



Hockliffe Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th May 2019 7.05pm

Present

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

Cllr Versallion, Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)
PC Slav Konopka, Bedfordshire Police
Steve Thulborn, Highways England.

Apologies

(None)

001. Declaration of interest

(None)

002. Approval of minutes from 15th April 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed.

003. Public forum

19 members of the public were present.

Standing orders suspended.

(None)

004. Matters for Cllr Versallion.

- All six of the parishes in Cllr Versallion's ward have re-elected him as their councillor. He would like to convey his sincere gratitude and will continue to work hard for local issues, such as house building in Leighton Buzzard.
- Cllr Versallion stated he would be attending the Local Plan hearing on 21st June and would be raising his concerns over the lack of provision for traveller sites in the Plan.
- Cllr Versallion is aware that there are problems with provision of amenities such as shops, bus routes and doctors, which will affect residents with the influx of new families and residents from the new building developments in and around Hockliffe, Leighton Buzzard, and surrounding villages .
- A range of views have been expressed by the residents regarding the Gladman/Dashwood proposed development of 77 houses near the business centre. Some residents welcome the idea of 77 extra families, whilst others are concerned that the A5 would not be able to take the extra traffic. Cllr Versallion has been listening to various views and is looking for guidance from the residents as to how to move forward.
- It was brought to Cllr Versallion's attention that there is a problem with sewerage around The Blackbirds. Residents complained that foul water was coming up through toilets etc, and are concerned that the sewerage systems will not be able to cope with another 77 houses. Cllr Versallion commented that the sewerage systems have been dug up in Eggington because of the difficulties in Hockliffe, which hopefully will help some of the drainage problems in Hockliffe.
- Cllr Versallion talked about Council owned Traveller transit sites where Travellers can stay for a couple of nights before moving on, and spoke again about the lack of further provisions and how this will cause problems.



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- Meetings are still being held with CBC, Highways England and Buckinghamshire County Council in regards to detrunking the A5 to the A505/A4146. Steve Lakein at Bucks CC does not yet support this scheme, as he has concerns about some of the villages in Buckinghamshire that he believes will be affected by this strategy.

005. Matters for the attention to the police.

PC Slav Konopka was present for the meeting.

- Speeding: The police could bring in their Speed Control Team from Peterborough, but would need evidence that speeding has been occurring to send them out.
- Drug use around the village is on the back burner as there are not enough bobbies on the beat.
- Fly tipping: The police work with Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) on fly tipping. If occurrences have been noticed then CBC should be contacted.
- The police urged residents to report non-emergency incidents to 101 or the online reporting facility using the Bedfordshire Police 'Report It' website. All messages get sent to Sgt Ed Rustin or the officer on duty. Even if there are no obvious signs that the police have investigated the incident they are logged and information used to build up a picture to investigate problems further.
- Incidents classed as an emergency are where a life or property are in danger and/or there is a person at the scene. These cases should be reported using 999.

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

- There has been one more expression of interest in the community speed watch scheme. Advertising will resume to encourage residents to get involved.
- The containers have been sold and removed from the recreational ground at Kilby Road. Cllr Scott gave a cheque from the sale of the containers for £4750 to the Clerk to put into the Hockliffe Parish Council bank account.
- Cllr Scott suggested getting quotations for tarmacking and putting edging on the area where the containers stood, and then purchasing benches and and/or other items with Section 106 funds, of which there is approximately £19k.
- Dog fouling should be reported to CBC. Cllr Versallion reported that there is a team at CBC that will come to areas to fine offenders if residents can identify times that it occurs. CBC have 2 full time employees to tackle this problem.

007. Update on matters relating to the A5

- Funding has been secured for speed limiting and associated signage for the region, despite a reduction in the overall Budget Programme. There is a 13 week programme, allowing for objections, for the work to reduce speed in Hockliffe /A5. The programme will be implemented by August. The speed reduction area is within the village boundaries and gateways only.
- Residents from outside the village boundaries have complained about traffic, including being woken up by airbrakes on lorries. Although the initial traffic calming may not bring a positive resolution to their problems, detrunking would as it would go up to the Flying Fox roundabout.
- HE need to persuade Buckinghamshire County Council of the positive effects on the villages, and future detrunking, rather than the political objections that the villages in Buckinghamshire around the A505/A4616 would be used as rat runs. HE will be meeting up with Steve Lakein before the end of the month (May 2019) to discuss detrunking.
- M1/A6 Link: HE planning team have a holding objection to the link; they have looked at the wider impact of traffic flow implications. HE also conferred that Luton BC have an objection to the M1/A6 link.



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- Planning application for business warehouse near the Kelly Kitchen and Caldecot off the A5: This is at pre application stage. HE are open to involve preapplication consultations, scoping out what impacts there would be from the proposed development. Milton Keynes Council have an objection to this application. However, HE and councils cannot voice any objects until the application is formally put through. The application would also have to go through audit processes.
- Woburn Road: Cllr Versallion stated that If the speed limit goes down to 30mph CBC will immediately apply to reduce the speed limit to 20mph within the area around the school.
- Policing the HGVs would be very difficult. The residents of Woburn reported offending HGV registration numbers and companies to the police. Once reported it is up to a CBC officer to give a verbal warning to the company, and then letter. This could be implemented using the Community Speed Watch scheme.
- There is possibility for funding towards a zebra crossing outside the school by future housing developments, were it to be approved by CBC.
- Residents raised the issue of stand still traffic from Hockliffe to the opening to Eastern Way. Motorists have been reported to be making dangerous U turns. HE responded saying that there were queue warning signs. However, it is very difficult to stop people from making U turns on the road.
- Lorries/HGVs parking outside McDonalds: There is currently no funding available for a study regarding this problem, and consequently no current solution to this problem. There was discussion as to whether McDonalds can do anything about this. Action: Contact McDonalds regarding HGV parking on verges outside the restaurant.

008. Planning Applications

1. Planning Applications. CB/19/01099/OUT Hockliffe House Watling Street (Planning application for 77 dwellings). All matters reserved except for means of access.

Objection: The area compromises of greenbelt; overdevelopment in one area; not in the Neighbourhood plan; traffic exiting onto the A5.

009. Correspondence received (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- a) Hockliffe Youth Club proposal to provide a picnic table for the recreation ground.
It was agreed that this was a generous donation, and that before it can be formally accepted the safety and installation insurance issues should be looked at. Also, the councillors would wish to approve the bench to be purchased. Action: Cllr Scott to contact Hockliffe Youth Club in regards to whether the picnic table will be suitable.
- b) McDonalds proposal for help in the community.
It was discussed that McDonalds could possibly help with litter picking, but no definite decision was agreed on. Action: Clerk to contact McDonalds to accept help in future when the council has decided on help required.



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009. Finance

Date	Cheque no	Company	Description	Amount
13/05/19	1663	Kallkwik	HH Spring 2019	£172.00
13/05/19	1664	CBC	Hall Hire	£27.00
13/05/19	1665	C Washbrook	Clerk Salary	£192.00

010. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting, is Monday 11th June 2019. The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

11th June 2019

Signed