

# HAVERSHAM cum LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HAVERSHAM CUM LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HAVERSHAM SOCIAL CENTRE ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 at 7.30pm

### PRESENT.

Cllrs Burgess (Chair), Furniss, and Watson; Ward Councillor Andrew Geary and 11 members of the public. Clerk J Vischer.

#### 1. APOLOGIES Welcome and Co-option of new councillors

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Neal.

The newly co-opted councillors Pamela Williams, Carol Langham and Barry Clift were welcomed. They had signed their Acceptance of Office forms prior to the start of the meeting.

#### 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Andy Swannell asked if the addresses of planning applications could be added to the reference numbers on the noticeboard agendas. This was agreed. He also enquired as to whether the Parish Council had a plan of action regarding the Gallagher Estates development proposal (*see item 9.5.2 below*). Two members of the public asked that houses for older residents be insisted upon so that they could downsize and remain in the village. The suggestion of creating a Neighbourhood Plan was encouraged, something that councillors are considering (*see item 9.5.2 below*).

Concern was again raised about the high speeds and reckless 'antics' of some car and van drivers going through the village on Wolverton Road. Recent SID's data had been taken but of course does not record the behaviour of drivers.

The parlous and weed-ridden state of the pavement between the upper and lower villages was raised again – this remains an outstanding item on the environmental portal reporting system having been re-reported in early July. Ward Cllr Geary recommended that the clerk contact the new Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Tom Blackburne-Maze. (*see item 6.6 below*). **Clerk**

A resident asked that protruding shrubs be cut back on Wolverton Road by the railway bridge/Old Wolverton roundabout – Clerk to report even though outside of parish border. **Clerk**

ex-parish councillor Peter Dunn reported that the pipe/culvert under the 'triangle island' at the junction of Wolverton Road and High St at the top of the hill is at least partially blocked and needs jetting out. The drain covers at each end flood in heavy rain. Clerk to report. **Clerk**

A resident asked if anything can be done about dogs unleashed on the recreation field. New notices are about to go up. Item to be included in the Chair's Report. **Chair**

#### 3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST on any matters pertaining to this agenda – Cllrs Watson and Furniss declared a standing interest in item 6.5 as adjacent residents. Ward Cllr Geary on all Planning.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were approved.

#### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

**5.1 Signage on recreation field** – The dog signs were all ready to be fixed up. The old blue signs were to be kept as they are informative and in relatively good condition. **Chair**

**5.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID)** – the Chair reported that the device had been put up in two different locations in the Upper and Lower villages and that the data would be downloaded by Castlethorpe PC who manage the recorder, and passed back. **Cllr Neal/Chair**

**5.3 Skate Park proposal** – The Clerk reported that in between meetings the Pre-application form had received a favourable response from the Hockey Foundation and had emailed councillors about possible issues that would need to be answered on the full application form. Responses had also come

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back from the Skate Park group and David Childs at Rampchilds. The full application form was being completed. The Group had mooted the possibility of a voluntary contribution for maintenance from skate ramp users. Councillors gratefully accepted this. Details on how the fund might work needed to be resolved once the project had been given the full go-ahead. The Clerk was asked to check public liability cover for the ramp and/or MKC cover and MKCV maintenance. One ground works quote had come in but it was high, the Group would seek two more. [*post-meeting note*: the day after the meeting David Childs (Rampchilds) offered to assist volunteers *gratis* with the digging out and laying of chippings should this option be chosen]. The Chair thanked the Group for their ongoing committed and constructive contribution.

**5.4 Land Registry - Former Anglian Water land behind Brookfield Road** – no update.

**5.5 Land Registry rectification** on BM 338140 (Rec. Field) – Cllr Furniss reported that after delving into the archives she had discovered a misfiled conveyance that revealed how the erratic boundary between school (MKC) and recreation field (H&LLPC) had come about. No update on progress was forthcoming from MKC.

**5.6 Any Other Matters** –

5.6.1 The Chair's review of the *Risk Assessment Schedule* (Annual Meeting) still outstanding.

5.6.2 Three reported (green) footpaths 40 (overgrown), 42 & 43 (ploughed up) – Cllr Furniss reported that no 40 had been cut but 42 & 43 had still not been reinstated following harvest. Clerk to re-report to footpaths officer. **Clerk**

### 6 **PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS**

**6.1** New entrance lane to Cosgrove Lodge Caravan Park - Ward Cllr A. Geary reported that the project had been shelved.

**6.2** Drains – The clerk reported that there had been no update from Ward Cllr Green who had been organising a site meeting to investigate all the many drains in the parish that needed cleaning but no meeting had been arranged to date. Clerk to ask for a meeting with cabinet member Martin Gowans and Highways leader Tom Blackburne-Maze as recommended by Ward Cllr Geary. **Clerk**

7.2.1. Drain by planter and adjacent drain, Wolverton Rd. – reported 23<sup>rd</sup> April & 16<sup>th</sup> May - FS2704048 & FS3040422

7.2.2. Drains on the hill between the upper and lower villages – new ref FS4297097

7.2.3. Drain on Lt Linford Lane – new ref FS4300030

7.2.4. Several blocked drains in Wolverton Road (resident)

7.2.5. 27-30 The Crescent (July) - ref FS4637343. Cllr Furniss reported that these had definitely been cleared after she had reported them as well.

**6.3** Brookfield Rd pavement re-surfacing – the Clerk had compiled a detailed list of faults and grievances and reported it to the Head of Highways. A response had been received today making it clear that all faults had been remedied before the contract was closed and regular inspections had been carried out. Some residents had praised the work and the professionalism of the crew. Some markings on the pavement that indicated planned repairs had not been done was a result of the budget-limit had been reached and these were of lower priority. Cllr Furniss added that indeed the gaps by the shuttering for example had been back-filled with topsoil.

**6.4** Recycling lorries (using the village as a shortcut) – The Chair again reported regular sightings of one lorry in particular. The Clerk had passed on the previous record of a registration number and frequency of passes to Head of Waste and Environment, Andy Hudson. He had recently replied offering to meet up. Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

**6.5** Verge by Little Linford Lane MK Council depot reported 23<sup>rd</sup> March given MKC Ref 890639 – The clerk had re-reported dumped concrete on June 23<sup>rd</sup> ref FS4283073 - logged as resolved 4 July. This may have been cleared – Cllr Williams offered to verify. **Cllr Williams**

**6.6** The pavement on the hill between the upper and lower villages – ref 737382. The Clerk had re-logged this under the new system – given ref FS4301554 - re-reported 13 July. Still outstanding

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and looking even worse for the wet weather. Ward Cllr Geary recommended reporting to Highways leader Tom Blackburne-Maze. Clerk

- 6.7 The landscaped bank above part of this pavement (7.6) – This had now been done.
- 6.8 Street gutter weeds in Brookfield Rd – new - ref FS4300224. Work not carried out yet.

### 7 ALLOTMENTS.

- 7.1. Consultative Group - Cllr Watson reported that the Group was up and running and had now met twice. Issues were being collated and a newsletter amongst allotmenters is being set up.
- 7.2. Discussion followed about the residual rubbish that needed removing and how the Group hoped to arrange a voluntary gathering to dispose of it if the Parish Council would provide a skip. This had been previously mentioned when the provision of a skip or some such (eg Hippo Bags) had been agreed. It was further agreed to raise this as a budget item for upcoming discussion as a future expense. Cllr Watson to ascertain prices and arrange gathering. Cllr Watson

### 8. PLANNING MATTERS

#### *Planning Applications*

- 8.1. **Previous** - 16/01530/FUL 84 Wolverton Road Haversham, **Prior notification** for a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 6 metres from the rear wall of the existing dwelling with a maximum ridge height of 4 metres and maximum eaves height of 3 metres. *Prior Approval required and refused – See below.*
- 8.2. **NEW** – 16/02057/FUL 50 Wolverton Road, Single storey rear extension to form a garden room. No objections.
- 8.3. 16/02255/FUL 84 Wolverton Road, Prior notification for a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 5.0 metres from the rear wall of the existing dwelling with a maximum ridge height of 4.0 metres and maximum eaves height of 3.0 metres. (re-submission of 16/01530/FUL). No objections.
- 8.4. 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. Object: on the grounds of – 1. This area of open countryside has been re-shaped and re-engineered *post* gravel extraction as a remedial strategy to encourage and protect wildlife and plants which would be lost; 2. loss of public amenity; 3. a considerable proportion lies within the flood plain of the river Ouse; 4. the access in and out of the proposed car park to the narrow section of Little Linford Lane lacks safe visibility.
- 8.5. **Other Planning related matters –**
  - 9.5.1. Linford Lakes Development – Boundary change proposed by Great Linford PC – the suggestion was rejected on the grounds that: the proposed boundary change up to the river Ouse lay deep within the parish and considered to be integral to the parish; this area of open countryside was to be preserved at all costs as part of Haversham especially in the light of the Gallagher proposal for a virtual extension of urban Milton Keynes. Councillors agreed that they were keen to work with Great Linford Parish Council in fighting the application. Clerk to respond to Vice Chair of GLPC, Peter Widdowson. Clerk
  - 9.5.2. Gallagher's Estates PlanMK submission – The proposed resolution was altered to the following format: **'To fight any proposal for the development of satellite settlements (as described in PlanMK) in the rural areas to the north of Milton Keynes city'**. Proposer Cllr Burgess seconder Cllr Furniss, passed, unanimous. An Action Group was in the process of formation – the flyer that had been circulated against the Gallagher's 'satellite' proposals had received 139 responses so far (Ward Cllr Geary). The plan to create a Neighbourhood Plan was revived. Cllr Williams offered to research into the requirements and possible funding support.

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9.5.3. 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

**Cllr Furniss** – New Waste Plant - Cllr Furniss had arranged dates between meetings as follows: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.

Parks Trust Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve – Cllr Furniss had obtained flyers at the opening which were passed round about the new wetland. She had also queried why the Parks Trust did not email the Parish Council about such information as promised.

Save St. Peter’s Campaign - Cllr Furniss reported that the Stanton Low land had now been officially transferred to the Parks Trust.

**Cllr Watson** reported back from the HSCC committee meeting. There was nothing to report.

Cllr Watson asked if the landscaping invoices could be divided into separate allotments/other invoices in order to manage what was supposed to have been carried out on the allotments as some plot-holders believed not all work had actually been done. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite the contractor to comply.

**The Chair** reported that due to the summer holidays no governors’ meetings had been held since the last meeting.

### 10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

#### 10.1. Accounts for Payment -

a) Clerk’s salary - £257.37; b) Admin expenditure - £111.52; c) PAYE - £207.20; d) Dog bin emptying - £69.00; e) HSCC room hire - £28.00; f) Landscaping (incl. allotments) - £1,200.00; g) External audit fees - £360.00; h) Magazine printing - £842.50.

#### 10.2. Financial Statement to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 –

Lloyds bank statement	<b>£5,304.21</b>
Presented cheques since last report	£3,781.37
Receipts since last report	£0.00
National Saving Account at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2016	£10,378.62
Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts	<b>£15,682.83</b>
Less Allocated reserves	£13,732.57
Less Outstanding Cheques	£0.00
<b>Available funds at 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016</b>	<b>£1,950.26</b>

**Resolved:** The above financial statement and payments were approved.

### 11. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

**Cllr Furniss** - the old ‘Watch Your Speed’ sign on Wolverton needed to be replaced or removed as it was unreadable. **Clerk**

She suggested a review of the email process of communication be added to the next agenda. This was agreed.

**Cllr Langham** - a resident had reported bread being left out overnight on the drain cover in front of the flats at the top of Wolverton road. The resident was concerned about rats. Cllr. Langham to monitor.

**Cllr Williams** – Mill Road had been re-surfaced. She volunteered to research Neighbourhood Plans

**The Chair** – voted to thank all councillors for attending the extra meetings during the holidays and thanked the new councillors for their attendance.

### 12. PUBLIC FORUM

Ward Cllr Geary mentioned the Society of Merchant Venturers plan for 5000 homes north of Gayhurst.

### 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Haversham Social & Community Centre at 7.30pm Then 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016.

**The meeting closed at 10.20pm**

Signed

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