

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 17th July 2017 at 7.30pm

PRESENT- Cllrs N Watson (in the Chair), I Burgess, C Langham, P Furniss, B Clift, P Williams and E Neal; Thom Boddington (Skate Park Group); Patrick Upton, Harvey Gilbert and Dave Burbridge
Clerk J Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Neal; Ward Cllr A Geary. These were accepted.

2. **PUBLIC FORUM**

- 2.1. **Thom Boddington** (Skate Park Group) reported that the Community Foundation would look favourably on an application following a meeting he attended with Cllr Neal. However their maximum grant amount was £5,000. He had initiated the filling-in of the online form but it was now down to the Clerk to add the Parish Council 'sections'. The Clerk confirmed that Hansons Aggregates had offered £200 towards the project. **CLK**
- 2.2. **Harvey Gilbert** registered a complaint concerning the over-growth of weeds and nettles reaching over the footpath from the bank at shoulder height on the pavement up the hill from the lower village. Clerk to report. **CLK**
- 2.3. **Mr Upton** asked if councillors would submit an addendum to their planning objection stating that in addition to the two main points of objection to the application that there was no demonstrable need for a cricket pitch in the area. This was supported by Mr Gilbert, who over many years had tried to form a team to no avail. *See below, item 14.3 - 17/01504/FUL*
- 2.4. **Mr Upton** also complained of excessive traffic speeds along Little Linford Lane. The combination of the blind summit and the bend for northbound traffic made turning in and out of Church Lane hazardous. He was invited to prepare a more detailed case for the September meeting.
- 2.5. **Mr Burbridge** enquired as to the apparent delay in white-lining the newly re-surfaced Wolverton Road. No information was available; Clerk to enquire. **CLK**
- 2.6. **Mr Burbridge** also asked for an update on the Land Registry dispute *vis a vis* the ex-Anglian Water Sewage Works site. *See below, item 14.1.*

3. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** on any matters pertaining to this agenda – Cllrs Watson and Furniss declared a standing interest in item 14.1 as adjacent residents.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 19th June 2017 were approved. Proposer Cllr Williams, seconder Cllr Langham. Unanimous.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- 5.1. **Archiving** – No update. **Cllr Neal**
- 5.2. **Website training** – after some delay the provider had offered a web shared screen session. All participants had agreed. Date to be arranged. **CLK**
- 5.3. **Recreation Field Keys** – Cllr Burgess had purchased three keys. It was agreed that Keyholders are: The Chair (Cllr Watson), Cllr Clift, the Clerk x2 (including spare), the landscape contractor (RTM Landscapes).
- 5.4. **Noise from Recycling plants** – There had been no fresh reports following last month's complaints and communication with MKC.

6. **PLANMK WORKING GROUP** Nothing to report. [*post meeting note*: the day after the meeting the Clerk began to receive emails confirming 'as valid' the Parish Council's response. These emails were

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listed under various individual sections of the Plan. The Chair reiterated a Vote of Thanks to Cllr Williams for her work and time on this item.

7. **ALLOTMENTS** Cllr Watson reported back on the recent Consultative Group meeting. Poly tunnel structures had been the subject of debate following requests to include them as permitted structures' under the new Regulations. This had been agreed by the Group. Parish councillors now sanctioned this change. Branch-Out MK had also outlined their plans which included a large poly tunnel. It was felt by the Group that the size of this structure would be unobtrusive due to its location and proposed surrounding planting. Cllr Watson also thanked Cllr Furniss for undertaking a full re-edit of the Regulations which, over time, had become unwieldy and lengthy. This re-draft would be ratified by the Group at its next meeting and presented to the Parish Council at the September meeting. **CHAIR**
8. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Nothing new to report. Cllr Williams would bring a paper to the September meeting outlining the way ahead. **Cllr Williams**
9. **SKATE PARK PROJECT** – *see above*: Open Forum. The Clerk added that he believed a consultation of nearby residents was necessary to validate the project. After some discussion it was agreed to present a clear exposition of the proposal as part of the Chair's Report in the Magazine. Mr Thom Boddington was invited to prepare an article that would convey the enthusiasm of the Group and allay any fears and concerns. Even though the deadline for articles was imminent he willingly accepted.
10. **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE** – Cllr Burgess reported that the device was back in his hands and he would be erecting it with the help of Cllr Neal in the upper village very soon. This would be followed by a stint in the lower village before returning to a different siting in the upper village. **Cllr Burgess**
11. **MAGAZINE COSTS IMPROVEMENTS** – Meeting with the Editor to be arranged. **Cllrs Langham/Williams**

12. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- 12.1. **Haversham Social and Community Centre** - Cllr Clift reported that a very successful Summer Fete had been held with much voluntary input. He did not yet have a figure for the sums raised. The proposed meeting between the Centre and the School had still not been scheduled. The Mountain Rangers leader had not requested use of the Field following prompting from the Chair of the Committee. This was necessary to establish public liability insurance cover. Cllr Watson offered to follow-up. **CHAIR**
- 12.2. **Save St. Peter's Group** (Stanton Low) – Cllr Furniss had not been available at the time of the last meeting. Heritage Open Days across Milton Keynes on September 8/9/10 would be the usual occasion for various displays and activities at St Peter's.
- 12.3. **MK Waste Recovery Park** – Nothing to report.
- 12.4. **Parishes Forum** – quarterly – Nothing to report.
- 12.5. **Haversham School** – Cllr Burgess reported that a delay in the start date for the project had been announced following alterations to the price/specifications. Some features will be excised.

13. ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS

- 13.1. Dog Bins – the two new signs for the dog bins by the river and car park had been purchased and would arrive imminently. The Clerk offered to put them up. **CLK**
- 13.2. Streetlight 16A gone out – reported 23/02/17 - FS13381292. To re-report. **CLK**
- 13.3. Mill Road gate MK ref FS9120625 – unrepaired. Landowner's responsibility.
- 13.4. Traffic light sequence exiting Old Wolverton FS9079105 – no update - but sequence is better than previously - item to be removed.
- 13.5. **Footpaths 42 & 43** – still outstanding. Footpath 38 reported June – still outstanding. Cllr Burgess added footpath 35 – although sprayed off the residual dead plants were difficult to walk through. **CLK**
- 13.6. Old 'Kill Your Speed' sign – re-reported 25th October FS9196085. Re-reported 23 Jan 2017 - New ref FS12115562. Not removed.
- 13.7. 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)

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Triangle Green culvert/drain blocked reported 20 Sep: ref FS6975137. Remaining drains un-cleared – no updates forthcoming. There had been an acknowledgement but no reply to Cllr Burgess letter to Duncan Sharkey. Councillors felt that the lack of a reply was reprehensible. A new gully-emptying schedule would be released soon.

13.8. Recycling lorries (shortcut) – Cllr Burgess compiling a list.

Cllr Burgess

13.9. 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. Not removed.

13.10. 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. Marked closed on portal.

13.11. Street gutter weeds in Brookfield Rd – new ref FS4300224. No update.

14. PLANNING MATTERS

14.1. Land Registry - Former Anglian Water land behind Brookfield Road – Cllr Furniss reported that communication remains an issue. She had learned that a letter from the Tribunal Service sent to the other two parties on 24th May outlining the next steps had mistakenly not been sent to the Parish Council. A new letter had been requested. Dates for the Hearing are still awaited.

14.2. Land Registry rectification on BM 338140 (Rec. Field) – Cllr Furniss reported that MKC had stated that they did not think the correction to their registration of the School land had to proceed before registration of the Recreation Ground by the PC. MKC was awaiting confirmation of this from their solicitors. Cllr Furniss will continue to liaise with MKC in the hope they will correct their error. Although registration of the Rec Ground is not compulsory, it was agreed that it would be better to register the land than leave it unregistered.

Cllr Furniss

14.3. Previous planning applications

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.*

17/01106/CLUP (*for Info only*) Dower House 26 High Street, Repair and replacement of roof tiles from concrete tiles to slate tiles. *Lawful Use.*

17/01504/FUL North West of Linford Hall Lane To Church, Construction of cricket pavilion, car parking and cricket pitch. *Pending.*

14.4. NEW planning applications

17/01645/FUL 15 High Street Haversham, Two storey rear extension to existing house and erection of new dwellinghouse within garden (resubmission of 16/02825/FUL). Replicate previous objection which are still relevant *viz.*: ‘restricted on-plot parking likely to lead to an increase in on-street parking; an incongruous building element that would be visually discordant in the High St.’

17/01695/FUL 88 Wolverton Road Haversham, Proposed double storey rear extension. No objection – request matching materials.

17/01772/FUL M1 Motorway Service Area North And South Little Linford Lane, Creation of 16 x electric car parking bays and associated works (part retrospective). No objection.

17/01791/FUL Haversham Mill, Demolition of an existing single storey rear facing conservatory, erection of a two storey rear facing extension. Proposed first floor over existing study and single storey rear facing extension to the living room plus internal alterations. By a vote of 3 to 2 it was agreed to object on the grounds that the large and conspicuous first floor window was inappropriate and out of character.

14.5. Any Other Planning related matters –

14.5.1. Tree Preservation Order (TPO) at Hall Farm – this had been confirmed subject to the modification of excluding orchard fruit trees.

14.5.2. 17/01504/FUL, additional - Councillors agreed that there was no demonstrable need for a cricket pitch in the area and furthermore the Recreation Field in Haversham village was a

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suitable venue. Milton Keynes Council own report into cricket facilities stated that the city was over-subscribed with such venues. Clerk to submit addendum to planning. **CLK**

15. FINANCIAL MATTERS

15.1. Accounts for payment – a) Clerk’s salary - £276.12; b) Admin expenditure - £74.44 c) Bin emptying (inv. 9449) - £30.00; d) Anglian Water (Allots) Jan to May: £126.57; Mowing (of which Allotments: £113.63 net) - £618.26; Buckingham & River Ouzel Drainage Board (annual) - £4.75; Clerk’s August salary (pre-dated) - £276.12; Cllr Burgess expenses (allotment keys) - £13.50; Cllr Clift expenses (H&SCC raffle prize) - £20.00.

15.2. Financial Statement

Presented cheques since last report	£1,506.07
Receipts since last report	£54.00
Reconciliation & Lloyds bank statement, 29 June 2017	£12,504.01
National Saving Account at 1 st January 2017	£10,440.98
Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts	£22,994.99
Less new and outstanding cheques	£3,372.01
Balance per cash book (i.e. excluding Savings)	£9,132.00

Resolved: The above financial statement and payments were approved.

16. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

- 16.1. Cllr Langham** reported a dangerous hole in the verge by the pavement on the road between the upper and lower villages approximately opposite Crossroads Farm. **CLK**
- 16.2. Cllr Burgess** reminded councillors of the need to select a candidate to receive the Rose Stimpson Cup. This would be done via email. **CHAIR**
- 16.3. Cllr Burgess** reported dangerously overgrowing hedges on Little Linford Lane where the road narrows between the two bridges, on both sides of the road. **CLK**
- 16.4. Cllr Burgess** reported that following the recent re-surfacing of the High St many drain covers had been left perilously low causing vehicles to bump over them. Furthermore outside The Grange the kerb had been reduced to the same level as the road thus preventing any effective guttering in wet weather. **CLK**
- 16.5. Cllr Furniss** stated that the new planting at Beech Tree Close needed weeding and brambles needed extracting. Clerk to contact the contractors. **CLK**
- 16.6. Cllr Watson** invited councillors to consider over the August recess what items concerned them the most and bring suggestions to the September meeting. **CLLRS**

17. PUBLIC FORUM None

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 18th September 2017 at 7.30pm at Haversham Social and Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed

date