

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HAVERSHAM CUM LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT HAVERSHAM SOCIAL CENTRE ON MONDAY 21st September 2015 at 7.30pm.**

2015/04/14

PRESENT.

Cllrs Burgess (Chair), Furniss, Gibbons, Neal and Watson. Ward Cllr Green.
Clerk J Vischer. Members of the public: Mr. Godber

1. **Apologies**

2. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Godber asked if the Parish Council was aware of the activity at Linford Court where the builders on the planned works appeared to be amassing a very large heap of soil and knocking down a garden wall in order to extract it. Clerk to report to Building Control. Clerk

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 20th July 2015 were approved. Proposer Cllr. Burgess, Seconder Cllr. Gibbons. Unanimous.

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

Cllr. Neal regarding Allotment gate item 7.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a. **Website** – The clerk had instructed Kit Happens to purchase a new domain name on behalf of the Parish. At £25 even though more expensive than some quotes it meant that the host was managing the service and not having to be the responsibility of the clerk, ensuring continuity for the future. David Vallance had been in touch to apologise for not actioning this a fortnight ago but would do so straightaway, This would mean that the new website would be ‘live’ in the next few days. Final modifications could still be made. Clerk

b. **SID's** – No update Cllr. Gibbons

c. **Bids for section 106 funds – possible church access; play/exercise equipment.** The Chair had met with Revd Caddell and discussed the proposed entrance alterations. This comprised taking up the existing floor tiles in the porch and relaying them at a higher level. The external footpath was not now going to be altered. The Church was looking for a reduced £3,000 grant. More information on the details of the floor were awaited, not least regarding suitable drainage of excess rainwater as the porch faced into the prevailing wind.
The clerk had received a quote from MK Council for the play equipment which showed a huge variation between rubber mulch and grass matting. It was agreed to verify that the quote included the purchase of the equipment and not just the installation. *[post-meeting note: the quote had been for installation only]*

d. **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.** The clerk had spoken directly to the solicitor, at the end of August, who had apologised for not getting back to the clerk stating that he had not received the various messages. He went on to say how he would respond right away by email. No email had been received in spite of a reminder being sent last week. It was agreed that the clerk should telephone him again and make it clear that councillors were most unhappy with his service. Should no response be heard within a fortnight it was agreed to find a new solicitor. Clerk

e. **Land Registry rectification** on BM 338140 (Rec. Field) – Ongoing.

f. **Proposed Car Park** – The official start date, 24th August, had passed with no action; no information had been received.

g. **Greyhounds kept at No 15 the High St** – no update received. Clerk

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Any other matters

None

6. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS

Clerks' report.

- a. Overgrowing shrubs Wolverton Road towards bridge – (20th Oct original) Re-reported April 22nd: ref 572888. 21st May: *'In progress'*. No update.
- b. 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'*. No update.
- c. Drain at the end of Brookfield Rd near the junction with Wolverton Rd – reported 17 June. ref 622227. June 18: *'identified as planned works'*. *'In progress'*. No update.
- d. Blue bulk bags outside of no. 6 Wolverton Rd – (Mike Hainge) Landscape dept passed on to Highways. Still there.
- e. Overgrowing shrubs between the motorway and the humpback bridge on Little Linford Lane reported 17 June. Ref 622272. These had been roughly cut back.
- f. Rowan Drive ditch – (letter written to land agent end April) (meeting with tenant farmer 9 July – *'never was a ditch... could create one but where does run-off go?'*). [Clerk visited site 28th July could not see a ditch.] No update.
- g. Dead elm tree almost touching power cables 100yds up from the pub on the footpath side. Reported 23rd July - Ref 658770. No update.
- h. Gravel spread all over the pavement outside the old schoolhouse – letter written and delivered 28th July. This had been tidied up and the Manager had sent a letter of apology.
- i. 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'*]. A new pothole was opening up.

7. ALLOTMENTS.

Proposed Gate – details were discussed about the wooden gate to be put up at the corner of the allotment site. A re-grading of the entrance, including the importing of topsoil, was required to ensure smooth passage. Care has to be taken to chamfer the edge of the soil into the existing grass path but no objections were raised. Clerk to write to Nick Le Gresley. Cllr. Watson to monitor implementation.

Cllr. Watson reported that one of the vacant plots had been taken up by a new plot-holder.

8. PLANNING MATTERS**Planning Applications**

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

15/01353/EIASC Solar Farm SW of Haversham Road Gayhurst Screening opinion request for proposed ground mounted solar farm. *Withdrawn*.

15/01691/NMA 16 Chalmers Avenue Haversham Non material amendment to application 08/01865/FUL to realign Northern boundary line. *Pending*.

15/01461/FUL Detached double garage with study above and basement] *Permitted*.

NEW –

15/01821/FUL Land North of The Old Rectory High Street. Proposed storage building relating to existing equestrian use. No mention of the archaeological impact had been made and the field was known to have some remains. No objections but clerk to make a comment to be mindful of the above.

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15/02081/ADV Haversham Roundabout Advertisement consent to display four non-illuminated signs. Clerk to ascertain who was advertising as this had not been made clear. *[post-meeting note: the application was merely to erect blank non-illuminated sponsor nameplates]*

15/02073/DISCON Haversham Grange 30 High Street Details submitted pursuant to discharge of conditions 2 (Sample stonework) 3 (Roof system) 5 (Windows) 6 (Sun tunnels) 7 (Doors) attached to planning permission 15/00084/FUL. No objections.

15/02225/EIASCR Pineham Farm Wolverton Road Haversham North To Parish Boundary Screening opinion request for proposed solar farm. No objection on condition that the potential to dazzle passing riders on the popular bridleway was considered. **Clerk**

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*. Ward Cllr. Green reported that EcoTricity has not come forward with further plans although they had been asked for more information under 'Regulation 19'. Should they wish to continue with the application it is likely that they will have to submit all the documentation again.

9. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Gibbons - Haversham Social and Community Centre had let out the contract for the asbestos work on the garage for the sum of £6,900; this included new doors.

The timing of the installation of the new canopy outside of the entrance to the Centre had not been decided.

A healthy 59 entries had been received for the Village Show up from 37 last year.

It had been decided that the Summer Fête would not be held next year unless a new organiser could be found.

The committee asked the Parish Council to advertise for nominations for the Rose Stimpson Trophy Award in the Easter issue of the Magazine.

Cllr. Furniss – reported that bright, reflected light was coming off a building in Wolverton Mill but this was not the new recycling centre. The latter was on schedule for completion in January. 'Cold-commissioning' would follow.

The bird-scarer had been going off regularly over the summer period; this was supported by Cllr. Neal.

The clerk was asked to ascertain if there actually were scavenging birds triggering the device or whether it was just litter blowing about on the wind. *[post-meeting note: the gas gun is – and has to be - on a timer. Clerk to contact Environment Agency to seek some modification to this requirement]* **Clerk**

The Parks Trust would officially be taking over the development of Stanton Low in January. The clerk was asked to write to the contact there so that the Parish Council could be kept up-to-date. **Clerk**

The Chair reported that the school governors had not yet met in this new school term.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Financial Statement to 23rd August 2015 –

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| Lloyds bank statement at 30 June 2015 | <u>£13,195.55</u> |
| Presented cheques since last report | £2,355.36 |
| Receipts since last report | £183.00 |
| Net Position | <u>£11,023.19</u> |

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| National Saving Account at 1 st January 2015 | £10,301.36 |
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| Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts | <u>£21,324.55</u> |
| Less Allocated reserves | £13,732.57 |
| Less Outstanding Cheques | £21.00 |
| Available funds at 23 rd August 2015 | <u>£7,570.98</u> |

b. Accounts for payment -

- a. Anglian Water direct debit - £28.94; b. Warners of Bedford July/Aug - £786.00;
 c. AH Contracts July/Aug - £60.00; d. HSCC room hire (2nd) - £35.00; e. NBR Printing - £942.00;
 f. J Vischer, Salary as Clerk (Sep) - £246.43; g. Post Office PAYE (2nd) - £184.60; h. Mazars Audit -
 £120.00; i. J. Vischer expenses - £61.91.

13. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

a. Cllr Watson raised the possibility of altering the allotment regulations regarding chicken-runs to cover the potential costs of dismantling and removal. To be discussed at the November meeting.

b. The Chair reported the uneven, weed-ridden pavement going up the hill from the lower to upper villages and its overgrowing shrubs - a resident had also complained of a dead badger. **Clerk**
 The Chair would be meeting an MK Council officer regarding the drains at the top of the hill opposite Brian West's farm, as these have never been cleared. **Chair**

Reported a crushed caravan deposited by the entrance to the Sailing Club. Clerk to contact Charles Glass and make enquiries. **Clerk**

The road surface down to Haversham Mill, always neglected, was now virtually impassable. Clerk to report. **Clerk**

13. PUBLIC FORUM

None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 19th October at Haversham Social Centre at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed

date