

**Minutes of the Meeting held of Histon & Impington Parish Council
Community Room, Histon & Impington Recreation Ground, New Road, Impington
Monday 17th November 2014 7.30 p.m.**

4 Appendices attached

Full Council Minutes

Agenda No:		Action/ Power
	Present: Cllrs: J D Jenkins (Chair), H S Abdullah, M C Cleaver, M P Dann, J Dunn, N S Davies, C M Hertoghe, B S Ing, D N Legge, P J Nudds, E W Stonham, N J Wood Cty Cllr Mason, Dist Cllr Chatfield; 5 members of public (in part) Clerk: Mrs A J Young	
14/087	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs: Josephine Teague (work), Ruth Moulder (work), Kevin Andrews (work), Denis Payne (personal), Cedric Foster (personal), Shaun Lindsay (personal), Derek Marston (personal)	
14/088	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS a) Declarations of pecuniary interest from Councillors on items on the agenda – <i>Cllr Nudds expenses item 14/095.1</i> b) Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests – <i>None</i> c) Any new requests for dispensations – <i>None</i>	
14/089	DATE(s) OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS Available on website www.hisimp.net	
14/090	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION No public wished to address the Council	
14/091	TO APPROVE minutes of the meeting held 20 October 2014 Proposed Cllr Cleaver, seconded Cllr Dann all in favour and RESOLVED to accept as a true record of meeting	
14/092	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING <u>Action List and Decision Statement</u> provided to all and accepted (Appx 1)	
14/093 093.1	TO RECEIVE REPORTS County Cllrs and District Councillors Reports: County Council written report for September accepted from Cllr Jenkins covering: Full Council meeting October; Northstowe site visit; Joint Strategic Transport and Spatial Planning Group; Health Committee; Highways Committee; Local Matters; Park and Ride site charges. Additional discussion on: <u>Histon & Impington Surface Water Management Plan</u> draft, with £3.1 million scheme now included in County 6 year programme. Scheme included upstream attenuation on Award Drains 164 and 165. Substantial contribution from Highways Agency and Darwin Green being sought. Culvert clearance in Histon planned week commencing 10 November postponed as new manhole required in Water Lane. Noted Drainage Task & Finish meeting to be fixed. Both County Cllrs Jenkins and Mason had attended Flood Inquiry Meeting at Cambourne. Cty Cllr Jenkins detailed schemes put forward for funding via <u>Minor Highways Projects Panel</u> for South Cambs. Decision due in 2015. <u>Graffiti</u> Concern reiterated that despite County Council giving an open authorisation for graffiti to be cleared from their property, including Guided Busway area, clearance team will not clear from bridges etc. <u>Bypass Farm</u> Cty Cllr Jenkins confirmed no contact yet possible with Stephen Conrad to discuss outstanding issues. <u>CCTV</u> on Guided Busway. Request to be made for licence to be altered to free up data for prosecution of offenders in area of Histon stop District Council written report from Cllr Stonham covering: Shared Services; Orchard Park Task and Finish Group; Orchard Park Planning; City Deal; Full Council meeting. Additional discussion: <u>Bishops Site Planning Permission</u> no dates for decision yet received. <u>Wildflower Scheme</u> confirmed pots of funding were limited. Environment Committee to take	Env Comm

OTHER MATTERS

097.1

Presentation from Recreation Committee on Community tennis courts and cricket nets project. Paper provided to all Neil Davies, Vernon Dudley and Nicky Wright delivered presentation on proposals for improvement projects at Recreation Ground (**Appx 4, briefing paper and presentation**). 3 other Tennis Club members attended. Neil Davies introduced with a recap on history of Histon & Impington Recreation Ground, having been in its present location for a century being a 16 acre site, 8 acres owned and remainder on lease until 2036. He detailed the Recreation Ground development project and how costs were met from £400k from funders and Parish Council borrowing in 2006 over 25 years of approximately £450k. Also details of progress with wide community use of current facilities and further development e.g. outdoor gym and Play Area and the need to continue momentum to ensure the Parish Council offer a thriving sports community for all ages.

Cricket Nets Cllr Ing advised he had taken no part discussions

- Current nets erected in 2000 now unsafe for faster bowlers. New nets expected to have a 10-15 year life span
- Cricket club have excellent record of retaining from a young age, moving through to first team
- Cricket Club are remarkably successful against better funded clubs who use professional players, something they do not wish to do, heavy investment however in coaching
- Grant funding not readily available for replacement facilities. However £10k has been identified, including a loan the cricket club would pay over a 5 year term, leaving a surplus requirement of £20k

Tennis Courts Appendix sets out proposals (**Appx 4**)

Additional points made:

- Tennis Club members did have mixed feelings about the loss of grass courts but felt the issues outweigh the loss and for the club to prosper and be successful into the future, all weather surface required
- Grass courts have limited playing season of 5 months maximum, being locked and unusable for 7 months of the year. Members in today's world need certainty of play and 30% of members lost every year
- Tennis Club recognise it would only be a user, and noted Friends of The Rec would intend to provide activity for all sorts of ages. Issue of compromise with sports surfaces raised. Would need to be tennis-specific.
- Development Plan to be drawn up
- Testimonials on the family friendly club set-up heard, together with social aspects and nurture of Junior section
- Experience of Cambs Lawn Tennis Association regarding struggles of the vast majority of clubs where vibrancy not seen
- Early indications from SCDC do not show any issues regarding planning permission, including floodlights
- VAT liability issues to be investigated
- Indications that grant funding applications for this project would not prejudice other applications planned elsewhere in villages

Cllr Ing spoke in support on the proposals:

- Parish Council has assumed objective of improving fitness and health of our residents as well as much youth provision as can
- Vibrant clubs provide a cohesion and loyalty, one of the joys of living in a community. Importance of maintaining essential components of structure of our villages

It was noted the Parish Council will be asked to support applications for grant funding in February 2015. The decision on funding level of Parish Council would be requested in Autumn 2015

Questions followed:

Cllr Nudds - queried timeframe for cricket nets?

Answer – Required for start of next season. Recreation Committee would put in funding request to precept discussion

Cllr Dunn – site of nets?

Answer – Would be relocated slightly, pedestrian access from football club car park may

	<p><i>need to be closed/relocated. Lighting may need attention</i> Cllr Abdullah – Had covers for grass or lights for grass been considered? <i>Answer – Does not work as dew still settles.</i> Concern over cost and loss of other projects or extra burden on residents through precept. Whilst sympathetic to the cause, concern over where this expenditure would stand in priority of things Concern over implicit support of funding if supporting funding application in February 2015 <i>Answer – Autumn decision on funding detailed</i> Cllr Nudds – Concern over extra administration burden of usage and coaching etc. Projections on Parish Council over a period of time required. Query over priority for local residents <i>Answer – Envisage membership would double, resulting in expected increase in payment to Recreation Committee. Also significant increase on income for public courts expected. Complete transformation of administration expected, to include on-line booking and better links-in to fitness, provision of equipment</i> Chairman summed up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation document would be shared on Parish Council website and article in newsletter • Recreation Committee need to develop a Recreation Development Plan to include capital budgets and to form priorities • Both projects would appear to be good investments, but the issues is how to fund them if agreed <p>Members thanked the Tennis Club representatives for a good presentation, who left the meeting</p>	
097.2	<p><u>Staff Matters</u> Agreed that under the (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960), the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted <u>Apprentice</u> following confirmation advice from College of West Anglia, Proposed Cllr Ing, seconded Cllr Davies all in favour to agree To accept Employment Committee recommendation that an hourly rate be offered to any new apprentice to be employed from or after 5 January 2015, of £4.50 per hour week day rate and an enhanced rate of £5.50 per hour for weekends, subject to delegated powers to clerk to agree more suitable rate following advice from College of West Anglia at meeting due 13 November, up to the maximum rate discussed by Council. Noted Assistant Groundsman had been willing to substitute for Groundsman at weekend recently. Website and newsletter article planned to draw attention to role locally <u>Admin Assistant</u> Proposed Cllr Ing seconded Cllr Wood To accept Employment Committee recommendation to award a 2 scale increase (one scale for success in CiLCA portfolio - as set out in adopted National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of Service of Local Council Clerks 2004 – and one scale for performance – in taking on new duties with Highways Committee) from 1 December 2014 to Scale 17 and request that the Employment Committee review the award within a 6 month period and determine whether a further scale point be awarded. All in favour <u>Noted National agreement</u> to award 2.2% pay rise to all staff from 1 January 2015, together with non-consolidated pro-rata payments in December 2014 for all scales and April for higher scales</p>	Employment Committee
097.3	<p><u>“In Committee” Precept Discussion</u> Chairman formally asked extension under Standing Order 1x). Agreed Chairman took views of members on options for precept holding or increase for 2015-16, noting decision may need to be made prior to information on County Council or South Cambs increases. Acceptance that increases will be necessary Various views put forward on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensible use of reserves; S106 time limits • Possibility of additional loans in part payment of projects • Importance of 3 year capital plan and rationale for final requests • 1% on precept raised approximately £2,500 • Delegated responsibilities coming down from County or District • Difference between increased expenditure to “stand still” and to increase services <p>Finance Committee to discuss strategy 15 December in light of Committee budgets put forward. Precept recommendation to be set 12 January 2015. All Councillors welcome to attend</p>	

14/098	<p>TO REQUEST Matters for next Agenda</p> <p>Adoption of new Financial Regulations/Terms of Reference/Delegation/Standing Orders</p> <p>Half Yearly Review of Donations</p> <p>Precept Request 15-16</p> <p>Emergency Plan – (if available)</p>	
14/099	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Monday 19th January 2015 7.30pm – Recreation Centre, Recreation Ground, New Road, Impington</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed 9.37 pm</p>	

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