

# HAVERSHAM cum LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HAVERSHAM CUM LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HAVERSHAM SOCIAL and COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 AT 7.30pm

### PRESENT.

Cllrs P Williams (in the Chair), I Burgess, C Langham, B Clift and E Neal; Ward Cllr A Geary; Thom Boddington & Kieron Tanner (Skate Park Group); Mrs Butler & Nigel Cox (Haversham Mill) + 11 residents Clerk J Vischer.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs N Watson, P Furniss. These were accepted.

### 2. PUBLIC FORUM

- 2.1. **Increased traffic speeds** - two residents complained about the reduced height of the new tarmac bumps on Wolverton Road - they had noticed traffic speeds increasing as a result. Cllr Neal added that he believed the absence of the white roundabout 'bump' at the junction with Brookfield Road increased the likelihood of speeding. Cllr Burgess reported that the **Speed Indicator Device** (SID) would again be back in our hands in 10 days time, it was necessary to have data to prove traffic was speeding. Another two residents pointed out that down in the Lower village along the High St., where there were no speed bumps, traffic seemed to have both increased and to be speeding more, especially coming down the hill from the East. The increase in traffic might be due to several temporary road closures and repairs in the area. It was agreed to report concerns to Milton Keynes Council (MKC) and invite their views on proposing: a) a true roundabout 'bump' at the junction with Brookfield Road; b) a road narrowing island at the bottom of the hill at the Eastern end of the High St; c) the possibility of a pedestrian-crossing across Wolverton Road (brought up at the last meeting and again at this meeting). **CLK**
- 2.2. **The Skate Park** item (10) was brought forward. WREN had refused to grant the funds required on the basis that they had too many applications for their funding pot. This disappointing news had been circulated shortly after the last meeting. Since then the Clerk reported that he had been in discussion with Hansons Aggregates whom at first seemed willing to look favourably on the project. However upon hearing that the Skate Park would be made of wood they had not been back in touch. The Clerk pointed out to them that a good deal of stone would be needed for the footings. Clerk to follow-up. A resident pointed out that the Milton Keynes Community Foundation might well be a good source of funding. K Tanner to follow-up. **CLK**
- 2.3. **Haversham Mill** – Mrs Butler & Nigel Cox shared the draft drawings and plans for the improvements and renovation of the property in order to seek the views and comments of councillors.
- 2.4. **Tree Preservation Order (TPO) at Hall Farm** - a Little Linford resident, Mr Patrick Upton, drew the Council's attention to the objection by the property owner to the Continuation of the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) at Hall Farm (*see item 14.6*).

3. **PLANNING ITEM – Little Linford** - 17/01504/FUL, North West of Linford Hall Lane To Church, Construction of cricket pavilion, car parking and cricket pitch. Several residents present had come to express their concerns to parish councillors at this application. They were given leave to speak. Following discussion amongst councillors it was agreed to object to the application on the grounds that: a) the application contravenes MKC's own Open Countryside section of its Strategic Policy - Little Linford is not designated as a settlement and so is classed as open countryside - this proposal is not recognised permitted development for open countryside; b) traffic movement is a major concern as the access road is single-track with no passing places. Proposer Cllr Clift, seconder Cllr Langham. Unanimous. Ward Cllr A. Geary offered to speak on the Parish Council's behalf at the Development Control Meeting as he would be attending. The Clerk pointed out that he had not been made aware

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of this application through the normal channels – this to be conveyed to the relevant planning officer.  
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4. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** on any matters pertaining to this agenda – Cllr Neal declared a standing interest in item 15.1 as adjacent resident.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual and Ordinary meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved. These had been circulated via email prior to the meeting. Proposer Cllr Neal, seconder Cllr Langham. Unanimous.

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- 6.1. **Archiving** – Cllr Neal proposed an Internet subscription to provide reliable storage, a ‘back-up vault’ probably costing about £10 per month. It was agreed that he research three quotations and bring to the next meeting. **Cllr Neal**
- 6.2. **Website training** – the provider had not been in communication until last week when he offered a date that was not suitable. A further date has been requested. Clerk to follow-up. **CLK**
- 6.3. **Signage on recreation field** footpath – Cllr Burgess had installed all the signs.
- 6.4. **Recreation Field Keys** – Cllr Burgess reported that he had found out that the blanks used had to be Brinnick’s (Newport Pagnell). **Cllr Burgess**

7. **PLANMK WORKING GROUP – Approval of Draft Report**

Cllr Williams stated that the Report had been submitted by the deadline. The Clerk was asked to enquire as to when Consultation Feedback/Report may be expected. **CLK**

8. **ALLOTMENTS** Nothing to report.

9. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Nothing to report. **Cllr Williams**

10. **SKATE PARK PROJECT** – *see above*: Open Forum.

11. **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE** – *see above*: Open Forum. Cllr Burgess added that Castlethorpe had also been having difficulties downloading data. Cllr Burgess to liaise with the Chair Phil Ayles. **Cllr Burgess**

12. **MAGAZINE COSTS IMPROVEMENTS** – Cllr Williams reported that indicative printing costs from another supplier had been about 50% less than the current long-standing company. It was agreed to approach the Editor of the Magazine, Lesley Gilbert, and enquire as to whether the company provided pasting-up and other work as part of the service (invoices lacked detail). **Cllrs Langham/Williams**

13. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

13.1. **Haversham Social and Community Centre** - Cllr Clift reported that a meeting was planned between the Centre and the School before the start date for the building works – 31<sup>st</sup> July. The Committee had asked if the Parish Council would like to contribute a Raffle prize. It was agreed to do this for the approximate value of £20. Cllr Clift expenses to be refunded. The Clerk had not been informed about a possible May-pole base or whether the Scouts had been using the Field. Cllr Clift to verify. **Cllr Clift**

13.2. **Save St. Peter’s Group** (Stanton Low) – Nothing to report.

13.3. **MK Waste Recovery Park** – Cllr Furniss had attended the liaison meeting on 7th June: Steam-blowing of pipes is completed; increase from one shift to two shifts per day from this week; the plant should be fully operational by the end of July. The brightly lit window should be screened by the end of August.

13.4. **Parishes Forum** – quarterly – 15<sup>th</sup> June meeting: Cllr Langham had circulated her report. It seemed little of substance had changed regarding Devolved Services although work was continuing on its research and implementation. The Clerk added that MKC Programme Manager, Kay Pettit, had interviewed him regarding the five small Parish Councils he clerked for and their varied approach to Devolved Services.

13.5. **Haversham School** – No meeting.

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### **14. ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS**

- 14.1.** Dog Bins – It was agreed to purchase two new signs for the dog bins by the river and car park as it was no longer clear that they were only for dog waste not to be used for rubbish. **CLK**
- 14.2.** Streetlight 16A gone out – reported 23/02/17 - FS13381292. To be checked. **Cllr Furniss**
- 14.3.** Mill Road gate MK ref FS9120625 – unrepaired
- 14.4.** Traffic light sequence exiting Old Wolverton FS9079105 – no change or update.
- 14.5.** Footpaths 42 & 43 – still outstanding. Cllr Langham reported that Footpath 42 even though reinstated as reported by the MKC Footpaths officer, that she had verified that it was not the official width; Footpath 40 (overgrown by plants leaning in from the edges) had been reported by the Clerk was still outstanding as the path had not been reinstated at its lower end. **CLK**
- 14.6.** Old 'Kill Your Speed' sign – re-reported 25th October FS9196085. Re-reported 23 Jan 2017 - New ref FS12115562. Not removed.
- 14.7.** Drains - a) Drains on the hill between the upper and lower villages – new ref FS4297097; b) Drain on Lt Linford Lane – new ref FS4300030; c) Several blocked drains in Wolverton Road (resident); d) Triangle Green culvert/drain blocked reported 20 Sep: ref FS6975137. Remaining drains un-cleared – no updates forthcoming. Cllr Burgess had composed a letter to Duncan Sharkey for the Clerk to send off. **CLK**
- 14.8.** Recycling lorries (shortcut) – Cllr Burgess compiling a list. **Cllr Burgess**
- 14.9.** 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. Re-reported 23 Jan 2017 new ref FS12193989. Reported cleared 31 Jan 2017. Cllr Williams reported that the rubbish had not been cleared.
- 14.10.** The pavement on the hill between the upper and lower villages – new ref FS4301554. Re-reported 13 July. Part done end September 2016. Re-opened as FS 4553328 – Nov 7th: “does not require immediate remedial work”. Re-reported 22 Nov: ref FS9974748. No update.
- 14.11.** Street gutter weeds in Brookfield Rd – new ref FS4300224. No update. (Now in an even worse state)

### **15. PLANNING MATTERS**

- 15.1. Land Registry - Former Anglian Water land behind Brookfield Road** – Cllr Furniss had reported that she had received what appeared to be an additional statement of case but as there was no covering letter from the appellant it was not clear.
- 15.2. Land Registry rectification** on BM 338140 (Rec. Field) – No update.
- 15.3. Planning Applications - Previous applications – 17/00641/FUL** 26 Wolverton Road Haversham, Drop kerb on a classified road to create a vehicle crossing outside of property and lay hard-standing for a driveway. No objections. *Permitted.*
- 15.4. 17/00889/FUL** 54 Wolverton Road Haversham, Two storey side and single storey rear extension. No objections. *Permitted.*
- 15.5. 17/01463/FUL** Little Linford House Little Linford Lane, Change of use of former agricultural barns to office accommodation including an extension, internal alterations and external works. *Pending.*
- 15.6. NEW applications – 17/01106/CLUP** Dower House 26 High Street, Repair and replacement of roof tiles from concrete tiles to slate tiles. *For Information only.*
- 15.7. Any Other Planning related matters – Continuation of Tree Preservation Order** Hall Farm – It was agreed to support the continuation of the Tree Preservation Order (served last January) which was up for renewal, following the recommendation of the MKC planning officer. Proposer Cllr Langham, seconder Cllr Burgess. Unanimous. [“...recommends that the Order be confirmed with modifications so that T2, T2, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9 and T13 are removed from the Order” (mostly small fruit trees with very low visibility to the public realm)].

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### 16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

**16.1. Accounts for payment** – a) Clerk’s salary - £276.12; b) Admin expenditure - £92.95 c) Bin emptying (inv. 9389) - £36.00; d) Rialtas (accounting software annual sub) - £139.20; RTM Landscapes (of which Allotments: £227.26 net) - £995.55; NBR – (inc. PlanMK letters: £42.00) - £778.00.

#### 16.2. Financial Statement

Presented cheques since last report	£2,253.69
Receipts since last report	£378.00
Lloyds bank statement, 25 May 2017	<b>£13,956.08</b>
National Saving Account at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2017	<b>£10,440.98</b>
Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts	<b>£24,397.06</b>
Less new and outstanding cheques	£3,661.82
<b>Available funds</b> (excluding Savings)	<b>£10,294.26</b>

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

**16.3. Signing of Annual Return** (Mazars - External Audit) – the Clerk reported that he had undergone the annual Internal Audit successfully, carried out this year by the clerk to Stantonbury Parish Council. No major issues had been raised. The report was passed around. The Annual Return for the official External Audit was now ready to be signed off. The Form was passed around. The Return was approved.

### 17. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

- 17.1. Cllr Burgess** presented an expenses claim from Mrs P Gibbons for re-stocking the planters. This was approved.
- 17.2. Cllr Burgess** reported another overgrown footpath, No.38, up the side of the triangle in the old village.
- 17.3. Cllr Burgess** queried the continued use of the far gate at the end of the Recreation Field as dog walkers were, strictly speaking, not allowed to stray from the main footpath across the Field. Cllr Langham explained that this would result in a long and inconvenient walk round for residents at that end of the Field.
- 17.4. Cllr Neal** had complained about noise from one or both of the waste plants as doors supposed to be shut had been left open. The Clerk had reported the complaint. Cllr Neal added that the new plant had recently been using noisy, whining fans, which although stopped now was disruptive. Clerk to report, Cllr Neal to send audio recording to Clerk. **CLK**
- 17.5. Cllr Williams** reported that an increase in traffic, some of it at speed, had been noted on Mill Road as a result of using the ‘road’ across the Ouse valley.

### 18. PUBLIC FORUM None

### 19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017** at 7.30pm at Haversham Social and Community Centre.

**The meeting closed at 10.00pm**

Signed

date