Nest Swing" from Wicksteed at £2,561 for the 5 to 12 age group. A roundabout that could be used by toddlers and older children 'Whirly Bird' at £2,295 from Wicksteed and finally two Springers for the younger age group, 'Sheep' and 'Cow' at £495 each. This adds up to £13,832 with installation and matting costs on top. Councillors welcomed her suggestion that the Parish Council consider the purchase of new benches so that parents could sit while their children played. A rubbish bin might also be useful.

Mrs Aspinall (ex-Parish Councillor) also gave an update on the new **website** that she is supervising. The prototype offered by Kithappens had proved too 'corporate' and not 'village-y' enough and so she had supplied some additional photographs and was awaiting a re-design. The site worked well, was clean and effective. Mrs Aspinall was very much thanked for all the effort she had put in to both these projects.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council held on 20th April 2015 were approved. Proposer Cllr. Burgess, Seconder Cllr. Gibbons. Unanimous.

4. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST on any matters pertaining to this agenda

Ward Cllr. Geary – Planning matters.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Website – see above

SID's – No update.

Bids for Section 106 funds – Possible play/exercise equipment – see above. The Chair had arranged to meet with the Revd Caddell at half term with respect to funds for the entrance modifications.

Former Anglian Water land behind Brookfield Road – proposal to amend the PC Title (BM142461) so that it refers to the covenants of the 1950 Conveyance – Chris Vaughn (solicitor) had not yet undertaken the necessary tasks. It was agreed that registration should take place immediately. **Clerk**

Proposed Car Park – This has now reached the planning stage so it seems to be on schedule for construction to begin over the school holidays. (see below)

PC Andy Perry retirement – A cheque for £50 towards the fund had been made out Castlethorpe Parish Council as they were handling the last donations. **Cllr. Gibbons**

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6. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The clerk had written to AmeyCespa, Waste Management, and MK planning officers asking that the chimney-stack be grey throughout as per last meeting.

7. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS

Clerks' report.

1. Land Registry – title no. BM338140 – no up-date from Land Registry. The clerk had found the Conveyance that proved the Recreation Field had been transferred to the Parish Council on 13th December 1967. He had forwarded this information on to MK council accordingly. A reply is awaited. For future reference –
On 22nd October 1958 the 'recreation field' area as shown on BM 338140 - the field plus a part of the school grounds plus a 'tail' directly down to Manor Drive – (not as it is today) was transferred from Mrs Alice Randall to Bucks County Council. However the recreation field as it is today - that is the field up to the school grounds fence and a diagonal tail to Manor Drive on one side (being the current entrance path) was conveyed from Bucks County Council to Haversham cum Little Linford Parish Council on 13th December 1967. This appears to not have been registered, and also explains why the Parish Council maintains the area. Additional confusion is triggered by the creation of the school site by Bucks County Council from BM 338140 and two other transfers - 13th August 1958 and 25th March 1959 both between Haversham Estates and Bucks County Council. The school and grounds takes up a small part of the 'Alice Randall' conveyance (BM 338140) and these other two transfers. This small part was then subtracted from the 'Alice Randall' conveyance to create the 1967 conveyance to the Parish Council and a new entrance path was added.
2. Overgrowing shrubs Wolverton Road towards bridge – (20th Oct original) Re-reported April 22nd: ref 572888. No update.
3. Overgrowing shrubs on Linford Lane on the left towards the Motorway Services. (20th Oct original) Re-reported April 22nd: ref 572934. No update
4. Rowan Drive ditch – landowners responsibility – the clerk had written and sent a letter by post to the land agent 25th April. No reply to date
5. Pothole between lower and upper village – reported 24 April ref 575761 '*to be repaired within 28 days.*' Not yet repaired.
6. Pothole by bridge Little Linford Lane - reported 24 April ref 575738. '*unable to locate*'. This seemed preposterous as all agreed that between concrete and tarmac the potholes were quite obvious and one was large. Clerk to escalate.
7. Ditch clearance opposite Brian West's gateway – re-reported 24 April ref 434786. No update.
8. Planters (gap filling) – Done.
9. Silver birch tree replacements – these had now been planted.

8. ALLOTMENTS.

Progress of renewals – rents are all in now, but the number of vacant plots is now 14. Three agreements were terminated with the final reminder as no replies had been forthcoming.

The clerk had met with the contractor on site regarding the hedge pruning and strimming of the vacant plots. The contractor offered to do the latter at less than the quoted 'vacant plot' price as they would be grouped together.

Rubbish no update

Cllr. Furniss

9. PLANNING MATTERS***Planning Applications***

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PREVIOUS - 14/02118/FUL Two-storey side extension, 17 High Street Haversham Milton Keynes MK19 7DU *Still Pending*

15/00522/FUL Land To West of Haversham First School Manor Drive Erection of a single storey three bed dwelling. *Still Pending*

15/00663/FUL Haversham Sailing Club High Street Extension to existing club-house and impermeable surfacing to on-site roads. *Still Pending*

15/00585/FUL Linford Court Lane To Church Off Little Linford Lane Conversion of existing garage into habitable living accommodation for use by care-workers and insertion of 4 dormer windows to front elevation. *Permitted*

NEW - 15/00760/FUL 7 Rowan Drive Haversham. Single storey rear extension. No objection.

15/00849/FUL 25 Brookfield Road Haversham. New single storey rear extension. No objection.

15/00875/FUL Haversham First School. Provision of car parking facility for school and community. No objection.

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 *Still Pending*

10. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Gibbons reported back from the Haversham Social and Community Centre Mayday Fete/ 50th Celebrations which had been a success and raised £100 which was donated to Click Sergeant.

Cllr Neal had been investigating persistent bleeping noise from the Waste Recycling Plant. Several emails complaining of the noise and trying to determine its origins had been sent to and forth between him and the clerk and David Proctor, Waste management Services, who had been in touch with the plant. This had culminated in video evidence of the most likely offending vehicle by Cllr. Neal. [*post-meeting note* - David Proctor had sent an apology, explaining: "I raised this at our quarterly contractor meeting yesterday and the Site Manager did confirm that a Volvo / Shovel had returned from being serviced with a beeper. The Site Manager, and indeed the Regional Ops Director, have committed to have this switched back to a white noise alarm ASAP"].

The Chair reported that the school governors had not met again since the Parish Council's last meeting. He added that the School 50th Celebrations had been an overwhelming success.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. **Insurance Renewal** – The clerk had recognised that the old policy due for renewal from Aon covered all kinds of generic things that larger councils might have need of but were not appropriate (£1,1,74.13); he had therefore sort another quote from a competitor – Zurich Insurance. This quote for £574.33 was half the price and covered all the essential things. It was further reduced to £536.76 if a 3-year obligation was accepted. It was agreed to take up the new insurer

b. **Financial Statement** to 30th April 2015 –

Lloyds bank statement at 30 March 2015	<u>£8,885.34</u>
Presented cheques since last report	£1,335.68
Receipts since last report	£7,897.00
Net Position (confirmed by bank statement 69)	<u>£15,446.66</u>
National Saving Account at 1 st January 2015	£10,301.36

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Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts	<u>£25,748.02</u>
Less Allocated reserves	£13,732.57
Less Outstanding Cheques	£0
Available funds at 30 th April 2015	<u>£12,015.45</u>

c. **Accounts for payment** (below) Approved.

a. J. Vischer, Salary as Clerk – March 2015 - £246.23; b. Castlethorpe Parish Council – Andy Perry retirement - £50.00; c. HSCC qtrly. room hire - £21.00; d. Warners of Bedford, mowingx2 - £336.00; e. AH Contracts - £30.00; f. J. Vischer expenses - £91.01.

12. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

- a. Cllr Gibbons had received complaints about the parked white box van at the top of the crescent causing an obstruction and of the garden associated with it being full of debris and being very untidy. She had advised residents to complain to the police (101) as there was little the Parish Council could do. Cllr. Gibbons also reported that the footpath from the Crescent to Wolverton Rd was overgrown. **Clerk**
- b. Cllr. Neal was concerned that the painted-circle roundabout at the junction of Wolverton Rd and Brookfield Rd was not high enough to act as a speed deterrent. The Chair recalled that at the time of installation there was not enough space to allow for a true bump because of the distance between the speed-bumps either side - according to Highways regulations. The white-lines certainly need repainting. **Ward Cllr. Geary**
- c. The Chair offered his thanks to both the HSCC and the School for laying-on the very successful 50th celebrations events and suggested a letter of thanks to both from the Parish Council. This was agreed. **Clerk**
- d. He also reported: that the drains on the High St on the hill between the Upper and Lower villages were still congested and blocked. **Clerk/Ward Cllr. Geary**
- e. The properties either side of the footpath that runs between the Recreation Field and the High St need to be reminded of their obligation to cut their garden shrubs and trees back from overhanging the path. **Clerk**
- f. A 10m strip needs to be cut regularly in front of the planters so that they can be seen properly. Clerk to see if Andy Hudson will accommodate this request. **Clerk**
- g. In previous years the MK landscape contractors had allowed the cowslips on Broad Acre to flourish before mowing them back after flowering. A reminder needed to be sent to Andy Hudson to this effect as they have just been mowed when they should have been left to grow. **Clerk**

13. PUBLIC FORUM

Ward Cllr. Geary informed councillors of the impending traffic control lights at 'Devil's Dip' due to the pruning of the large willow trees.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 15th June at Haversham Social Centre

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed

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