



# Hockliffe Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8 October 2018

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Coleman, Capstick, R Scott (joined the meeting at 8.25pm), Alexander (left at 7.45pm), Harris and Clerk P.Scott

**516. Apologies**

Cllr M Versaillon - CBC

**517. Declarations of Interest**

None

**518. Approval of minutes from 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The minutes were signed and agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held.

**519. Public Forum**

15 members of the public were present.

- A resident reported that there are high levels of anti-social behaviour being experienced in Kilby Road including drug taking/dealing, verbal assaults nuisance behaviour and vehicle crime. It is the belief of residents that the Police and Council are too scared to deal with the issues. Cllr Alexander will take this matter forward on behalf of the Parish Council as he is concerned for the number of vulnerable residents that live in the vicinity. Cllr Alexander will also contact Andrew Selous MP and Cllr Versaillon. The Housing Officer dealing with it for CBC is Julia Southern.
- A resident advised that the Manor Avenue bushes by the layby are not being maintained by the Council, this is also leading to cars parking on the kerb.
- A resident advised that the Church Lane hedging is a problem which is a CBC responsibility; matter needs to be reported to CBC.
- A resident reported that the Brook still needs to be cleared, this was a matter brought up earlier in the year when the Parish Council were advised that as there were birds nesting in the stream they couldn't carry out any clearance, needs to be reported again.

**520. Highways England Update**

Cllr Capstick introduced this item and updated the meeting, HE officers were in attendance. Since the last meeting:

- Works to the traffic lights have been completed although a resident mentioned that the filter angle was still not correct.
- Safety review is being conducted and will conclude in November it covers pedestrian, cycle, keep clears and gateways. Findings will be reported in December 2018.
- Speed checks will be happening in the village over the next week through 24 hour monitoring.
- Detrunking is a long term solution need to include lobbying local councillor; it is a legal process that needs to be gone through.

Comments from residents:

- Average speed camera suggested by a resident, police support would be required, and also there needs to be the right distance between road speeds.
- Pollution is a concern, residents with asthma state that their health has worsened.
- The 40 sign north of the village is obscured with vegetation. Could this camera be changed to “smiley face” camera. Also north of the village there is nothing to stop cars overtaking could something (possibly islands) be added.
- Keep Clear boxes and some of the other suggested options could be quick wins.
- Residents need to be given realistic timescales and also need to see action before further serious accidents occur. It needs to be high up on HE agenda
- Residents have difficulty walking along pavements as vegetation is not being maintained, this is also a problem for dog walkers.
- Concrete bollards in the path were originally there to prevent accidents

HE advised that they would try to bring forward spend but that some of the larger options would require funding.

**521. Matters for Councillor Versaillon**

None.

**522. Matters for the attention of the Police**

A total of 9 incidents reported in the last month, of which one was the serious accident in the village due to dangerous driving, other crime related to vehicles , theft and ABH.

**523. Matters Arising from the minutes (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

None

**524. Matters Outstanding from the Action Plan**

Cllr Harris went through the outstanding matters and updated the action plan, specific items to mention:

- I. Handyman has been appointed currently exploring employment status.
- II. Adverts have gone out for the Clerks role to include cemetery clerk function
- III. GDPR work ongoing
- IV. Copies of lobbying of Dept of Transport will be placed in the Post Office
- V. Grounds maintenance contract matter is ongoing

**525. Neighbourhood Plan Update**

CBC Local plan, Government review committee looking at two or three options to be put forward. The classification of a large village is not something that can be changed. Hockliffe will definitely be getting development over the planned period. The NPlan is our opportunity to steer where that will go.

**526. Arrangements for Christmas**

The school is not intending to have a school fair this year. Looking at the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 for the tree lighting ceremony at the Harvester, which we hope Santa is able to attend, this will be confirmed. The PC has a budget of £190.00 for a tree – which is usually purchased from a charity via Cllr Coleman, a resident suggested that they could obtain a tree for free, to be explored prior to our order being placed.

**527. Items for inclusion in the Draft Budget for 2019/2020**

Councillors need to consider items for inclusion in the next financial year’s budget especially as we will

need to be determining the precept for the coming year. To be discussed in more detail in November 2018.

**528. Planning Application**

- CB/18/03457/VOC – 1 Birchs Close – no comment
- CB/18/03368/FULL- 2 Kilby Road – no comment

**529. Correspondence Received**

None.

**530. Finance**

- To approve payments to be made:

08/10/2018	1630	CBC	Hall Hire	£ 27.00
08/10/2018	1631	Mrs P Scott	Parish Clerk Salary	£ 148.80
08/10/2018	1632	Kalkwik	Hockliffe Herald	£ 165.00
08/10/2018	1633	Mrs P Scott	Expenses	£ 63.99

- It was **resolved** that all payments be made and two authorised signatories were instructed to sign the cheques.
- A meeting should be arranged with Goldleaf to resolve the situation with the grounds maintenance contract.

**531. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Signed .....