

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 19th DECEMBER 2016 at 8.00pm

PRESENT.

Cllrs I Burgess (Chair), P Furniss, N Watson, P Williams, C Langham, B Clift and E Neal; Ward Councillor A Geary; 2 members of the public; Mr Philip Ayles, Chair of Castlethorpe Parish Council.
Clerk J Vischer.

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr & Mrs Gilbert wished to make two points about the school expansion consultation. Firstly to reiterate that Haversham Social and Community Centre as partner on the site had never been properly considered or consulted. The proposed changes would have a major impact on the way the Centre operates as the grounds would become too small under the current proposals. This would affect three major annual village events. These events could be moved to the adjacent Recreation Field but the events would suffer from having no water, electricity or toilets. Their second point was that although parking spaces had been increased by 27 there would actually be a pupil increase of a 100. What steps were MKC going to take to cater for this increase in parking and for the traffic congestion? In light of these comments and the recent consultation event at the school – the second being due on 9th January – it was agreed to invite the relevant officer, Glen Oldfield to the next Parish Council meeting. **Clerk** Philip Ayles, Chair of Castlethorpe Parish Council, informed members as to the options for spending powers for a 'fighting fund' to help defend the interests of the residents of the parish against the possible urbanisation of the area (as proposed in the latest Plan MK document). Currently the only spending power open to the Parish Council was under Section 137; this amounted to £4,903 at the present rate for 2016-17. (*see item 7 below*)

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST on any matters pertaining to this agenda – Cllrs Watson, Furniss and Neal declared a standing interest in item 5.5 as adjacent residents. Ward Cllr Geary on all Planning.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2016 were approved. These had been circulated via email to elicit comments from councillors prior to the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Skate Park proposal – the Clerk had circulated via email a report on his disappointing meeting with the Hockey Foundation committee, accompanied by a member of the user group. The Foundation appeared to be insisting on the setting up of a club to operate the venue. It was agreed that the Clerk write thanking the Foundation, explaining that the Parish Council considered this condition unviable.

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5.2 Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing to report.

5.3 Signage on recreation field – report postponed to next meeting

5.4 Speed Indicator Device (SID) – report postponed to next meeting

5.5 Land Registry - Former Anglian Water land behind Brookfield Road – the Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Land Registry stating that a further objection to the application had been received and that the case would be referred to the First Tier Tribunal after 3rd January 2017. This letter had been circulated.

5.6 Land Registry rectification on BM 338140 (Rec. Field) – report postponed to next meeting

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5.7 **Any Other Matters – brick planters repairs** – the loose bricks on several of the planters had been re-cemented in place.

6 **PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS**

- 6.1. Dumped tyres - reported 3 Dec ref FS10410889. Cleared away by 8 Dec.
- 6.2. Mill Road gate MK ref FS9120625 - report postponed to next meeting
- 6.3. Mill Road life-belts – Environment Agency - report postponed to next meeting
- 6.4. traffic light sequence Old Wolverton FS9079105 - report postponed to next meeting
- 6.5. overgrown vegetation - Old School House to Church - report postponed to next meeting
- 6.6. footpaths 42 & 43 - report postponed to next meeting
- 6.7. old 'Kill Your Speed' sign – re-reported 25th October FS9196085 - report postponed to next meeting
- 6.8. inspection of trees on the Crescent and by Allotments ditch – the Clerk had accompanied a tree surgeon to the Crescent – all trees seemed in good health. Unfortunately due to the unavoidable lateness of the contractor, access to the allotment site was no longer open. However the tree surgeon commented that tree crowning could only be done on trees on this side of the ditch and that within two or three years the trees would have grown back to roughly the same heights. Only two trees appeared to have further branches protruding over plots that could be lopped off but closer examination was required.
- 6.9. Railway bridge/Old Wolverton roundabout – overgrowing shrubs reported 20 Sep: FS6850944 - report postponed to next meeting.
- 6.10. Drains - a) Drain by planter and adjacent drain, Wolverton Rd. – reported 23rd April & 16th May - FS2704048 & FS3040422 'investigated' 27th Oct; b) Drains on the hill between the upper and lower villages – new ref FS4297097; c) Drain on Lt Linford Lane – new ref FS4300030; d) Several blocked drains in Wolverton Road (resident); e) Triangle Green culvert/drain blocked reported 20 Sep: ref FS6975137 - report postponed to next meeting.
- 6.11. Recycling lorries (shortcut) - report postponed to next meeting.
- 6.12. Verge by Little Linford Lane MK Council depot reported 23rd March. Re-reported dumped concrete June 23rd ref FS4283073. Reported resolved 4 July. Re-reported 4th October with photos - new ref: FS7897000 - report postponed to next meeting.
- 6.13. The pavement on the hill between the upper and lower villages – new ref FS4301554. Marked as 'closed' with no explanation. Re-reported 13 July. Part done end September. Re-opened as FS 4553328 – Nov 7th: "does not require immediate remedial work". Re-reported 22 Nov: ref FS9974748 - report postponed to next meeting.
- 6.14. Street gutter weeds in Brookfield Rd – new ref FS4300224 - report postponed to next meeting.

7. **PLANMK**

Following the recent release of the proposed PlanMK 'areas of expansion' that included the area north of urban MK and the whole of Haversham cum Little Linford Parish, and following the community meeting that preceded this meeting it was resolved **"To respond to the latest development of PlanMK by appointing a planning consultant, and that the power to do this be devolved to two parish councillors in consultation with a representative from Castlethorpe Parish Council and a representative from Protect Rural MK"**. Proposer Cllr Furniss, seconder Cllr Langham. Unanimous. It was further agreed, following information discussed in Public Forum (*above*), to commit the vast majority of S137 funding allocation (£4,903) to this contingency.

8. **LANDSCAPE CONTRACT RENEWAL**

The Clerk had received two updated quotations from the contractors. It was agreed unanimously that RTM Landscapes be awarded the contract. Proposer Cllr Furniss, seconder Cllr Watson. As the contract sum represented a large increase on last year's budgeted amount the Clerk was instructed to negotiate a reduction if at all possible.

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9. ALLOTMENTS.

Report postponed to the next meeting.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

- 10.1. Previous - 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. *Pending*
- 10.2. 16/02825/FUL** 15 High Street Haversham Demolition of existing rear conservatory, attached store and front and rear outbuildings and the erection of a two storey rear extension to existing dwelling and proposed new dwelling to south of existing dwelling and hard-standing to the front. *Pending*
- 10.3. 16/02948/FUL** Hall Farm Little Linford Lane Little Linford Prior notification for change of use of existing agricultural barn to dwelling house (use class C3) and associated works. *Prior approval not required.*
- 10.4. 16/02748/FUL** Erection of uPVC conservatory to front of dwelling at: 3 Granary Close Haversham. No objections (*canvassed by email*). *Permitted.*
- 10.5. 16/02896/FUL** 20 Rowan Drive Haversham, First floor extension above garage and single storey extension to rear, replacement of existing flat roofs with pitched roofs. *Permitted.*
- 10.6. 16/02984/FUL** Vicarage Spinney Fishing Lodge Little Linford Lane, Reconstruction of fishery lodge destroyed by fire and reuse as a residential dwelling. *Pending*
- 10.7. NEW** – None

Other Planning related matters

11. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- 11.1. Cllr Clift** - Haversham Social and Community Centre (HSCC) committee - latest meeting attended. The Xmas Party for Children had been a great success. The Committee had been asked to pay £1,058 as the disputed Car Park contribution for this year.
- 11.2. Cllr Langham** had attended the Parishes Forum - discussion and information had focussed on the MKC budget cuts and the possible devolution of services to parish councils. Details of the presentations and facts & figures had been sent to the Clerk and since been circulated to councillors via email. Cllr Langham offered to be the regular Parish Council representative to the Forum. This was gratefully accepted.
- 11.3. The Chair** reported that he had been pleased to see several parish councillors attending the School Christmas Mince Pie event last week.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS

12.1. Accounts for Payment -

a) Anglian Water – 132.52; b) Clerk's salary - £262.72; c) HMRC (PAYE) - £189.40; d) Admin expenditure - £51.05; e) Bin emptying - £30.00; f) Repairs to planters (2) - £312.00; g) NBR newsletter printing - £520.00.

12.2. Financial Statement to 30th November 2016 –

Lloyds bank statement	£14,063.54
Presented cheques since last report	£1,482.74
Receipts since last report	£75.00
National Saving Account at 1 st January 2016	£10,378.62
Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts	£24,442.16

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Less Earmarked Reserves	£13,732.57
Less Outstanding Cheques	£1,868.19
Available funds at December Meeting	<u>£8,841.40</u>

Resolved: The above financial statement and payments were approved.

12.4 Draft Budget – budget discussions highlighted areas of the circulated draft that needed amendment or addition. The Clerk was instructed to draw up a revised version for immediate circulation. **Clerk**

12.4 Earmarked Reserves – the Clerk had submitted a paper explaining that the earmarked reserves appeared to have been used up but not deleted from the accounting statements. As the longest standing members of the Council believed that the earmarked reserves had indeed been spent it was agreed to adjust the accounts accordingly. Proposer Cllr Furniss, seconder Cllr Watson. Unanimous

13. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

13.1. Cllr Langham – reported a dumped mattress outside no. 70 Wolverton Road. **Clerk**

13.2. Any other - report postponed to next meeting.

14. PUBLIC FORUM

None

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 16th January 2017 at Haversham Social & Community Centre at 7.30pm
Then 20th February 2017.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm

Signed

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