



Hockliffe Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14 May 2018

PRESENT: Cllrs Coleman, Harris, Capstick, Dickens, R Scott, Alexander and Clerk P.Scott

Cllr Versallion from CBC joined the meeting at 8.15pm.

461. Apologies

None

462. Declarations of Interest

None

463. Approval of minutes from 16 April 2018

The minutes to be amended to include "Goldleaf have been asked to provide an itemised spend for the past year" in the finance section of the minutes.

464. Public Forum

5 members of the public were present.

- Speed limit on the A5, a resident asked whether this could be reduced, Cllr Capstick advised the resident that Highways England had attended the previous meeting and advised that the Council is working with HE to look at improvements through the village and will be taking part in a walk around with Officers. The resident advised that they had been involved in speed watch and that drivers tend to slow down so it does not show a true reflection of speed through the village, it can only be used as a discouragement, not enforcement. There has also been an article in the Leighton Buzzard Observer paper about the volume of traffic through the village since the link-road to the M1 has opened. HE confirmed at the previous meeting that there would be a review into the success of the link-road, which was always identified to increase the traffic coming through the village.
- Ninelands – a property has had scaffolding erected for a considerable time and the Council was asked whether they could investigate this.
- Fly-tipping has increased in the village and has become a real problem for landowners clearing their land. There is a feeling that the rubbish is being "dumped" by someone local, it is also felt that residents may not be aware that they are responsible for employing reputable companies to take their rubbish away.
- Kilby Road removal of hedge and skip hire the Council were asked whether they could investigate this.

465. Matters for the attention of Police

Cars and bikes have been heard racing up and down the A5 around 11pm. Residents are advised to report incidents to the police.

466. Matters Arising from the minutes

- Highways England – dates being finalised by the Council.

- Noticeboards – No further update, Cllr Coleman to contact Mc Donald's
- Cemetery Clerk – date to be agreed.

467. Matters Outstanding (for information only)

- Hilton Cars – Contact needs to be made
- The Old White Horse – no issues have been reported to monitor the situation.

468. Planning Applications

- 50 White Horse Close no objection to the application was raised.
- A5 Salvage Yard, Watling Street. Application has been submitted by Direct Pallets Ltd, they have been operating from a site in Dunstable which has been acquired for housing. The previous planning permission for the site was for a development of new homes, this has never progressed probably due to the level of contamination. They are looking to turn the existing house into an office and the remaining site will be used for their pallet business. They need to provide new drainage and deal with the contamination on the site, which is requiring around 700 lorry loads of concrete. The application comes under Chalgrave Parish but they wanted to meet HPC as they felt the site is positioned closer to Hockliffe. As their lorries will be using the new bypass they are happy for a condition to be added to the application that requires that lorries only turn left from the yard. They also said that they would be prepared to work with HPC to support financially improvements in the village, including the supporting a village hall. Agreed for Parish Clerk to respond supporting the application and requesting that a left turn only be stated as a condition to the application.

469. Correspondence Received

None.

470. Handyman Duties

New handyman required for the village, post to be advertised on Facebook / Noticeboards / Hockliffe Herald. Conditions of employment to stay the same will look at a probationary period initially.

471. Trees at Church

Application has been made to Central Beds Council for the works to the trees, no work can be carried out until the application has been approved. Mrs Young mentioned that the school has recently had work carried out to the trees so maybe able to suggest some companies.

472. Finance

- To approve payments to be made:

14/05/2018	1601	Mrs P Scott	Clerk Salary	£ 148.80
14/05/2018	1602	CBC	Hall Hire	£ 27.00
14/05/2018	1603	SLCC	Membership	£ 72.00
14/05/2018	1604	Goldleaf	Grounds Maintenance	£860.40

- It was **resolved** that all payments be made and two authorised signatories were instructed to sign the cheques.
- The budget was submitted to Councillors and discussed during the meeting; some amendments were made to deliver a balanced budget.

473. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 11th June 2018. The meeting closed at 9.30 pm