



# Hockliffe Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Present

CLLrs Coleman, Dickens, Harris, Scott, & Clerk C Washbrook;

CLlr Versallion – CBC

## Apologies

CLlr Capstick

## 564. Declaration of interest

(None)

## 565. Approval of minutes from 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

An item on page 2 needs to be checked with CLlr Capstick.

## 566. Public forum

15 members of the public were present.

Standing orders suspended.

- Issues with the public telephone box were raised. **Action: CW to contact BT to see if the phone box can be removed.**

## 567. Matters for CLlr Versallion.

- Traffic from a quarry in Heath and Reach may affect traffic through Hockliffe, as double the amount of lorries will be coming out of the quarry; from 80 to 160 per day.
- Rerouting the A5. Discussions and opinions about rerouting traffic through the A5 were variable. Although the letter from CLlr Selous suggests the rerouting will not be an option, it remains possible that some of the traffic could be rerouted through the A505 and A416.
- CLlr Versallion reiterated the importance of having a local Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Even if it is 'imperfect' this would suffice as if Hockliffe do not submit a NP then CBC will build where they deem fit. It is also important to look into provisions for traveller sites as this might be challenged.
- New developments in Clipstone and around Leighton Buzzard will increase traffic in the area, and are likely to increase traffic through Hockliffe.
- Highway England's superficial and cosmetic traffic-calming measures to the A5 in and around Hockliffe will not change the amount of traffic going through the village. CLlr Versallion will keep conversations open with CBC, Bucks CC and HE.
- CLlr Versallion mentioned a CBC app to report problems; e.g. fly tipping and road problems.
- The Car Sales showroom has been reported to cause constant problems with parking on the pavement, meaning that pedestrians are forced to walk onto the road. During the planning permission process, customer parking allocation was not considered. CLlr Versallion suggests that residents report to CBC every time the Car Sales business parks irresponsibly until something is done.

## 568. Community Speed Watch Scheme



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Cllr Capstick was not present to raise this subject. An email from Cllr Capstick was read out asking for help with the scheme. There were no volunteers.

### 569. Matters for the attention to the police.

(None).

### 570. Matters Arising from the Minutes (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

(None)

### 571. Matters outstanding from the Action Plan

- The Multi Use Games Area and benches need cleanings, these are weather dependant.
- A letter will be sent out to Goldeaf along with a cheque for £6,225.60, to cover the grounds maintenance until April 2019. **Action: CW to send letter and cheque out.**
- The containers used as changing rooms are being advertised for sale. There has been some interest, but as yet no serious offers. **Action: Cllr RS to follow up.**
- The brook needs cleaning from the end Augustus Road to just past the bridge on Woburn Road. **Action: CW to follow up with CBC and confirm the exact location to be cleaned.**
- The Limes uPVC sash windows are not approved by CBC Listed Building Consent. **Action: CW/Cllr Versallion Contact CBC Conservation Officer.**
- The bins at the recreation ground will be replaced, but CBC did not recommend adding more dog foul bins. A request was made to put a bin by the cattery. **Action: CW to contact CBC re new bin by the cattery.**

### 572. Neighbourhood Plan update

- The current version of the plan is still under review. The consultant has been away. After the plan has been reviewed by councillors it will be disclosed to the residents for feedback.
- The issue of Hockliffe being a large village was raised. It was pointed out that if the village was to be reassessed/rescored it would still come out as a large village.
- Comments were made about the loyalty of the consultant because they previously worked for CBC. It was pointed out that the consultant would get paid regardless of whether the plan was in favour to the village or CBC. The consultant has in depth knowledge of planning procedures and is a professional consultant who has no specific allegiance to CBC.
- The issue of greenbelt land being used to build new houses was also raised. It was noted that CBC cannot reclassify land that has been classed as greenbelt.

### 573. Events for the Village

Mandi Underhay will be forming an events committee using Facebook.

### 574. Cemetery Update

Corinna Washbrook, cemetery clerk brought up two issues:

- There has been a complaint about a grave site which has a garden table over it which appears to be on two plots. **Action: The resident who looks after them was there. She will remove the table; the other plot was also hers.**



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- The topple test was carried out on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019. One grave stone is unstable. The family of the deceased will be contacted to ask for the grave stone to be made safe.

### 575. Planning Applications

Support for Direct Pallets planning application has been agreed on. **Action CW to contact CBC with reference to the planning application to show support.**

### 576. Correspondence received (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- Cllr Andrew Selous RE detrunking.
- Cllr Andrew Selous RE Mobile phone coverage since the enhancement of the transmitter mast made on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The residents have not noticed any discernible difference to the mobile reception in the village. Action CW to contact Cllr Selous to inform him of findings.

### 577. Finance

Date	Cheque no	Company	Description	Amount
14/01/19	001647	CBC	Hall Hire	£27.00
14/01/19	001648	C Washbrook	Clerk Salary	£186.00
14/01/19	001649	KallKwik Bedford	Hockliffe Herald print	£165.00
14/01/19	001650	Goldleaf	Grounds maintenance until April 2019	£6,225.60
14/01/19	001651	HMRC	Tax	£164.40
14/01/19	001652	BATPC	VAT training for Clerk	£40.00
14/01/19	001653	BATPC	Clerk Core training	

### 578. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

18<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Signed .....