

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HAVERSHAM CUM LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT HAVERSHAM SOCIAL CENTRE ON MONDAY 18th APRIL 2016 at 7.30pm.

2015-16/11/42

PRESENT.

Cllrs Burgess (Chair), Gibbons, Neal, and Watson; Ward Councillor Andrew Geary (after 8.40pm) and 2 members of the public.

Clerk J Vischer.

1. **APOLOGIES** Cllr Furniss; Ward Councillor Jeanette Green - accepted.
2. **PUBLIC FORUM** The two residents, whose properties backed on to the recreation ground, first thanked the parish council for the “wonderful” provision of the new play equipment which was being very well-used. However they went on to say that as a result many families had been bringing their dogs. This unfortunately had resulted in a great increase in noise and dog waste. Would the Parish Council please renew the signs or provide new ones. Secondly they wished to report the numerous potholes and poor pavement surface especially along Wolverton Road and the High St going down to the Lower village – (already reported).
Cllrs to review signage
3. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** on any matters pertaining to this agenda – Cllr Neal declared an interest in item5f as an adjacent resident.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21st March 2016 were approved Proposer Cllr Burgess, seconder Cllr Gibbons.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - 5.1 **Speed Indicator Device (SID)** – Cllr Gibbons reported that the equipment had not been set up as planned, with apologies from the Chair. It was still planned to take place in the next few weeks. Some concern was raised over the malfunctioning data recording card which had still not been resolved. Either the card or the equipment was faulty. Castlethorpe would be testing out the card again this week.
Cllr Gibbons
 - 5.2 **Section 106 funds** – Ward Cllr. Green had received some detailed information from the officer responsible for these accounts, Jonathan Robinson, which confirmed a) the initial report that Haversham Social & Community Centre (HSCC) had received £68,186.10 from the ‘Redhouse Park’ fund in 2013, through three different applications; and b) that the fund from which the Parish Council was applying – the ‘Oakridge Park’ fund - amounted to only £48,836.32. This information did not explain the apparent discrepancy between these amounts and the expected £83,000. [Later in the meeting Ward Cllr A. Geary offered to take the matter up with the officer and ask specifically what the total allocated amounts in these funds originally were, and what interest might have accrued etc.]
Ward Cllr A. Geary
 - 5.3 **New Play Equipment** – the installation of the play equipment had been completed and in use since March 31st. Cllr Gibbons reported that she had met with Lucy Aspinall who was thrilled with the outcome of the project and had not dreamt that all the suggested equipment would be provided. Parents were not only going there more frequently with their children but staying longer, some coming from beyond the village. *(see also public forum comments)*
 - 5.4 **Skate Park proposal** – the clerk had written to Eve Tanner after the last meeting but not yet received a response *(letter dated 26th March)*.
 - 5.5 **Land Registry response - Former Anglian Water land behind Brookfield Road** – no further update.
 - 5.6 **School Expansion Consultation** – no update.
 - 5.7 **Land Registry rectification** on BM 338140 (Rec. Field) – no update.

5.8 **Any Other Matters – New school car park access** - Cllr Gibbons reported that a concern had been raised regarding visibility from the pedestrian (and child's) point of view at the gated entrance/exit. It was agreed to monitor the situation once the facility was in use. The Chair would feedback the concern to school governors.

Chair

6 **PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS**

The clerk informed councillors that a new MKC Reporting System was now operating for which one had to re-register. In the meantime the previous matters from the old system had yet to be migrated across by MKC.

7.1 (*since last meeting*) Streetlight faulty again (WR22) reported 31st March ref 891455 – repaired.

7.2 Potholes in the tarmac jointing at the top of Wolverton Road reported 23rd March ref 888975. No update.

7.3 Artificial grass patch on Wolverton Road reported 23rd March MKC ref 891228 - No update.

7.4 Verge by Little Linford Lane MK Council depot reported 23rd March given MKC Ref 890639 - No update.

7.5 Old Sailing Club roadway (back of Dovecote Club) reported 23rd March - No update.

7.6 Flash-flooding on Chalmers Avenue – It was agreed to write again to the land agent expressing concern about the need to protect properties at the top of Chalmers Avenue. It was noted that this issue went back a very long way and still needed remedying.

Clerk

7.7 Two faulty streetlights by the entrance to Manor Drive on Wolverton Rd. - 14A and 16A – repaired.

7.8 The pavement on the hill between the upper and lower villages – *ref 737382*. The clerk had spoken to Euan Darling, Landscape Services Officer, about the overhanging shrubs that dangled in the way of pedestrians especially in wet weather. The officer had explained that the strip of road between the Upper and Lower villages was classed as rural not urban and so came under the rural regime for maintenance. Furthermore the maps used to determine responsibility by MKC were set at a much smaller scale so it was harder to interpret detail. However he had subsequently determined that the slope was indeed MKC's responsibility and he promised that action would be taken. The pavement surface was a Highways matter and no budget seemed to be set aside for their maintenance programme. [*post meeting note*: the clerk wrote to Ward Cllr A. Geary inviting him to take up the challenge with Highways and attempt to determine if there was a budget/program for pavement re-surfacing and if not could MK Councillors please work towards creating one.]

7.9 Parking over the kerb and in the garden at no 17 High St. 11th Feb - ref 849127 - No update.

7.10 Drains opposite Brian West's – (Ward Cllr. Green) Ward Cllr Green apologised for not having followed this up at the last meeting but had not supplied any update for this.

Monitored items –

7.11 Blue bulk bags outside of no. 6 Wolverton Rd – [Landscape dept passed on to Highways. *Re-reported ref 830691*] *With enforcement*. These had finally been removed to inside the property.

7.12 Liquidambar tree – a request had been received from Jackie Brown to move the tree to more suitable soil and offered to replace it with a walnut tree. It was agreed that the tree should be moved as soon as possible.

Chair to call Jackie Brown

7 **ALLOTMENTS.**

Renewals and comments/feedback on proposed revision of Regulations –

7.1 Cllr Watson handed over the cheques and cash received so far for plot rentals. It was agreed that it was now time for reminder letters to be sent out to all those who had not yet paid. **Clerk**

7.2 Cllr Watson proposed that a photographic record be made of the current structures and that the defining of whether a structure qualified as such under the proposed revision would be tackled on a case by case basis as there was so much variation. **Cllr Watson**

- 7.3 It was agreed that a process needed to be formalised regarding the swapping of plots amongst plot-holders as the Parish Council was not always informed. The Regulations to be updated.

Clerk/Cllr Watson

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

Previous -

16/00555/FUL 2 Brookfield Road Haversham Single storey rear extension, part two storey side extension and first floor extension, and loft conversion including a velux roof light in the front and rear elevation. *Pending*

16/00548/TPO Haversham First School Tree preservation order consent to lift by 2.5m and reshape by approximately 25% to 6 Lime Trees. *Pending*

NEW – None

Other Planning related matters - 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 Gibbons reported back from the Haversham Social and Community Centre meeting – the Easter Egg Hunt had been a success and preparations were in hand for the Summer Fete and Senior Citizens Tea. The HSCC Car Park payment had been discussed as the School had asked for community contributions to be paid. The school had also submitted a request for a contribution to ongoing lighting and maintenance costs.

The Chair reported that governors had not met since the last report.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. **Financial Statement** to 24th March 2016 –

Lloyds bank statement at 29 February 2016	£46,918.36
Presented cheques since last report	£409.70
Receipts since last report	£287.50
Net Position	£46,796.16
National Saving Account at 1 st January 2016	£10,378.62
Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts	£57,174.78
Less Allocated reserves	£13,732.57
Less Outstanding Cheques	£76.60
Available funds at 24th March 2016	£43,365.61

b. **Accounts for payment -**

AH Contracts - £39.00; b. J Vischer, Salary as Clerk - £252.81; c. J. Vischer, clerk's incidental expenditure - £82.44; d. Wicksteed Leisure - £32,694; e. Warners (1st cut) - £171.36; Haversham Village School (Car Park contribution) - £10,000.00; Cllr Burgess – Planters expenses from last year (previous cheque cancelled) - £76.60.

The above statement and payments were agreed.

11. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

The Chair reported a lorry over the kerb of 30 Wolverton Road and on pavement. **Clerk**

He also reported several recycling lorries cutting through the village as a shortcut to the new recycling centre. To be reported to Andy Hudson. **Clerk**

Cllr Neal had reported a leaning lamppost (W3) and a leaning box by the side of the road on Wolverton Road between the bridge and the planter. The drain by the planter was again blocked – clerk to report. Cllr Neal raised the matter of the new flood prevention gates on Little Linford Lane for which the parish council had received no information. Furthermore the northerly set seemed to be in the wrong place. This was confirmed by the Chair who also expressed concern that they were an unnecessary expense which could lead to frustration if the road remained closed after floods had subsided simply because the gates remained locked. Who had the keys? Ward Cllr Geary promised to investigate.

Ward Cllr Geary

Cllr Watson offered his and Cllr Furniss’s apologies for the May meeting.

12. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 27th April at Haversham Social & Community Centre.

Next meeting: Parish Council Annual Meeting 16th May 2016 at Haversham Social & Community Centre Centre at 7.30pm followed by the next ordinary meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed

date