

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HAVERSHAM CUM LITTLE LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT HAVERSHAM SOCIAL CENTRE ON MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2015 at 7.30pm.**

2015/05/18

PRESENT.

Cllrs Burgess (Chair), Gibbons, Neal and Watson. Ward Cllr Geary.
Clerk J Vischer. Members of the public: Rev Caddell

1. **Apologies** Cllr Furniss

2. **PUBLIC FORUM**

The Rector Revd Caddell described the church porch access. The advice he had received suggested that the water run-off problem be left until the refurbishment had taken place. He requested a grant of £1,584 from the Section 106 fund. He had received all faculty, planning and English Heritage approvals.

The rector went on to report that burial space was now at a premium with only 3 years worth of space at the current rate. The diocese had informed him that no more spaces would be released. At this time burials would be made at the nearest civil burial ground which was believed to be New Bradwell. It was agreed that the clerk verify that the Parish Council was not obliged to find/create a burial ground and that this was the responsibility of the principal local authority (MKC). [*post-meeting note: the clerk had established that neither authority had a statutory obligation to provide burial grounds*]

3. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** on any matters pertaining to this agenda
Ward Cllr. Geary - all planning matters.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21st September 2015 were approved. Proposer Cllr. Burgess, Seconder Cllr. Gibbons. Unanimous.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a. **Website** – The new website had been ‘live’ for a fortnight but final modifications were still being made by the host under instruction from the clerk. The clerk had taken a series of photographs of the village in the sunshine, uploaded them to a Dropbox folder on the internet (to retain high definition) for the website. The host had downloaded a selection to place within the web pages. Councillors were invited to view the site at <http://havershamtlinford.org> and comment. The clerk was thanked for all the extra work to date.

b. **SID’s** – No update

Cllr. Gibbons

c. **Bids for section 106 funds** – *possible church access; play/exercise equipment.* Further to the above comments by Revd Caddell it was agreed: to accept the request for £1,584 (*above*) and agree funds up to a ceiling of £2,000. Proposer: Chair, Seconder: Cllr. Neal, passed, unanimous.

The clerk had obtained another installation quote for the 5 pieces of equipment. The manufacturer of the bulk of the proposed play equipment, Wicksteed, had prepared this. The other manufacturer Monster Play had since gone into liquidation, the equivalent pieces of equipment from Wicksteed being included in the price. A spreadsheet was passed around for comparison purposes. The ‘with mats’ price ranged from £24,425 to £24,550 and the ‘with rubber mulch’ price from £32,122 to £33,770. It was agreed to contact Castlethorpe Parish Council who had installed a comprehensive play area (7 items + benches) a few years ago to see if these prices were reasonable. [*post-meeting note: the clerk had ascertained that Castlethorpe PC had spent £45,900 excluding the cost of refurbishing some of the old play equipment*]

d. **Former Anglian Water land behind Brookfield Road** – *proposal to amend the PC Title (BM142461) so that it refers to the covenants of the 1950 Conveyance.* No response had been received from Chris Vaughn at Smith Fowler Associates and a new solicitor was being sought. It was agreed to approach a firm that specialised in parish council matters that the clerk had come across at a recent Society of Local Council Clerks training session. (Nicholas Hancox Solicitors).

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- e. **Land Registry rectification** on BM 338140 (Rec. Field) – Ongoing.
- f. **Proposed Car Park** – A Discharge of Conditions had been submitted by MKC to finalise construction details (*see Planning below*).

Any other matters None

6. **PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS**

Clerks' report.

- a. Greyhounds kept at No 15 the High St – Apart from a request for the complainant's details nothing had been heard from MKC noise enforcement.
- b. Bird scarer – the clerk had been informed by MKC that it wasn't the birds that triggered the device but that it was set to a timer. These were set at the minimum settings and were a requirement of the Environment Agency (EA). The clerk had contacted the EA about the disturbance and been told that a regional officer would be sent to investigate and liaise with MKC. Recently the device had not been heard. [*post-meeting note*: the device had again been heard the day after the meeting]
- c. Uneven, weed-ridden pavement going up the hill from the lower to upper villages and its overgrowing shrubs – reported 23 Sep 2015: ref 737359 & 737382 ('cleansing' & 'landscape') 737359 resolved 25 Sep. 737603 resolved 29 Sep. The Chair reported that this had been mostly done but there was still a lot of overhanging plants up the slope which when wet pressed down over the footpath. **Clerk**
- d. Drains opposite Brian West's – Ward Cllr. Green was to mention this to David Hall at their recent meeting but no report had been received.
- e. Crushed caravan by Sailing Club – the clerk had written to Mr Glasse advising him of the need to remove the caravan but he had replied only to say that he was finding it difficult to find someone to remove it and asking for suggestions.
- f. The road surface down to Haversham Mill – reported 23 Sep 2015, ref 737524. Ward Cllr. Geary reported that the worst of the potholes at the top of the lane had been filled in but it was not clear how far down this repair work had gone.
- g. Overgrowing shrubs Wolverton Road towards bridge – (20th Oct original) Re-reported April 22nd: ref 572888. 21st May: '*In progress*'
- h. Overgrowing shrubs on Linford Lane on the left towards the Motorway Services. (20th Oct original) Re-reported April 22nd: ref 572934. 21st May: '*In progress*'
- i. Drain at the end of Brookfield Rd near the junction with Wolverton Rd – reported 17 June. ref 622227. June 18: '*identified as planned works*'. '*In progress*'
- j. Blue bulk bags outside of no. 6 Wolverton Rd – (Mike Hainge) Landscape department passed on to Highways.
- k. Rowan Drive ditch – (letter written to land agent end April) (meeting with tenant farmer 9 July – 'never was a ditch... could create one but where does run-off go?'). [Clerk visited site 28th July could not see a ditch.]
- l. Dead elm tree almost touching power cables 100yds up from the pub on the footpath side. Reported 23rd July - Ref 658770
- m. Pothole by bridge Little Linford Lane - reported 24 April ref 575738. '*unable to locate*'. Re-reported 19 May ref 596100. 22 May: [*This has been investigated and currently doesn't meet our repair criteria. However we will continue to monitor the situation for deterioration and action if necessary*] *keep on agenda*. The pothole is steadily getting wider but not deeper.

7. **ALLOTMENTS.**

Proposed Gate – The clerk had written to Mr Le Gresley. Cllr. Watson reported that the gate was not pressing and may not be done until the Spring.

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8. PLANNING MATTERS***Planning Applications***

Previous - 15/01821/FUL Land North of The Old Rectory High Street. Proposed storage building relating to existing equestrian use. *Permitted*

15/02081/ADV Haversham Roundabout Advertisement consent to display four non illuminated signs. *Consent given.*

15/02073/DISCON Haversham Grange 30 High Street Details submitted pursuant to discharge of conditions 2 (Sample stonework) 3 (Roof system) 5 (Windows) 6 (Sun tunnels) 7 (Doors) attached to planning permission 15/00084/FUL. *Pending.*

15/02225/EIASCR Pineham Farm Wolverton Road Haversham North To Parish Boundary Screening opinion request for proposed solar farm. *Pending.*

NEW – 15/02264/DISCON Haversham First School, (Car Park) Details submitted pursuant to discharge of conditions 4 (Access) 5 (Marked spaces) 6 (Surface water drain) 7 (Tree protection) 8 (Excavation) 9 (Appearance) 11 (Landscaping) attached to planning permission 15/00875/FUL. *No Comments.*

15/02328/FUL 2 Keppel Avenue Single storey extensions to the front and side. *No Comments.*

15/02342/FUL 14 Wolverton Road Prior notification for a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 3.5 metres from the rear wall of the existing dwelling with a maximum ridge height of 3.42 metres and maximum eaves height of 2.56 metres. It was unclear how this could be 'prior notification' and yet a 'FUL' application. It was agreed to object on the grounds of sparse information if only to bring to the attention of planning officers.

15/02391/ANOT Pineham Farm Wolverton Road Haversham North To Parish Boundary Haversham, Prior notification for agricultural building with steel portal frame with roller shutter door on one gable end, steel box profile cladding and fibre cement roof sheets, as a secure store for machinery, tools, fertiliser and other farming equipment. This application was discussed at length – it was agreed to object on several grounds: visual intrusion; no current access so more ancient hedgerow/habitat would be destroyed; yet another road junction would be required; no environmental impact study on nearby water-course (potential for pollution), the threat of Winter water-logging has not been considered; nearby yards should be properly considered.

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 *Still Pending.* [previously - Ward Cllr. Green reported that EcoTricity had not come forward with further plans although they had been asked for more information under 'Regulation 19'. Should they wish to continue with the application it is likely that they would have to submit all the documentation again]

9. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Gibbons – The new canopy for Haversham Social and Community Centre would be erected in the Easter school holidays.

The NW Area Forum had discussed the usual common problems of speeding, dog mess and straitened finances – there was nothing of significance to report.

Another ambulance had had difficulty getting through the tight corner on the Crescent and had to exit and come round the other way. This highlighted again the need to designate and sign the passing bay as such because both residents and visitors use it as a parking bay. Cllr. Gibbons had been in touch with the P.C.S.O. Tina Lewington who was making enquiries about proper signage.

The Chair reported that the school governors' finance committee had met. The provision of support staff was now at full complement. The school seemed to be doing well.

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10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Financial Statement to 30 th September 2015 –	
Lloyds bank statement at 30 th August 2015	<u>£11,023.19</u>
Presented cheques since last report	£2,241.94
Receipts since last report	£7,507.00
Net Position	<u>£16,285.25</u>
National Saving Account at 1 st January 2015	£10,301.36
Total of Lloyds and NSB Accounts	<u>£26,589.61</u>
Less Allocated reserves	£13,732.57
Less Outstanding Cheques	£171.60
Available funds at 30 th September 2015	<u>£12,685.44</u>

b. Accounts for payment -

a. J Vischer, Salary as Clerk (Sep) - £246.43; - £28.94; b. Warners of Bedford - £252.00; c. AH Contracts - £39.00; d. NBR Printing - £810.00; e. HSCC (3rd Q) - £14.00; f. J. Vischer expenses - £43.95

11. COUNCILLORS NEW ITEMS

a. Cllr Gibbons commented that the gravel extraction works had been at a standstill for the last few weeks. She had passed this on to the clerk who had been told that nothing untoward had happened and it was most likely the break between phases.

Cllr Gibbons informed the meeting that an official complaint had been made against her as Parish Councillor.

b. The Chair had been informed that the Liquidambar tree on the Green planted by the Parish Council was in a fragile state and might benefit from being moved to a more suitable site. Cllr. Furniss to be consulted.

The 40mph roundel out towards Broadacre could no longer be read due to the overgrowing vegetation.

Clerk

The Chair proposed that the planters be left as they are for the winter, as they seem in fine shape. This was agreed.

Parking on the pavement in the lower village was causing a regular obstruction. Clerk to report to PCSO Tina Lewington.

Clerk

Traffic congestion on exiting the village towards Old Wolverton seems to be particularly bad – can the timing of the traffic lights be altered?

Clerk**12. PUBLIC FORUM**

Ward Cllr. Geary informed the meeting that it appeared Milton Keynes' Land Supply for new house-builds had been shown to be insufficient and that this might have a negative impact on MK growth due to speculative planning applications. This puts pressure on the Site Allocations Plan and a fresh consultation will be initiated soon. One site in this parish is affected: off Linford Lane towards the motorway. Councillors were invited to attend an informal briefing to be held at the Olney Centre on 29th October at 7.00pm.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 16th November at Haversham Social Centre at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed

date