

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HAVERSHAM CUM LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT HAVERSHAM SOCIAL CENTRE ON MONDAY 15th June 2015 at 7.45pm.**

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PRESENT.

Cllrs Burgess (Chair), Furniss, Neal and Gibbons, Ward Cllr A. Geary

Clerk J Vischer

Members of the public: Mr Graham Boddy and Mr Mike Gentle.

1. **Apologies** – None.

2. **Co-option** – Mr Nicholas Watson was duly co-opted councillor. Declaration of Acceptance was signed and the Register of Members Interests completed.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mike Gentle sought information on access to his property on Wolverton Rd. via the 'service lane' that backed on to the Crescent properties. This lane was owned by the Crescent properties and so permission had to be sought from them.

Mr Graham Boddy complained of the overgrown hawthorn hedge on the footpath between the back of the Crescent properties and Wolverton Rd. which was very close to the path, and the more mature hedge on the field side which was beginning to impose itself at the end of the path. The former was the responsibility of the property owner of the first property on Wolverton Rd and the latter was believed to be Milton Keynes Council (MKC). Clerk to write to both.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 18th May 2015 were approved. Proposer Cllr. Burgess, Seconder Cllr. Gibbons. Unanimous.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18th May 2015 were approved. Proposer Cllr. Burgess, Seconder Cllr. Gibbons. Unanimous.

5. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** on any matters pertaining to this agenda
Ward Cllr. A. Geary – Planning matters.

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Website – The clerk had circulated the email from ex-councillor Aspinall to the website company (Kithappens) on the latest draft (3rd June). In summary this comprised a list of 26 'tweaks' to layout and photographs. The immediate reply from the designers explained that several of the suggested tweaks were in fact template dependent and so could not be altered without an increase in budget; photograph alterations required a more personal input from the client. For both these reasons a meeting was suggested. The clerk had received no further copies of communication. **Clerk to chase**

SID's – Cllr. Gibbons reported that the brackets required for the device are not available and she had not managed to get in touch with Adrian Carden the responsible officer at MKC. **Clerk to facilitate**

Bids for Section 106 funds – Possible play/exercise equipment budget. A £15,000 ceiling was proposed for the project which would include all extras such as matting and installation. Proposer Cllr. Burgess, Seconder Cllr. Furniss. Unanimous. **Clerk**

The Chair had arranged to meet with the Revd Caddell at half term with respect to funds for the entrance modifications but the meeting had had to be postponed. **Chair**

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. Scott Fowler Associates had not yet undertaken the

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necessary tasks. Councillors were concerned that perhaps the solicitors had not understood that the Parish Council wished to register the corner of the allotment site with Land Registry straightaway. **Clerk**

Land Registry rectification on BM 338140 (Rec. Field) – No update had been received on this from MKC in spite of asking for one.

Proposed Car Park – Ongoing.

7. **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Cllr. Furniss raised the matter of the recently planted silver birch tree replacements which, councillors agreed, were wilting in the heat and did not appear to be being watered. **Clerk to contact Bob Widd**

8. **PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS**

Clerks' report.

1. Overgrowing shrubs Wolverton Road towards bridge – (20th Oct original) Re-reported April 22nd: ref 572888. 21st May: *'In progress'*
2. Overgrowing shrubs on Linford Lane on the left towards the Motorway Services. (20th Oct original) Re-reported April 22nd: ref 572934. 21st May: *'In progress'*
3. Pothole between lower and upper village – reported 24 April ref 575761. 21st May: *'to be repaired within 28 days.'*
4. Ditch clearance opposite Brian West's gateway – re-reported 24 April ref 434786. *'closed'*
5. Overgrown grass on footpath from the Crescent to Wolverton Rd - reported 19 May ref 597321 - this has been strimmed but hedge needs cutting back. The ref. number has not been closed. Updated to refer to hedges (*above*) June 16th .
6. Blocked drains on the High St on the hill reported 19 May ref 596973 – June 1st: *'closed'*
7. Broad Acre cowslips/strip in front of planters. Euan Darling had replied to say he was unsure as to why these requirements had not been carried over from the old contractor to the new as it was the same staff. He asked for a more specific location to the former and promised to accommodate our request. **Clerk**
8. Overgrowing hedge on Footpath to Rec – (letters hand-delivered to properties end May). These had been done.
9. [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. However we will continue to monitor the situation for deterioration and action if necessary'- keep on agenda]*
10. [Rowan Drive ditch – letter written to land agent end April]

9. **ALLOTMENTS.**

The final number of vacant plots is 17. The hedge pruning and strimming of the vacant plots has not yet taken place. Cllr. Furniss complained that over-zealous strimming of the edges of paths had led to the killing of two lots of her decorative plants. **Clerk to chase**

Cllr Nicholas Watson agreed to act as the Allotments representative replacing Cllr Furniss.

10. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Applications

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

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 - *permitted*

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15/00760/FUL 7 Rowan Drive Haversham. Single storey rear extension - *permitted*

15/00849/FUL 25 Brookfield Road Haversham. New single storey rear extension - *permitted*

15/00875/FUL Haversham First School. Provision of car parking facility for school and community - *pending*

NEW - 15/01032/CLUP 8 The Crescent Haversham Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed loft conversion with hip to gable and rear dormer. Discussion about the nature of a certificate of lawfulness – whether it could be objected to and so forth - was inconclusive. Clerk to establish the facts. It was agreed that for the next agenda delegating a role for a councilor to investigate an application on the ground would be added for discussion.

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 - Haversham Social and Community Centre had asked if the Parish Council contribution to Senior Citizens this year could be £100 towards the 'Tea'. This was agreed and a cheque was added to the payments list. The Summer Fête needs helpers (27th June). Nominations for the Rose Stimpson Trophy Award were being discussed. A doctors' surgery in Northampton has applied to use the Recreation Field to hold a Summer Barbecue that would include fireworks. This was agreed but it was pointed out that they must have their own public liability insurance for the event, and they must demonstrate that they are willing to clean up afterwards.

Cllr Gibbons – the Stanton Low Arts meeting had been held but Cllr. Gibbons could not attend. Minutes would be circulated.

Cllr. Furniss – Stanton Low Restoration Project: an email had been received about the restoration schedule and a planned opening celebration in September (TBA)

The Chair reported that the next School Governors meeting would be held this Wednesday.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. **Financial Statement** to 30th May 2015 –

Lloyds bank statement at 30 April 2015	<u>£15,446.66</u>
Presented cheques since last report	£895.68
Receipts since last report	£0.00
Net Position (confirmed by bank statement 70)	<u>£14,550.98</u>
National Saving Account at 1 st January 2015	£10,301.36
Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts	<u>£24,852.34</u>
Less Allocated reserves	£13,732.57
Less Outstanding Cheques	£51.00
Available funds at 30 th May 2015	<u>£11,068.77</u>

b. **Bank Mandate changes** – the forms were filled in and signed **Clerk**

c. **External Audit Return for signing** – the accounts were passed and the governance statement gone through and approved.

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- d. **Accounts for payment** (below) Approved.
 a. Zurich Insurance (annual) - £536.76; b. J. Vischer, Salary as Clerk – May 2015 - £246.23;
 c. The Post Office (PAYE) - £184.60; d. Warners of Bedford, mowingx2 - £336.00; e. AH Contracts - £30.00; f. J. Vischer expenses - £21.84. *Additional* : HSCC £100.00 donation.

12. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

- a. Cllr Gibbons had reported a broken tree branch on a tree on the Crescent Green in-between meetings which had posed a hazard. She had communicated with the clerk who had alerted the contractor who would attend to it on their next fortnightly visit but as time was passing she had her husband clear the branch away. She was concerned that the tree might be diseased and asked that the Tree officer be contacted. The clerk offered to check too. **Clerk**
 Cllr Gibbons suggested that councillors might man a table at the upcoming fete to try and recruit new councillors. This was agreed. Cllrs Watson and Furniss offered their apologies as they would be away.
- b. Cllr. Furniss asked if training for new councillors was still being offered by BALC – **Clerk to enquire.**
 The drain at the end of Brookfield Rd near the junction with Wolverton Rd was sprouting weeds **Clerk**
- c. Cllr. Neal reported that a new bleeping noise had started up, this time at the gravel extraction. He had reported this to the clerk who had made MKC officers aware. The potholes at the junction of Brookfield Rd and Wolverton Road were deteriorating. A 52-seater coach was turning round in Brookfield Rd damaging verges presumably after dropping pupils off from Royal Latin Grammar, Buckingham. **Clerk to write**
 A bulk bag had been left for a long time damaging the verge outside of no 12 Brookfield Rd. **Clerk to write**
- d. The Chair expressed concern over the lack of detailed information and warning with regard to the upcoming resurfacing and road closure. **Clerk to contact Mike Hainge**
 The blue bulk bags outside of no. 6 Wolverton Rd were still there (letter written/hand-delivered 11 November 2014 – and previous year) – Ward Cllr. Geary advised to contact Mike Hainge to get them removed. **Clerk**
 The overgrowing shrubs between the motorway and the humpback bridge on Little Linford Lane are now very dangerous on both sides of the road. **Clerk**
 All parish councillors had received a letter from *Your Shout* advertising an upcoming application for a new solar farm on land off the High St. alongside the M1, to be built by Solar Century to provide 5Mw of energy. A community benefit fund of up to £10,000 would be paid if successful. A public consultation event will be arranged. Website: www.solarcentury.com/uk/thecob

13. PUBLIC FORUM

None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 20th July at Haversham Social Centre at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed

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