



Hockliffe Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th December 2018

Present

Cllrs Coleman, Capstick, Dickens, Harris, R Scott, Clerk C Washbrook;

Cllr Versallion – CBC

Apologies

(None)

549. Declaration of interest

(None)

550. Approval of minutes from 12th November 2018

On page 2 a correction was made from “54%” to “5%”, the minutes were amended and initialled by Cllr Coleman. The minutes were then signed and agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held.

551. Public forum

16 members of the public were present.

Standing orders suspended.

- Concerns were raised about the amount of dog waste at the Kilby Road recreational ground. Additionally that the waste bins were in bad repair and rusted. **Action – Contact CBC re dog waste bin.**
- The grassed verge on the pavements on Birches Close have been badly damaged by heavy vehicles (such as transit vans) driving on them, making gullies in the soil which become watery and muddy. Cllr Harris has reported this to CBC, but so far no action has been take. **Action – contact CBC re damaged pavements.**
- A query was raised why only a small amount of pavement was repaired outside one residence in Kilby Road, but not anywhere else. Response: this is council property.

552. Matters for Cllr Versallion.

- Cllr Versallion discussed the possible increase of HGVs through Hockliffe due to the planning application of Bryants Lane quarry in Heath & Reach. Currently the application is not in consultation with HPC. The lorries would either go through Milton Keynes or Buckinghamshire, or south through Hockliffe. There would be an increase of 80 lorries. Although there would be more lorries, the work on the quarry would be finished sooner, but the works could take in the region of 10 years to complete. It is unlikely that most of the traffic would go up Eastern Way, currently they use Woburn Road and go up to the “Flying Fox” roundabout. **Action – contact Planning at CBC to address how this will affect the A5/Hockliffe.**
- Traffic of HGVs from the new Clipstone Park estate may increase through Hockliffe. There will be a link road built for construction traffic to go to the A505, which is part of the conditions, but has not yet been built.
- Cllr Versallion said that the increase in properties built in the area is likely to take over a decade, in which time there will be increased traffic.



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- There is a temporary lift on the vehicular weight restriction through Hockliffe, due to the construction works being carried out. Residents can help enforcing speed compliance, and other restrictions by reporting HGVs that are not complying by taking photos, starting a speedwatch group, using cameras etc to record the events and send the details to the companies that run the HGV.
- Cllr Versallion met up with CBC, CBC would welcome the speed change through Hockliffe village from 40mph to 30mph, which would result in the stretch of Woburn Road outside the school to have a 20mph speed limit.
- Detrunking of the A5. Cllr Versallion is happy to meet up with CBC, Buckinghamshire CC and HE, but as yet no meeting has been organised. **Action – Cllr Versallion to push for date of meeting.**

553. Highways England Update

Martin Fellows Regional Director, Operations – East Region; Steven Thulborn, Asset Development Team Leader; Simon Amor, Asset Development Manager from Highways England, gave a presentation on proposed changes to the A5 through Hockliffe Village. Steve Thulborn gave the presentation. These are what they have taken from previous HPC meetings as the main concerns of the Hockliffe residents:

- Speed of traffic through the village and on approaches.
- Stationary traffic making exiting from sideroads difficult.
- Visibility of existing village gateways.
- Queuing traffic on approaches.
- Vegetation throughout village obscuring signs

Highways England then propose the following safety measures:

- 30mph between gateways, with 30mph vehicles activated signs.
 - 40mph buffer zone north of village (approx 660m).
 - ‘Keep Clear’ road markings adjacent to side roads (White Horse Close, The Blackbirds, Birches Close, “unnamed road” and potentially Clifford Close, but not Augustus Close).
 - Enhanced village gateway arrangements.
 - Queue warning signs.
 - Vegetation clearance.
- These are not final decisions; a consultation online and written in one of the London papers, will be given in which time villagers would be able to comment, but also organisations such as logistics companies, who may oppose the changes.
 - HE have liaised with the police who are in support of the reduction of speed to 30mph.
 - If the above is accepted, it will be fully safety audited before going ahead. Once implemented, after a period of time HE will review how well the new system is working and make changes where necessary; and will talk to the police as to how effective the speed limits are being kept.
 - There is currently no plans for speed cameras, although they will keep it under review. There needs to be a good case for speed cameras to be installed.
 - It is not a priority to change any signage outside the village, with exception of “Queue” signage.



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- It is unknown by the present HE personnel why the lay by on the A5 is coned off. Lay bys are not as necessary as in previous times due to cars being more reliable, and are actually dangerous.
- HE have strict guidelines on signage and road layout and have to subscribe to these, as a result, speed warnings such as "smiley face" cannot be used, although residents can write to the department of transport and tell them that they are effective.
- If the road is detrunked, HE will hand over the responsibility of road management to the local authority, which will give more control over the road, enabling weight restrictions, chicanes etc.
- If the above goes ahead, they would hope to execute the changes as early as they can in the new financial year.
- Signage for diversion from M1 to A505 (so traffic does not go through Hockliffe/A5), is responsibility of HE, if the signage has not been put up HE needs to be informed (not the contractors).
- Vegetation clearance is currently underway and should be finished by 17th December.

Comments from the residents

- Request for a time scale.
- Queries about signage outside the village.
- Whether Augustus Close will have "Keep Clear" markings.
- Whether speed cameras will be installed.
- Signage to redirect traffic to A505 has often not been present, resulting in Hockliffe/A5 being very busy.

554. Matters for the attention to the police.

James Bonney was present. He requested that any urgent issues that concern the police should go through the normal channels, but issues that are not "run of the mill" to email him.

- It was mentioned that there were two addresses on Kilby Road which are problematic.

555. Matters Arising from the Minutes (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(None)

556. Matters outstanding from the Action Plan

- The broken pole outside the school has been sorted out.

557. Neighbourhood Plan update

- 2 open sessions were held last week with councillors present who were able to discuss options with villagers. There were 4 options available, and the option to design your own plan if you don't like any of the Options. The sites and number of houses on each site was taken from previous information given by CBC.
- Option 3 was the favourite, which uses all 4 pieces of land. 13 people favoured Option 3, 9 Option 2, 7 Option 4 and 4 Option 1. In addition 5 people wanted NLP 420 (land running to Teborth) reconsidered, 7 wanted the Wilderness and NLP 420 reconsidered with the remainder on Duke of Bedford and Anker land and 1 person wanted anywhere to the east of the village.



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- There were comments that some villagers were unaware of the open sessions. The sessions were advertised and “liked” by villagers on the HPC FaceBook page; it was also advertised on the village notice board outside the post office.
- The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be accepted as a matter of priority as if the Parish Council want to influence CBC they need to send in proposed plans early in the new year. If the HPC Neighbourhood Plan is not sent in, CBC will make decisions regardless of villagers’ wishes.

558. Events for the Village

It was agreed that this matter would be reopened in the new year.

559. Items to be included in the Draft Budget 2019/20

- It was agreed that the precept be raised by 2.5%
- Neighbourhood Planning grants was removed from the budget.

560. Planning Applications

Woodcock Hill Farm Bungalow – No comment. **Action CW to write to CBC to confirm no comment.**

561. Correspondence received (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

A training day by SLCC was discussed, but none of the Councillors could attend.

562. Finance

Date	Cheque no	Company	Description	Amount
10/12/18	1638	CBC	Hall Hire*	£33.75
10/12/18	1639	CBC	Hall Hire**	£40.50
10/12/18	1642	HSA	Lights on/Santa presents	£106.70
10/12/18	1643	Greensand Trust	Christmas Tree	£135.00
10/12/18	1644	S Chapman	NP	£1350.00
10/12/18	1645	Mrs P Scott, Clerk	Salary	£92.90
10/12/18	1646	Ms C Washbrook Clerk	Salary	£180.00

* Hall Hire for the Neighbourhood Plan sessions

** Hall Hire for the meeting 12th November over ran by 1 hour.

- Goldleaf cheques to be held until clarification of spend provided.
- Cheques 1640 and 1641 were cancelled.

563. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Monday 14th January 2019. The meeting closed at 9.25pm.