



Hockliffe Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th January 2020 7.00pm

Present

Cllrs Dickens, R Scott, P Scott, Rose, Coleman.
Clerk Washbrook

Apologies

Cllr Capstick, Cllr Versallion, Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)

088. Declaration of interest

(None)

089. Approval of minutes from 11th November 2019.

A few amendments are needed, to be signed off in the February meeting.

090. Public forum

13 members of the public were present.

A resident reported that there had been some nasty accidents outside the school, 2 people have been hospitalised. The debris from accidents has not been cleared away, the police and/or CBC need to be informed.

Surface drains outside the school need clearing. The road and playground have flooded in the recent high rainfall.

Verge outside the Church and cemetery is getting churned up by people in cars visiting the cemetery and church. The verge needs stabilisation, however, the councillors and clerk have tried to obtain quotes for the work but have had no success. A resident suggested a person who may be able to help and will inform the council if this is the case.

The speed limit signs throughout the village are not repeated, and motorists who are not used to, or do not realise that the speed limit has been reduced to 30mph are still driving through the village too fast. Highways England (HE) are in control of the signage. Action: Contact HE to ask for further signage.

The A6-M1 Link means 24,000 cars are using the road. Residents are shocked that CBC and HE approved the link after the effort both agencies have put into traffic calming and future plans for detrunking the A5 through Hockliffe.

Hockliffe in bloom are to give the council the address or website of the manufacturer of planters that they may be able to obtain through Leighton-Linslade Council at a good price, the clerk asked for details so they could get quotes on similar items. Hockliffe in Bloom have requested the council to consider having a budget of £3000 toward the project.

A resident also raised the issue that the village should not be classed as a large village by their calculations, but as small village. This has been brought up on other occasions, but the calculations have always erred to a large village. It was requested that the resident send details of these calculations to Cllr Dickens.



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091. Police report.

No report was provided

092. Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report.

No report was provided.

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

The website developer was supposed to visit Hockliffe and it was queried as to why this had not yet happened, to which the clerk pointed out that the chairman had removed the website from the agenda without authorisation.

The recovery vehicle that is parked on the A5 opposite the business park, is breaking its operator's licence, as it should be kept in the company's yard. It was queried as to whether the insurance would be valid if parked in such a place. Action: Contact VOSA regarding the vehicle/ operator's licence.

094. A5 update: To update on the safety improvement works undertaken in the village in Dec 2019 / Jan 2020

The works to reduce the speed limit through the village began in September and the 30mph speed limit is now in place. The vehicle activated signs are still to be installed. This work is expected to begin w/c 20 January. Once the works are complete, feedback on the scheme will be provided to Highways England. Andrew Selous has agreed to provide support by writing to the police and Highways England to stress the need for enforcement of the new speed limit.

095. Speed Watch To update on the reinstatement of a Community Speed Watch Scheme in the village

There are now 12 volunteers for the Community Speed Watch Scheme. A training session will be held either in Hockliffe Lower School (subject to availability) or at ASDA in Dunstable on Saturday 25th January. It will take approximately 4 weeks for the scheme to be up and running due to site assessments and the vetting process. A message will be put out to attract more volunteers if the school is available as there is capacity for a few more.

096. Handyman Vacancy

The council has received one application for a handyman. They will conduct an informal interview and arrange terms of contract etc.

097. Public litter bin outside the village shop

It was confirmed that CBC will not replace the bin, HPC will not fund a bin. It was wished that McDonalds were contacted to ask if they would be willing to install a bin outside the shop.

098. Planning applications

There were no objections or comments to the planning application.



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099. Finance

- a. Budget 2020/21. It was agreed to discuss this next meeting (December)
- b. Cheques authorised for payment:

Date	Cheque no	Company	Description	Amount
13/01/2020	1704	Goldleaf	Grounds maintenance inv 10338	£ 533.20
13/01/2020	1705	BATPC	Affiliation fees 2020	£ 208.00
13/01/2020	1706	FLP	Playground maintenance SIN034021	£ 1,566.73
13/01/2020	1707	Simplink	Website maintenance	£ 47.69
13/01/2020	1708	Goldleaf *	Grounds maintenance inv 10397	£ 533.20
13/01/2020	1709	Festive Lights	Fairy Lights, inv SO140058	£ 259.98
13/01/2020	1710	CBC	Hall Hire	£ 27.00
13/01/2020	1711	C Washbrook	Clerk salary Nov	£ 324.00
13/01/2020	1712	C Washbrook	Clerk salary Dec	£ 240.00
13/01/2020	1713	KallKwik	Hockliffe Herald inv. 1006472	£ 378.00

*It was queried whether this was the last payment to Goldleaf. Action: contact Goldleaf to ask if this is the last or when the last invoice will be sent.

100 Correspondence received (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- a) A resident wrote to the council in regards to the Neighbourhood Plan including areas that are flood plain with evidence. The information will be passed on to the NP consultant for advice.
- b) Correspondence regarding the Hockliffe Herald – it has been suggested that people opt in or out of receiving the Hockliffe Herald, and for it to be available online.
- c) There was a complaint that advertising hoarding on the A5 on the corner of Woburn Road was unsightly. This matter has been dealt with by Cllr Versallion.



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- d) Information about a roadside traffic logger was received. The council think this is a good idea and to look at it further following the speedwatch programme and the Highways England report on the speed limit reduction through Hockliffe.

101 Items for next meeting's agenda

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Reporting issues on public rights of way

Ring fencing council savings/funds.

102 Date of Next Meeting and Items for the Agenda

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The next scheduled meeting, is Monday 10th February 2020 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

10th February 2020

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