



HUNSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 8.00pm on Monday 17th September 2012 in the Village Hall, Hunsdon

Present: - Cllr D Gibbs (Chairman), Cllrs D Kitching, S Oliver, H Brown, N Clark.
In attendance: - J Robinette (Clerk), D Clark (PP), J Ashley (PPP), R Beeching (Cty Cllr), Dist. Cllr M Newman, 9 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr B Toll.

2. Approval of minutes of parish council meeting held on 16th July 2012.

The clerk asked the council to read and approve the minutes of the July Meeting. It was agreed by the Cllrs that these reflected a true representation of the meeting. The clerk then informed the councillors that an E mail had been received from Rev M Dunstan at 7.00pm before the meeting (this E Mail was read out in full by the clerk) in which he requested an amendment to point 6c. After further discussion, Cllr Kitching proposed an amendment which was seconded by Cllr N Clark. The minute point of 6c will now read as follows...**New Chapel...** The Cllrs had met with Rev Dunstan and members of the PCC and discussed matters concerning a proposed new chapel, excluding the plans themselves. It was noted that Rev Dunstan had requested copies of all the letters sent to the PC by villagers in connection with the withdrawn application. The clerk has subsequently given Revd Dunstan all the letters on file as requested. With regard to Rev Dunstan request to minute an additional point, Cllr D Kitching suggested that the request be put into a letter and this would be given further consideration by the PC at October's meeting.

3. Matters arising.

10b. S106 agreement. Dist. Cllr M Newman informed the Cllrs that the S106 had had to be amended by EHDC. This hopefully would happen soon and monies could then be claimed. The clerk read out an E mail received from Herts Highways regarding the reimbursement of money for the bus shelter. Again the monies could not be released by HH until EHDC had sorted out the amendments and process.

9b. Rural Conference. This was attending by D Gibbs and D Clark. It was agreed that it was very informative; discussing topics concerning, Rural business project, Eastern Plateau Project and Community Buses. A member of the business team, M Reid, suggested that local businesses be informed of grants available. Cllrs agreed to this being undertaken by M Reid. Dist. Cllr M Newman stated that the New Homes Bonus had also been discussed and he was still pursuing the figures given to Hunsdon Parish.

9a. Defibrillator. The clerk will inquiry as to whether the local ambulance services know about the village's defibrillator.
5a. Village Forum. Cllr N Clark informed the council that the commencement of this forum would be delayed until October/ November.

4. Reports from members representing the Parish Council on outside organisations and attending meetings on behalf of the Council

(a) Hunsdon JMI School Governors. The clerk informed the Cllrs that Mrs. Colley, school admin officer had resigned and would be leaving in December.

(b) Parish Paths Partnership. J Ashley reported that there had been some damage to a way marker post, due to harvesting machinery. Also, J Ashley asked if the council could nominate a Cllr to represent the HPC at the Modification Order Enquiry. Cllr N Clark proposed that the clerk be given that authority to appoint the correct person.

(c) Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE). Nothing to report.

(d) Poor's Land and Stock Charity. Nothing to report.

(e) Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr H Brown stated that the V Hall had received a very high electricity bill. It had been decided by the VHMC that if users of the hall left lights on they would be charged £5. The public consultation forms had now been analysed by the VHMC and a report had been given to the PC for reading. Cllr H Brown stated that she had resigned as booking clerk of the Village Hall after 8 years. No replacement had been found as yet. Cllr Kitching informed the council that the Village Hall has now got its own website and this is linked into the Village website.

(f) Allotments. Cllr Oliver said that a letter had been given out to all tenants, stating that if their allotments were in disarray and not attended to, then the allotment would be assigned to a new tenant.

(g) Police Liaison. Crime within the village in August was as follows. 1 arrest for an offensive weapon. Cllr D Kitching stated that crime figures in the county had fallen significantly. Down by 3939. New anti-social behavior initiatives in Bishops Stortford were proving positive. A police locality meeting had been held in Hunsdon, chaired by Cllr D Kitching. It had been well received by both police and local Cllrs. Cllr Kitching clarified that the rural farm system was still in situ, using mobile phones and not pagers.

(h) SHN. The EHDC executive planning panel had met to progress the "sieving process" of potential housing

development sites. Cllr Clark stated that Dist. Cllr M Newman had stated the inadequacies of the process to EHDC. The next meeting of the panel is scheduled for November, when it must look at sustainability of proposed sites. It is hoped that North Harlow and another proposed development of 5000 houses near Hunsdon, will be removed as both should fail to meet the sustainability criteria. Mr. M Prisk has been appointed housing minister and has reiterated his support for the SHN campaign.

(i) Dist Council. Cllr Newman agreed with the above comments from Cllr N Clark and again stated that the sieving process being adopted by EHDC was inaccurate. Dist. Cllr Newman informed the council that the housing benefit budget for the district had been cut by 10%. The council intends to protect the vulnerable, i.e. pensioners and therefore other persons on benefit will be more greatly affected.

(j) Cty Council. Cty Cllr R Beeching gave the council an update on School buses, Bishop Stortford school consortium, Broadband and Olympics medals. He reported that the Schools appeal for a one new site school in Bishop Stortford had been rejected by Mr. Pickles. M.P.. Local schools were now cooperating together to accommodate local children's needs in the future. The county council would fund match the money received by the government for broadband in the county, this should therefore be in excess of £6m. Hertfordshire County Olympians had secured 13 medals, a great achievement for the county.

5. Parish Plan.

a. Welcome Pack. L Newman stated that this is very well received by new families. The content was in need of constant updating and therefore she was awaiting updates from new clubs within the Village.

6. Village Infrastructure.

a. Bus Shelter. Chairman D Gibbs had received a quote for an oak engraving for the shelter. It amounted to £164. The councillors agreed to this purchase. D Gibbs would discuss with the engravers the most suitable colour infill.

b. Play ground inspection. This had been received and although all equipment was categorised as very low risk or low risk, the council were concerned about on the safety of the see saw. The clerk will write to the manufacturers and ask them to inspect it. Notices had been put up at the school, Ducklings and the play area asking children not to play on it. General maintenance was required on some equipment; this will be listed and undertaken accordingly.

7. Planning.

- i. Decision by EHDC Development Control on earlier applications.
 - i. Olives Farm Stanstead Road, Listed building consent. GRANTED
- ii. New Applications:
 - i. New Chapel /Parking facilities; Acorn Street Hunsdon
 - ii. Olives Farm Stanstead Road, Listed building consent for int alterations
 - iii. Olives Farm Stanstead Road, Listed building consent for First floor side ext.

8. Finance

- a. Spending for approval

Clerk's salary for September	£296.10
J Franklin (grass cutting July) retrospective	£274.50
Cash Litter pickers	£100.00
EHC Playground inspection retrospective	£55.86
AJ products (bin for bus shelter) retrospective	£75.00
J Franklin (grass cutting August)	£252.50
D Robinette (Defib battery and pads) retrospective	£225.84

Spending was approved and chqs signed by H Brown and S Oliver.

9. Correspondence.

a. Letter from local resident. A letter had been received concerning the location of the dog bin and rubbish bin outside 30 Widford Road. The clerk read out all correspondence. The councillors agreed that is needed monitoring and a decision whether or not to move the bins would be taken in the near future.

10. Any other business.

a. Waste transfer Site. 2 Councillors had complaints from a resident adjacent to this site regarding the noise level, rodents and poor driving of the skip drivers. Also the clerk raised concerns about the height of the wood pile as a potential fire hazard. Environmental Health and agency would be contacted along with the fire brigade to inspect the site.

11. New Chapel Planning Application.

Before any discussions took place Cllr N Clark stated, " I have a pecuniary interest in the new chapel planning application. I will therefore not participate in this part of the Parish meeting." Cllr N Clark left the meeting. The clerk informed the council that the plans were on the notice board outside the PO for all villagers to see. A public meeting would be held on 24th September for all villagers to express their views on the proposed planning application. This meeting had been advertised at the PO, school and on the website. All households are to receive a leaflet informing them of the Public Meeting. The clerk and the chairman D Gibbs have roughly marked out the area of the proposed chapel building and car park on the field with white spray paint to help both Cllrs and residents to visualise the area in question. Derek Clark asked Dist. Cllr Newman if he too was to declare an interest in this development. Dist. Cllr Newman stated that he did not have a pecuniary interest and therefore did not need to do so.

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

Minutes are always available on the village web site - www.hunsdon.org.uk .