



Hockliffe Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th June 2019 7.00pm

Present

Cllrs Capstick, Coleman, Dickens, Scott.
Clerk Washbrook;

Cllr Versallion, Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)

Co-option of new council members

Annie Rose and Pam Scott were appointed as councillors.

Action: Inform CBC

Apologies

(None)

011. Declaration of interest

(None)

012. Approval of minutes from 13th May 2019.

Cllr Versallion corrected the date on the 2nd bullet from 21st May to 21st June, the minutes were then approved and signed.

013. Public forum

10 members of the public were present.

Standing orders suspended.

- Army aircraft have been reported to be flying very low, skimming the tree tops on 20th May 2019 at 08:55hrs. This has caused disruption to traffic. Cllr Versallion suggested the incident be reported to the dedicated team at the MoD who deal with complaints of low flying aircraft in Peterborough.
- Clifford Close has problems with sewerage, the smell is particularly strong when it has been raining.
- Hilton Cars: It was reported that cars visiting Hilton Cars are parking and damaging the verge. Although the situation had improved, it has recently worsened. There are also reports of deliveries of cars at 06:00hrs and earlier. Cllr Versallion took an action to contact CBC in regards to sending out enforcing officers.
- It was requested that minutes of previous meetings be made available online on the website and on the Facebook site. Cllr Capstick explained an item on the agenda for this evening was the website. The aim is to update the website. Minutes are not published on Facebook as not all residents have access to this. Once the new website is in place the intention is links to the website will be posted on the Facebook page.
Action: Clerk to put previous minutes on the website.
- Speeding in Hockliffe/A5: a resident raised the possibility of getting average speed cameras for the village. Cllr Capstick said that the first step to address speeding in the village would be the Speed Watch scheme if enough volunteers come forward to be part of it. The scheme would enable the collation of evidence of speeding and would be supported by the police. Following the expected reduction in the speed limit through the village Highways England and the police



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will also be reviewing this. Speed cameras would not be ruled out in the future once all other measures have been followed.

- Discussion on finding costings for speed camera, Cllr Versallion commented that Heath & Reach Parish Council have got quite far along with their investigations in installing a speed camera, the Clerk has been in conversation with Heath & Reach Clerk and said that they were not yet in a position to purchase and install speed cameras (average or normal).

Action: Clerk to contact Heath and Reach Council to discuss their findings.

- Hockliffe Herald: The producers of the Hockliffe Herald felt that the publication needs some revitalisation. They welcome any suggestion and/or articles written by residents. Examples given were stories, poems, drawings from school children, success stories, etc.

Action: Clerk to add Hockliffe Herald to next meetings agenda.

014. Matters for Cllr Versallion.

- Hilton car: The issue of parking outside on the verge is on Cllr Versallion's radar. CBC enforcers came in February and March and he will ask them to come back. Cllr Versallion asked residents to photograph offenders with times and dates, so he can give evidence to CBC regarding the issue.

- Cllr Versallion requested earlier access to the HPC minutes and agenda.

Action: Clerk to include Cllr Versallion on the distribution list when published.

- Cllr Versallion mentioned that local councils will be reviewed as to how much money they have in reserves. Money that is being 'horded' rather than spent on the parish amenities etc. should be examined. Cllr Versallion wanted to know what the precept band is for HPC.

Action: Clerk to send Cllr Versallion with precept information.

- Cllr Versallion has listened carefully to the residents regarding the pros and cons of the proposed Gladman development of 77 houses on the Dashwood estate, and has called the development to committee. This will be in July or August on a Wednesday morning, when the public can express views for or against the development. Highways England have yet to say anything officially about the development.

- The Gladman development would be part of the 141 houses that have been designated to be built in Hockliffe. Cllr Versallion reminded the council to look at the Section 106 negotiations as the council could 'miss out' on community funding if this was not looked at.

- Residents asked if there would be road resurfacing due to the developments on Leighton Road/Clipstone. The developers would be expected to pay for the resurfacing, but this cannot not be presumed. The Standbridge to Eggington Road camber is very steep in places. Cllr Versallion commented that there has been at least one insurance claim to CBC on that stretch, and that it is on the list of jobs for the council to do, although he could not say when this problem would be addressed.

- There are problems with sewerage in The Blackbirds and Clifford Close. Ongoing work on the sewerage system in Eggington should relieve this problem.

015. Matters for the attention to the police.

(None)

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

- The youth club would like to purchase the table. There are no associated health and safety issues. The handyman will be able to fit the spikes into the ground.
- Any comments regarding the Gladman development should be received by 20th June via the CBC website/planning.



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017. Update on matters relating to the A5

- The Smart Motorway team had a meeting in the parish arranged by a resident of Hockliffe on Monday 3rd June. Pam Scott took minutes and published these on Facebook. The meeting consisted of 6 officers from Highways England and CostainGalliford Try. The smart motorway principle is that it opens the use of the hardshoulder and has large electronic signage above lanes which indicate which lanes are in use and speedlimits to relieve congestion. The Smart Motorways team have to shut the motorway at night to carry out works, which affects the traffic through Hockliffe/A5. They have signage to detour traffic around Hockliffe. However, this is not always successful. They have asked the police to support them, but the police do not have enough resources to assist. Specific HGV signage was requested.
- The Smart Motorway team have taken onboard residents' concerns, they have suggested that residents contact the offending HGV companies. It was commented that if the Smart Motorway team cannot fund the police to assist (there are too few officers), could they not employ people to 'police' the situation?
- The next closure of the M1 is planned in July, which gives enough time to change and improve signage. The closure will be from Junctions 13 to 19.
- There was no talk of the Smart Motorways team coming back to Hockliffe for a meeting. However, they have a Visitor Centre, which residents can visit and make comments.
- Cllr Capstick has arranged a meeting with Cllr Selous MP regarding the detrunking of the A5, of which he is supportive

018. Community Speed Watch Scheme

The Community Speed Watch Scheme currently has 6 volunteers. The next training session will be on 13th July. Cllr Capstick will be contacting volunteers regarding the training.

019. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Dickinson is still working on the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

020. Recreation grounds at Kilby Road

a) Works to recreation ground following the removal of containers:

Cllrs Capstick, Coleman and Scott had attended the site to review and recommended the weeds and vegetation be removed in the area of, and behind where the containers/changing rooms were. Cllr Coleman has offered to do this if the council reimburses him for the fuel. This was agreed.

Following the review of suggested improvements to the whole site a decision will be made on what will happen to this area. The options suggested to date are tarmacking the area, or turfing the area, which would require digging up the old car park. The owner of Direct Pallets has offered £2,000 towards this project if we use a contractor he proposes.

b) Dog fouling:

Discussed updating and improvement of out of date signage which will be undertaken as part of the review of the whole site.

c) The Parish Council welcomes suggestions and ideas from residents on further improvements to the recreation ground.

d) ROSPA inspection.

ROSPA inspection is imminent. It was requested that the ROSPA inspector give information on what signs we are lacking and to suggest what we need to update. Action: Clerk to contact ROSPA inspection company to ask for the additional information on signage.



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021. Renewal of grounds maintenance contract

The grounds maintenance contract needs updating before sending out to tender.

Action: Clerk to email Cllr Scott previous versions to update.

022. Hockliffe Parish Council Website

The website needs to be updated, as mentioned in the standing orders. The Heath and Reach website is considered by the councillors to be very good and a similar website would be ideal. One of the residents offered his services to help provide a website, for which the council is very grateful.

Action: Parish Council to put together a scope of requirements and Clerk to contact Mike Richards with these

023. Correspondence received (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(None)

024. Finance

Date	Cheque no	Company	Description	Amount
10/06/2019	1666	CBC	Hall Hire	£27.00
10/06/2019	1667	John Fox	Handyman job	£196.05
10/06/2019	1668	Zurich Insurance	Insurance	219.99
10/06/2019	1669	SLCC	Membership	£76.00
10/06/2019	1670	C Washbrook Clerk	Salary	£307.20
10/06/2019	1671	C Washbrook Clerk	Mileage for training	£150.30

025. Date of Next Meeting and Items for the Agenda

The next scheduled meeting, is Monday 8th July 2019 at 7.00pm.

Items for next meeting's agenda:

- Items for John the handyman
- Core documents to be signed off
- ROSPA inspection
- Hockliffe Herald
- Hockliffe Cemetery.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

8th July 2019

Signed