

MINUTES OF HISTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 12 JULY 2004 7.30P.M. AT ST AUDREYS COMMUNITY CENTRE, ST AUDREYS CLOSE, HISTON

Councillors: I M Parish (Chairman) R K Wynn (Vice Chairman), J P Chatfield (also District), N S Davies, A J Eade, P E Harris, C L Jones, I A Levitt, M J Mason (also District), J A Muncey (also District), F J Munnelly, M J Ruel, V A Taylor
County Cllr P D Gooden Clerk: Mrs A J Young

Power Action

The Chairman opened by thanking all involved in Histon Feast Committee for a splendid Feast Week. Cllr Harris was thanked for arranging the Council's display in the Feast Flower Festival. He also thanked all Councillors who had attended the Parish Councils tent at the Feast Market.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

60 Cllrs Barrett (holiday); Heinrich (hospital). Council sent best wishes to Cllr Mrs Heinrich for a speedy recovery

2 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

61 None.

3 MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2004

62 Prop Cllr Jones, sec Cllr Munnelly, all in favour to accept and sign. "In Committee" page 15, proposed Cllr Munnelly, sec Cllr Ruel, all in favour to accept and sign

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

63.1 Item 44 Northstowe Exhibition at IVC planned by Gallaghers for 29 July

63.2 Item 45.2 Crime figures for June copied to all: Arson (1); theft from vehicle (4); theft of motor vehicle (3); other theft (3); criminal damage (8); fraud (3); burglary non-dwelling (5). Sector Newsletter copied for all

63.3 Item 45.5 Health & Safety/Risk Assessments Copy of report from IPC on file. Finance Committee 13 July **F Comm**

63.4 Item 46.1 SCDC Moor Drove Appeal matters meeting with Mr Taylor not yet arranged **Clerk**

63.5 Item 47.1 Resolution on Parish Office inclusion Impington PC had voted in favour at their June meeting

63.6 Item 49.2 Cams Fire & Rescue Service had responded. AGREED to copy all as questions remained on hidden precept issues. **MA 9.04**

63.7 Item 49.5 Infants School Chairman had accompanied Cllr Starling to meeting at the school to discuss the proposals. Chairman read out article from Crier, the wording unfortunate and taken out of context. School and Council had agreed to write to the Crier setting out a truer position. Chairman preferred a short statement from the Parish Council, which action Council confirmed. School had accepted the Council was concerned about inability of young people to use field out of school hours.

63.8 Item 52.2 44 Station Road Cllr Mason declared a personal interest and took no part in discussion. It was reported the application had gone to Committee and had been refused, both lunchtime and evening. One Councillor outlined what was felt to be intimidation suffered recently in connection with this application and was concerned at other strong attempts including via employers to prevent persons to have a free will to speak their mind and hold opinions.

63.9 Item 52.6 Arbury Camp Special meeting of Impington PC to take place Tuesday 13 July to consider acceptance for signature of the Section 106 agreement. Dist Cllrs and Histon Parish Council Chairman to attend

63.10 Item 53.3 Feast Fair Copies of insurance cover had been supplied. It was noted no donation to the Feast funds had been made by the Fun Fair for the second year

5 WAYS OF WORKING TOGETHER

64 Cllrs re-copied with Keith Barrand's report first circulated in May. Following lengthy discussion, and noting Parish Council had agreed to accept recommendations in principle, AGREED Cllrs Davies and Ruel represent Histon Parish Council, meeting with representatives of Impington PC to look at issues raised, form an overview and formulate some proposals

6 RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

65.1 Circulation File inspected by Cllr Taylor, available on request including items: **Clerks & Councils Direct**"What has government done for councils?"; **Impington PC** agenda and May minutes; **Local Council Review** £5m bonus for Parish Plan councils – Biffaward grants; NALC Conference Programme October 2004; **Standards Board** Up date on Code of Conduct

65.2 CCC Local Government Revenue Support Grant - Floors & Ceilings, copied for all and Cllrs asked to respond individually. Following points raised by Cllr Davies regarding expenses involved in responding to District Council consultations on Planning applications, agreed to discuss as agenda item in September. **Agenda 9.04**

65.3 Railfuture Views and comments for National Railway Crime Week and Olympic bid requested

- 65.4 Save The Lakes – request for financial help opposing the guided bus scheme
- 65.5 Cartwrights Licensing Team – Transfer of Justices Licence Tesco Express to be held 4 August Power Action
- 65.6 CALC Funding Information Day 2 September. Cllr Jones was interested in attending at cost of £20. Any other interested Cllrs to contact the Clerk **CLJ**
- 65.7 Up-date on Millennium Halls Project copied to all with current plans. Cllr Jones explained changes would be made following current feedback, particularly at Feast Market. He pointed out the plan now involved complete rebuild of the site following meetings with the Conservation Officer at SCDC. A grant from WREN was hoped for.
- 65.8 Yesteryear Road Run £8,000 had been raised in 2004. Next event due to be held 17 April 2005.

7 RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE REPORT – HALF YEARLY MEETING

- 66 Committee had recommended a Sub Committee be formed comprising the 2 Clerks and 1 representative each from the Parish Councils to look at design for the parish office within the pavilion, noting amendments would be possible at a later date. It had been clarified the task was being delegated to that group. Cllr Munnelly agreed to act as representative for Histon PC. **Clerk, FJM**

8 RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- 67 Minutes dated 12 May 2004 copied for all. Next meeting due 14 July 2004.

9 HIGHWAYS TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE REPORT

- 68.1 a) Up date on A14 Rat Run Proposals. Notes for meeting 8 July copied for all. Highways Traffic & Transport Committee, although inquorate, were recommending 2 meetings be set up with David Brace CCC, 21 July (to which all Cllrs from Histon and Impington would be invited) and joint Parish Council meeting 1 September. Details on quantitative and qualitative consultation responses to be requested from DB. Some discussion took place on County Council timescales and possibilities of asking for overruns, or setting a special meeting of the Area Joint Committee, after 27 September. Cllrs were concerned that the scheme had been drawn up by the traffic experts on the strength of some areas of problem identified by the Parish Councils, traffic flow counts and as an overall scheme and “cherry picking” would not work. Many Cllrs reported passionate pleas from residents for the scheme as an entirety, as well as passionate pleas against the whole scheme and ruination of the village, and opinions that only some features were required. They had also at various times been told there was both no speeding in Histon and Impington, and a lot of speeding in Histon and Impington. Council accept a consensus may not be possible and judgements may have to be made for the general long term benefit of the village. Full debate was key. Copy letter from Junior School to DB supported the scheme but had concerns about possible knock on effects in the High Street and The Green. No figures had been presented at the public exhibitions on traffic counts. Cllr Mason stated one count had shown 21,500 vehicles over a 16 hour average daily count coming and going to the A14 intersection from the B1049, but from Histon to Cottenham the figure fell to 11,100. 10,400 had therefore followed other routes through Histon/Impington. Cllr Taylor felt speed cameras would be a better option than speed cushions. Cty Cllr Gooden reminded the Parish Council of the opportunity to apply for a bid to the “October List” if this opportunity were missed.
- 68.2 b) Chairman’s report. Notes had been copied for all. Clarification was sought on request for Committee to set up a meeting with County Council and relevant businesses in the High Street regarding vehicle movements. Cllr Mason suggested urgent individual meetings be sought with Co Op, Tesco Express and D & T Holmes Transport Managers.
- 68.3 Next meeting due 9 September

10 LEGAL & PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

- 69 ‘In Committee’ notes 16 June copied for all. Chairman up-dated Council on more recent developments with SCDC Car Park issues, 19 The Green and employment matters

11 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT and OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

- 70.1 Minutes dated 24 June copied for all and accepted. Next meeting due 15 July
- 70.2 Moor Drove Appeal date 10 August. Parish Council debated whether it would be necessary for representation by a Solicitor. AGREED the matter was sufficiently serious, but cost was a consideration. Each Cllr spoke and the large majority felt strongly it would be vital to employ representation to attend the Public Inquiry hearing, the implications for Histon being huge. No specific budget in place, but reserves were available, or virement felt possible. Planning Committee delegated to make decision on 15 June agenda on spending what may be in the region of £2,500. Cty Cllr Gooden was investigating with County Council regarding their representation at Appeal. **Planning Comm/PDG**
- 70.3 Enforcement Officer, SCDC had offered to facilitate meetings regarding Moor Drove. Due to nature of the Appeal process this had been declined.
- 70.4 Early Years Centre Problems with contractors not observing delivery restriction times to the site were being dealt with by CCC.

- 70.5 Local Development Framework meetings at SCDC continued. Dist Cllr Mason up-dated the Parish Council. A revised document would be provided in due course.
- 70.6 Arbury Camp Special meeting of Impington PC due 13 July to discuss the proposed Section 106 agreement.

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12 OTHER MATTERS

- 71.1 a) Youth Advisory Body report. No notes available. Youth Committee were recommending the Parish Councils now pay £750 from the budget allocation towards Bus Project Summer Scheme. **LGA1976 s19**
- 71.2 No Voice No Choice Detailed costings/plans awaited for a new kitchen area at the Church Halls.
- 71.3 Youth Shelter Mrs Eade was thanked for work carried out in keeping the area tidy. Use continued to be monitored.
- 71.4 b) Environment Committee Emergency work on Horse Chestnut had been necessary due to disease. Due to safety issues comparative quotes had not been possible and Acacia had been asked to carry out the work. Acacia had consistently been competitively priced in previous work.
- 71.5 Footpath Closure at the Green had been reported at HT & T Committee
- 71.6 c) IVC Cllr Parish's written report not yet to hand. Cllr Jones reported on position with ear-marked dual use funding for sports facilities at IVC through SCDC. Further clarification was being sought via District Councillors, with Dist Cllr Chatfield agreeing to investigate position with match funding urgently. Cllr Jones was able to clarify through his liaison work to date the dance school had relocated to Chesterton, workplace nursery had identified new managers, Squirrels Playgroup and Toddlers had been offered land at IVC and were to obtain a mobile to commence use in January – Toddler sessions were to run in the meantime at the Baptist Church.
- 71.7 d) Poorland Cllrs Parish and Ruel up-dated Council on recent work carried out by the Trustees, they being the representatives of the Parish Council, the remaining 3 Trustees being the Vicar and 2 churchwardens. Following a bequest of £34,000 some 3 years ago, and working towards a possible link to the Village Warden Scheme, the Trustees had been working on a varied scheme and had applied for change of status. A greater onus on Parish Council was indicated, including possibly the allotment land at Cottenham Road being vested in the Council. A further report would follow in due course.

13 FINANCE

- 72.1 a) To confirm payment of accounts Prop Cllr Wynn, sec Cllr Ruel, all in favour:
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| Administration costs £983.31 | £983.31 |
| Cambridgeshire County Council Sec 137 donation Library Maze £50 | £50.00 |
- 72.2 b) To approve payment of outstanding accounts:
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| Acacia Tree Surgery Village Green Emergency work £1,000 + VAT £175 | £1,175.00 |
| Print Out Village Green Enhancement costs £60.75 + VAT £10.63 | £71.38 |
| Danwood Group Limited copier meter reading (for formula) £28.01 + VAT £4.90 | £32.91 |
| Money Matters (St Ives) Limited Internal Audit £37.50 | £37.50 |
| Money Matters (St Ives) Limited Accountancy training (for formula) £37.50 | £37.50 |
| M J Mason expenses re Village Green enhancement (Greenham hi-vitape and footpath Closed signs) £21.84 + VAT £3.82 Cllr Mason declared an interest | £25.66 |
| Railfuture Subscription renewal offer. Cllr Chatfield declared an interest and would not vote. Following Support from Cllr Mason, 8 Cllrs were in favour of continuing subscription £18 | £18.00 |
- 72.3 c) Paid in: S Whyatt £101.76 Feast Fair rental, £15 electricity charge, £40 additional night and water charge
- 72.4 d) Correspondence – none
- 72.5 e) Internal Auditors Report. Copied for all. Assistant Clerk not paid in accordance with Inland Revenue requirements

14 DATE & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

- 73 Monday 13^h September 2004, St Audreys Community Centre, St Audreys Close, Histon at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting formally closed 10.15 p.m.