

HAVERSHAM cum LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HAVERSHAM CUM LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL held at Haversham Social and Community Centre on Monday 20th November 2017 at 7.30pm

PRESENT- Cllrs N Watson (in the Chair), C Langham, P Furniss, P Williams, I. Burgess, B. Clift and E Neal; Ward Cllr A. Geary; 4 members of the public.

Clerk J Vischer.

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. PUBLIC FORUM

2.1. Mike Reed supported the proposal to create a road narrowing island at the bottom of the hill at the Eastern end of the High St. He also commented that he had counted vehicle movements which were considerable at the beginning and the end of the day. He was invited to pass on this information to the Clerk for the record. Cllr Burgess subsequently proposed a request to MKC to install vehicle counters for a temporary period. This was agreed. **CLK**

2.2. Harvey Gilbert reported a very polluted and smelly stream by the railway viaduct on the 'industry' side. Clerk to report. **CLK**

2.3. He had also submitted comments objecting to the proposed building of two houses on the land behind and next to the Greyhound pub. ? supported Mr Gilbert's objections. This item to be discussed under planning matters was brought forward.

2.4. 17/02799/FUL 2 High Street Haversham, A redevelopment of surplus land to the rear of, The Greyhound, Haversham, to provide two semi-detached homes. It was agreed to call-in the application and to object on the grounds of: 1, the applicant calls the land in question " surplus land". It is in fact the pub garden and includes some of the current car park; it is an important asset to the pub and the community, being used in the summer especially for well-attended fund-raising events; 2, the plan includes just three parking places for pub customers. This is evidently insufficient. Without sufficient parking there will be nowhere else to park but on the road outside the pub; 3, the planning application incorrectly claims that wastewater will be disposed of via mains drainage. There is no mains drainage system in the lower village and the pub's existing septic tank is insufficient to cope with demand; 4, the lower village is principally a ribbon-development of buildings, to extend this away from the road is out-of-character with the existing. The Clerk was invited to report that no Planning Notice had been seen near the pub. **CLK**

2.5. Kieron Tanner reported that no further update had been received from the Skate Ramp groundworks contractor.

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST on any matters pertaining to this agenda –

Cllrs Watson, Neal and Furniss declared a standing interest in item 17.1 as adjacent residents. Cllr Langham regarding Skate Park Project as adjacent resident to the recreation field.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 16th October 2017 were approved. Proposer Cllr Furniss, seconder Cllr Langham. Unanimous.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1. Demolished Planter – Cllr Burgess proposed an alternative to rebuilding a new planter: the removal of the planter nearest the motorway and its transfer to the site of the demolished planter. A vote was held to determine: *For restoring* the planter as per above: 2; *For removing* the planter entirely: 3; with 1 abstention.

One quote had been received for the removal of the debris as per last meeting's decision. As this was very reasonable it was accepted. **CLK**

5.2. Speed-limit roundel – no update from MKC Highways.

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5.3. Section 106 funding for Church porch – the Clerk had established that further funding from Section 106 funds was possible. Councillors agreed by 4 to 1 that Section 106 funding be agreed up to 50% of the total cost pending confirmation of the exact amount from the PCC. Ward Cllr Geary pointed out that these monies were not in the gift of the Parish Council it was merely that the Parish Council had agreed to act as administrative go-between. The Parish Council was not at present providing any grant assistance to the project. Chair to liaise with PCC. **CHR**

6. ARCHIVING

6.1. Manual – Cllr Furniss volunteered to examine the files and documents in the filing cabinets with a view to determine which might be of archive value. To be completed by Easter 2018. At that stage further assistance might be called upon. **CLLR FURNISS**

6.2. Digital – Awaiting appointment of the new Clerk.

7. WEBSITE - Cllr Clift reported that the website was more up-to-date than it had been previously with the posting of important notices and information for the public. Cllr Neal had just been given administrative rights and would be analysing the Wordpress software framework in order to generate changes and improvements hitherto difficult to create. A link to the Haversham Friends Facebook Page was proposed and agreed. The Chair congratulated Cllr Clift on progress so far. **CLLR CLIFT**

8. CLERK'S SUCCESSOR - As one candidate withdrew and the other did not turn up for the interview a fresh appeal was launched for candidates. Eight applicants have now expressed an interest through the Haversham Friends Facebook Page. Letters of application have to be received by 22nd November when an initial sifting will take place. Promising applicants will then be invited to interview in early December.

9. DEVOLVEMENT OF SERVICES - Cllr Langham reported that a Draft Framework had been issued for comment and discussed at the Parishes Forum but it seemed to shed little light and added nothing new on the developing situation. As the decision to put aside allocated funds for these services remained unresolved councillors agreed to handle situations on a case-by-case basis. The approach would be to assemble a group of volunteers to do the work under the leadership of an experienced person. A test case was proposed: the footpath on the hill between upper and lower villages, and accepted. Clerk to contact the grounds contractor to establish if they would be prepared to lead the work on this case. **CLK**

10. ALLOTMENTS - Cllr Watson reported that Branch Out Group had requested extending the mains water supply to their hut and plot grouping. They would bear the costs of installation and supply. Councillors agreed to accept the proposal. Chair to liaise with the Group. **CHR**

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - Cllr Williams reported that the foundational meeting of the NPDG had taken place on 15th November. Debate had centred around whether to consult the community openly first or make a presentation of possibilities to the community first and ask for comments. The Group and indeed councillors were split over which was the best approach. All agreed that managing expectations was the key factor. There is another meeting scheduled for 7.30pm, Wednesday Dec 6th.

12. SKATE PARK PROJECT - The Clerk reported that an additional £1,000 had been agreed with the Section 106 officer to cover the shortfall. A dedicated bank account had to be created to accept the funds (grant condition). A site meeting had been held last Saturday morning with parish councillors, members of the Skate Group and the proposed installer where the exact location and orientation of the Ramp had been agreed. Members of the Skate Group Thom Boddington and Kieron Tanner had taken responsibility for liaising with the groundworks contractor. The School's visual and aural concerns had been addressed. The Chair agreed to be the liaison person between groundworks contractor and skate ramp installer. The project was given the green light. Cllr Langham proposed various alternative wordings to the relevant signage – it was agreed that the emphasis be on family enjoyment, care and be as brief and concise as possible. [*post meeting note* – the Clerk forwarded the

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grant agreement letter from MK Community Foundation where it was stated that the donor's name, and if possible logo, be inserted into any sign/publicity] **CLLR LANGHAM**

- 13. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE** – Cllr Burgess apologised for not having dealt with downloading the data yet. **CLLRS BURGESS/NEAL**
- 14. MAGAZINE COSTS IMPROVEMENTS** – The Clerk reported that the magazine editor had informed him of redoubled efforts to retrieve advertising revenue. The Chair agreed to write to the magazine editor via the Clerk, informing her of the need to put the printing costs out to tender, as it had been a long time since this had happened. **CHR /CLK**
- 15. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**
- 15.1. Haversham Social and Community Centre** - Cllr Clift gave a report. Bingo Night and Children's Xmas Party would take place in the run up to Christmas.
- 15.2. Save St. Peter's Group** (Stanton Low) – Cllr Furniss to enquire of the Parks Trust as to what progress was being made on the de-classification - ongoing.
- 15.3. MK Waste Recovery Park** – Nothing to report – next meeting 6th December.
- 15.4. Parishes Forum** – see above – Devolvement of Services, item 9.
- 15.5. Haversham School** – Cllr Burgess gave a report following a full governors' meeting. The building works were slightly ahead of schedule.
- 15.6. Rural North West Forum** – Meeting date not set yet. Ward Cllr Geary recommended that this be removed from the agenda as MKC seemed to have cut back on Ward Forum servicing.
- 16. ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS**
- 16.1.** Proposed new footpath at entrance to Lower village - FS60574532. No report back from MKC. Cllr Burgess recommended contacting the landowner, Mr Paton, as a priority to see if they were open to the suggestion. **CLK**
- 16.2.** Overgrowing hedges on Little Linford Lane – (FS56286832, July). (These had been done but not on the concrete bridge and other side) No update from MKC.
- 16.3.** Road/tarmac improvements - a roundabout 'bump' at the junction Wolverton Rd/Brookfield Road; a road narrowing island at the bottom of the hill at the Eastern end of the High St; the possibility of a pedestrian-crossing across Wolverton Road. – June. Asked to wait until they could put an officer on to it. No update from MKC.
- 16.4.** Streetlight 16A gone out – reported 23/02/17 - FS13381292. Re-reported. Cllr Furniss recommended removal from list.
- 16.5.** Drains – Cllr Burgess' further response to Duncan Sharkey. Ongoing.
- 16.6.** Verge by Little Linford Lane MK Council depot reported 23rd March 2016. 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. Not cleared. Given new ref FS56801817 following Sharkey letter, 2/8/17. Reported 'done' 4th Aug. No update from MKC. Checked – not removed.
- 16.7.** Street gutter weeds in Brookfield Rd – new ref FS4300224. No update from MKC.
- 17. PLANNING MATTERS**
- 17.1. Land Registry - Former Anglian Water land behind Brookfield Road** – Cllr Furniss reported that she had approached C Vaughn, who was representing the other client against the complainant and he was happy to converge comments to the Tribunal. No prescriptive evidence has been forthcoming from the complainant.
- 17.2. Land Registry rectification** on BM 338140 (Rec. Field) – Ongoing. **CLLR FURNISS**
- 17.3. Previous planning applications**
- 17/01937/OUTEIS Land At Linford Lakes, Outline planning application up to 250 residential 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. All matters reserved except for access. Reiteration of previous objection issued 4 September. *Pending. Gone to Appeal.* Ward Cllr Geary said he would be attending if any parish councillors wished to attend.

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17/02105/OUT Land To The West of M1 Off Little Linford Lane, Hybrid application for Full and Outline permission. Outline application (all matters reserved except for access, drainage, open space and play areas, noise attenuation and highway infrastructure). A Full application for phase 1 of the development containing 81 dwellings, estate roads, surface water drainage attenuation, landscaping and phase 1 of the noise attenuation bund. To object on the grounds of traffic issues due to the inadequate calibre of Little Linford Lane and its bridges principally, and also wildlife. *Pending.*

17.4. NEW planning applications – post publication of the agenda: 17/02799/FUL 2 High Street Haversham, A redevelopment of surplus land to the rear of, The Greyhound, Haversham, to provide two semi-detached homes. *See above*

17.5. Any Other Planning related matters –

17.5.1. Sub-group - Due to the need to respond to planning application 17/02799/FUL above in order to meet the comments deadline of 21 days (falling before the next meeting) it was agreed to set up a planning sub-group to meet in-between meetings. Cllrs Burgess, Langham, Neal and Furniss volunteered. It was agreed to meet on the second Monday following the meeting Monday as default when the Clerk notified members of a qualifying planning application.

17.5.2. PlanMK – A draft consultation copy had been issued for comments. It was noted that the Haversham area housing had not been included however it was proposed that in responses – the more the better – MKC be asked to re-insert from the 2004 Local Plan the statement that ‘the Ouse Valley was a natural barrier to development’ as stated by the planning inspector of the time. Chair to encourage residents to respond in his upcoming Report for the Magazine. The Parish Council response to follow the line suggested for individual responses **CHR/CLLRS/CLK**

17.5.3. Mr Upton’s article for the Magazine – councillors agreed that residents may use the Magazine as a forum to express their views but that it was a condition that it be stated at the top of the article that this was a personal view. Chair to contact Editor. **CHR**

18. FINANCIAL MATTERS

18.1. Accounts for payment – a) Clerk’s salary - £276.12; b) Admin expenditure - £44.75; c) Bin emptying (Oct) - £36.00; d) Mowing, October (of which Allotments: £113.63 net) - £618.26; e) RCOH (Neighbourhood Plan) - £1,260.00; f) website training - £120.00.

18.2. Financial Statement

Presented cheques since last report (29 September 2017)	£3,283.63
Receipts since last report	£0.00
Reconciliation & Lloyds bank statement, 29 October 2017	£12,957.68
National Saving Account at 1 st January 2017	£10,440.98
Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts	£23,398.66
Less new and outstanding payments	£3,637.51
Balance per cash book (i.e. excluding Savings)	£9,320.17

Resolved: The above financial statement and payments were approved.

19. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

19.1. Cllr Neal reported a BT line down on Parks Trust land.

19.2. Cllr Langham asked whether MK Council owned the car park between the flats and no. 112 Wolverton Road. It was believed they had all been bought by the tenants.

19.3. Cllr Langham had been reminded of the old Welcome Pack previously issued by the Parish Council and suggested reinventing it. It was agreed to put it on the website. Cllr Clift to contact the Magazine Editor who had issued them in the past if others could not find their copies.

CLLR CLIFT

20. PUBLIC FORUM Ward Cllr Geary invited the Parish Council to make a donation to Willen Hospice following the recent death of Ward Cllr Green who had received excellent care there. The Chair reiterated recent policy that the Parish Council felt it an inappropriate to use funds for this purpose although individual members may do as they wish.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 18th December 2017 at 7.30pm at Haversham Social and Community Centre. Closed 10.10pm