

HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th September 2014

Present:

Mrs Barbara Fagg – Acting Chairman

Dr Stephen Trudgill

Mr Roy Ellis

Mrs Virginia Walker

District Councillor: Tony Orgee

County Councillor: P Topping - arrived at end of meeting

5 Village Residents present

1. Apologies for absence.

Mr Mark Alexander

2. Declaration of Members' Interests

None

3 New Parish Councillors

Mr William Brown and Mr Julian Bright attended as they were keen to be part of the Parish Council. They gave a brief talk about themselves and their interests. They were asked to leave the room and a vote was taken, all were in favour, proposed by ST and seconded by VW. They were asked back in the room where BF invited them to join the Parish Council. They were warmly welcomed and the Councillors look forward to working with them in the future and will appreciate their input.

4 To approve and sign Minutes of the Meeting on 14th July 2014.

Meeting approved and signed.

5 Matters Arising

a. Ford Gates, the concrete post at the Duxford End has been removed, the path is not going to be upgraded, however the Council will see how this works out when the weather gets wetter. If anyone has any issues, please contact Parish Clerk.

Combination locks are on order and will be placed on the gates for emergency access eg farmer to attend livestock, Railway workers. Martin Fordham has the phone number to advise Authorities when ford is in flood.

b. Flooding North End Rd/High St. This is being investigated and hopefully will be funded by County Council, The problem is caused by run-off from the Main road A1301 and also by the drains not emptying into the ditch.

c. Local Highways Initiative. This is a scheme where the Parish Council can nominate an area of concern in the village, PC pays 10% and the Council pays the rest. Three areas were identified, speeding in Hunts Lane, flooding at North End/High St and the bad state of repair of the footpath outside the Village Hall. The flooding problem was applied for in last years' application and turned down, Hunts Lane was considered but it was decided to apply for the path to be repaired along with a dropped kerb as this was thought to be the application which had most chance of success as well as the safety aspect. Hopefully the flooding will be done by the Council and Hunts Lane will still be kept on the Agenda. Thanks were expressed to MA who has put a lot of work into this project.

d. The 2013/2014 Audit has been approved and returned. The Auditors fee has increased from £150 to £360. Clerk to question this.

e. In future, the Minutes from the meetings of the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council and the Wellcome Trust will be circulated to each other to make sure all know what is happening.

f. Parish Planning.

Parish Planning- this was suggested so that we have information to hand if views of villagers needed. Can be in a form of a survey asking eg 10 things villagers like about the village, 10 things they dislike or unhappy about and what they would like to see. Delivered personally and collected.

Typical things that a Neighbourhood Plan might include

- The development of housing, including affordable housing (affordable housing is housing that is not normally for sale on the open market), and bringing vacant or derelict housing back into use.
- Provision for businesses to set up or expand their premises.
- Transport and access (including issues around roads, cycling, walking and access for disabled people).
- The development of schools, places of worship, health facilities, leisure and entertainment facilities, community and youth centres and village halls.
- The restriction of certain types of development and change of use, for example to avoid too much of one type of use.
- The design of buildings.
- Protection and creation of open space, nature reserves, allotments, sports pitches, play areas, parks and gardens, and the planting of trees.
- Protection of important buildings and historic assets such as archaeological remains.

This was thought to be a useful process, to be discussed at next meeting.

g. Free Energy Survey for Village Hall. This will be booked after the roofing work is done.

h. Speed stickers for Wheelie Bins. This was decided against as the bins are only out for a short time once a week.

i. The Insurance renewal quote is for £1,133.76, this is a reduced rate if we stay with the company for the next 3 years. Agreed.

6 Chairman's Report

Nothing extra to add.

7 Wellcome Trust Liaison Meeting.

1. Knights Close tree planting and owl nest boxes due to start this autumn
2. Affordable housing Henry Turtill (Bidwells) /Duncan Parsley (WellcomeTrust)happy to come to talk to PC in 2015 to explain options/possibilities
3. Village Hall DP offered a £3000 donation towards Village Hall re-roofing (fantastic!)
4. Willows cleared from river, 1 more to go
5. Ash dieback – watching brief – at least 2 trees near/over path have some dieback
6. PC updates given to Wellcome: Ford gates plus depth gauges and ways round; Hunt's lane, flint wall; VH footpath
7. Mowing permissive paths HT to investigate
8. Permissive footpath – new agreement in the process of being agreed
9. Bidwells new assistant is Sam Coles.
10. Liaison meeting would be pleased to have PC minutes from each PC meeting – to Jo and the circulation list Clerk to action

11. Wellcome Trust entering new development with medical applications 'spin off' phase with new buildings – up to 200 more people over several years (employees now 1,739)
12. New archaeology exhibit museum to be opened – would be good time to involve and invite local villagers and to have event explaining the science etc

NEXT LIAISON MEETING 11 am Tuesday 25th November

8 Village Hall Repairs.

The re-roofing is due to begin this month, exact date to be confirmed. Fund raising so far- £1,500 from the Community Chest grant, a very generous donation from Wellcome Trust of £3,000 (thanks to BF for her input). BF also to contact Amey Cespa to see if we can apply for their grant. Clerk to look into other available grants.

9. Public Session

Thanks given to the PC regarding the roof being repaired.

10 Finance

Current position of Bank Balances at 1st Sept 2014

Current A/C :£ 5484.24

Business A/C: £11006.30

Bridge A/C: £2000.

Playground A/C:£00.00

Money to pay out- PKF Littlejohn Auditor £360

Clerks Training course £200

New edition of Local Council Administration to be purchased

11 Planning Applications

Application-

Air handling enclosure, Wellcome Trust Kitchen area

Approved-

66 High St, new Garage

23 High St, extension to outbuildings and application to prune birch tree.

10 Hunts Lane, conversion of garage to domestic accommodation.

Wellcome Trust, Erection of Research & Development Buildings with Ancillary Facilities and Infrastructure

12 Correspondence.

Changes to waste collections, info sent to Hinxton News.

Disability Open Day will take place at SCDC Offices Cambourne on Fri 31st October 2014 from 10am-4pm.

13 Councillor Reports.

Tony Orgee. (see below)

14 AOB.

Flint wall, still waiting for this to be done, Clerk to contact Builder.

Farmer to be contacted to ask for hedges to be trimmed along North End Rd Clerk to action.

Allotment renewal to go on next Agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

The next Parish Meeting will be on 8th Sept 2014 at 7.45pm.

From Tony Orgee

SCDC Community Chest

I was very pleased to support the Parish Council's bid to the District Council's Community Chest for a grant of £1,500 towards the cost of repairing the roof of the Village Hall. The District Council agreed to grant the full amount requested.

Waste and recycling collections

The District Council is facing reductions in government grant and so changes need to be made to reduce expenditure.

The District Council has redesigned its waste and recycling collection routes to make them more efficient. The collection day will stay exactly the same for every house in the District except for 9 (out of a total of about 60,000 houses)

There will be monthly collections of green waste in December, January and February, months when fewer than 50% of houses put out green waste for the present fortnightly collection.

These changes will save the District Council about £400,000 each year

The next edition of the *SCDC Magazine* is now being delivered and all properties in South Cambridgeshire should receive a copy by about 14 September. The magazine will give full details of all collection dates for the next few months.

The draft South Cambridgeshire Local Plan

The inspector who will conduct the examination in public into the draft Cambridge City Local Plan and the draft South Cambridgeshire Local Plan will hold a preliminary meeting on Thursday 11 September, starting at 2pm in the Guildhall, Cambridge

At this meeting she will explain how she will conduct the examination in public.

There are no large-scale issues affecting Hinxton in the draft Local Plan. However, developers and others may seek to delete allocations for housing and/or employment in the draft Local Plan and promote their own schemes. This is what is happening with the *Cambridge South* proposal in the Great Shelford / Trumpington area.

I have not heard of anything similar in relation to the Hinxton area, but we need to be vigilant.

Local Highways Improvements

This is a County Council scheme and this year bids have to be submitted by 12 September (an earlier deadline than in previous years). The panel that will consider the bids submitted will meet on 29 and 30

October (likely venue Whittlesford Depot), and, in my view, it is important that the Parish Council is represented when its bid is discussed.

Recycling Centres consultation

The District Council collects waste and recyclables with its doorstep service, but the County Council is responsible for running the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and disposing of waste.

The County Council is currently running a consultation about its HWRCs, and I would urge everyone to respond to this consultation. The online questionnaire can be found at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentreservice

Tony Orgee
District Councillor