## Minutes of the Meeting held of Histon & Impington Parish Council Community Room, Histon & Impington Recreation Ground, New Road, Impington Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016, 7.30pm

3 Appendices attached

## **Full Council Minutes**

Agenda No:	Present: Clirs: David Jenkins (Chair), Andy Butcher, Marian Cleaver, Steve Carrington, Neil Davies, Tim Ewbank, Elaine Farrell, Cedric Foster, Brian Ing, Simon Jocelyn, David Legge, Pene Nudds, Denis Payne, Edd Stonham Nick Wood Clerk: Angela Young  1 resident	Action/ Power
16/107	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Cllrs: Aga Cahn (personal), Christine Hertoghe (personal), Ashley Gordon (work) Josephine Teague (personal). Cty Cllr Mason, Dist Cllr Cross	
16/108	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS	
	<ul> <li>a) Declarations of pecuniary interest from Councillors on items on the agenda – Cllr Davies item 117 – Histon &amp; Impington Community Treasurer (non-pecuniary)</li> <li>b) Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests – None</li> <li>c) Any new requests for dispensations – None</li> </ul>	
16/109	DATE(s) OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
	Available on website www.hisimp.net	
16/110	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
	Lin Reid, Impington resident attended to voice concerns, especially from dog walkers, at recent and sudden moves to fence off farmland in the north east of the villages. This had left the area without suitable walking routes locally Comments made:  - This served to show the extra strain on official open spaces in the villages but there was little the Parish Council could do where private land was involved. However, the Parish Council was in good and on-going dialogue with Chivers	
	Farms, for instance re proposed Milton Road project  - It was noted that barbed wire had been used on top of fencing to rear of the Vets  - The lake to the south of the villages had been fenced off prior to this  - Insurance issues were sometimes reason to fence off farmland  - A project had been considered looking at linking up footways from Bedlam Farm through to Mill Lane where there was just a 50m gap. This could be re-looked at  - The absence of an adopted Neighbourhood Plan which will underpin thinking on future open space  Members noted the concerns expressed and agreed to factor them into decisions taken going forward	
16/111	TO APPROVE minutes of the Meeting held 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	
	Prop Cllr Wood sec Cllr Carrington all in favour to accept as a true record of the meeting	
16/112	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	
	Actions List (Appx 1) copied to all and accepted. Further discussion on:	
112.1 112.2	<u>Item 085.1 Long term issues</u> Cllrs Ing and Jenkins to meet <u>Item 090.2 Notes of County Council meeting</u> held 16 <sup>th</sup> August provided to al	DJ/BSI
16/113	TO RECEIVE REPORTS	
113.1	<u>County Council</u> written report received from Cty Cllr Jenkins covering: various meetings attended; consultations; local matters. Additional discussion on: <u>County Council</u> meeting on Devolution, due 22 <sup>nd</sup> November <u>Lease on Histon Library</u> extended to 2019 to fit in with rolling calendar of reviews	



**South Cambs** written report received from Dist Cllrs Stonham and Davies covering: Devolution; Local Plan; Enforcement; SCDC Ecology Officer. No additional discussion <u>Clerk's Report (Pg 1 - 2)</u> (Appx 2) accepted. Additional discussion on: <u>Mobile Warden Scheme</u> meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Cleaver reported that Village 113.2 Warden now working at maximum client level, with 24 households covered. The budget proposal for 2017-18 Parish Council is £2,500, an increase on 2016-17 of £1,000 Youth Work Cllr Nudds highlighted the level of work required to ensure coverage of youth activity during sickness leave this summer, and the need to continue to ensure staff team was robust enough in future Parish Council Conference St Ives 18th November. Members reported on an interesting conference and the launch of the Innovation Scheme. Four workshops attended. Lists of possible projects provided, which would be provided to all Committee Chairs. Cllr Davies had led one on the work with Histon & Impington Mental Health well-being. Cllr Payne highlighted challenges being seen by Trumpington Meadows regarding precept setting in their first year and the similar challenges to be met when Darwin Green is developed SCDC Parish Forum 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Cllr Ing to attend **BSI** 113.3 Chairman's Report (Appx 3) accepted. Additional discussion on: Neighbourhood Plan Proposed Cllr Jenkins, seconded Cllr Butcher, all in favour and JDJ AGREED to publish the survey report and presentation papers seen at Council on the website. Background data available on request. Open meeting due 8th December, 160 people had provided emails requesting updates. Neighbourhood Plan Group to report **January** again at January Full Council agenda Open Space Need to explore a coherent strategy for footpaths and walking routes noted. Discussion on possible options at Community Park planned for Milton Road; reduction envisaged of school playing fields over the next 20 years; the need to fight to keep as much open space as possible. Proposal to make presentation to Village Society and Impington Village College. Discussion on library site options for the future and the need for joined up thinking by the County Council on wider picture issues. With agreement of the Council, Chair brought forward item 117 Other Matters - . Chair returned to agenda order after this item 113.4 Other Committee Chairs reports/Items for Decision

Recreation Committee next meeting due 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016

113.5 Working Group/Task & Finish Group Reports

Kings Meadow Working Party meeting notes 18<sup>th</sup> October provided to all. Meeting due with Community Development SCDC 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Agreement to**: Christmas tree budget £195 to be transferred to general Christmas event costs to support community engagement at Kings Meadow, all **AGREED**Public Art Working Party meeting notes 20<sup>th</sup> October provided to all

Funding and progression of Graffiti Art project at cost of £250 per day for organiser, plus any management fee if required. Cllr Nudds estimated that 3-4 days would be required, with a maximum spend of £1,000 including costs for framing the boards held from a recent graffiti event. Delegated to Environment Committee 6<sup>th</sup> December for agreement. Noted delegation already with Environment Committee on BT phone box renovation and public art use. Noted Committee working on updating the Public Art Strategy

Newsletter Editorial Task & Finish Group meeting held 26th October 2016

Youth Task & Finish Group meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> October. Next meeting due early 2017. Update on other external meetings held. Presentation of Youth Worker's November report.

Agreement to: additional hours for self-employed youth worker Rachel Denning to end November (2 hours per week); continuation of uplift of Deborah Orton to lead youth worker at Junior Youth Club to end of term (4 hours per week). Noted Older Person Co-ordinator and Youth Worker joint working on projects. Proposed Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Foster, all in favour and AGREED to continue employment/contract work to enable youth club to continue to end of term

Emergency Plan meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> November

<u>Timebanking Task & Finish</u> meeting held 4 November, on-going actions noted <u>Community Park Project Working Party</u> informal meetings held. Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> November, notes and updating report including information on status of drainage and transport reports provided to all and noted. Next meeting due 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Cllr Davies outlined recent events and meetings. Working Party to meet again 5<sup>th</sup> January to consider consultation process with Stakeholder meeting planned February 2017.

Environment Committee



113.4 113.5	Noted drainage and traffic surveys would not be undertaken until after signature of the Conditional Purchase agreement which would only come into effect once planning permission granted. A timeline of decision dates would be provided as soon as possible together with 5 year forecast estimates for Finance, Legal & Admin Committee for precept consideration  Agreement to: Legal costs of up to £5,000 of which £2,000 will be for work on the conditional agreement. Proposed Cllr Davies, seconded Cllr Stonham 13 in favour, 1 abstention and AGREED  Neighbourhood Plan results meeting held 16 <sup>th</sup> November  Drainage Working Party meeting due 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	BSI/NSD
16/114	TO ACCEPT COMMITTEE REPORTS note actions and agree	
114.1	Planning Committee draft minutes 1 <sup>st</sup> November provided to all and accepted. Next meetings due 29 <sup>th</sup> November, 20 <sup>th</sup> December. Cllr Nudds again highlighted concerns over	
114.2	root protection within access road at Rose and Crown Public house  Highways Committee draft minutes 10 <sup>th</sup> November provided to all and accepted. Next meeting 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2017. <b>Agreement to:</b> Local Highways Initiative Application 2017-18.  "To seek approval to submit Pedestrian Support Package as prepared by Highways Committee as part of the LHI Application 2017-18 application. To delegate submission to Clerk working with Highways Chairman, noting application to be submitted by 30 <sup>th</sup>	
114.3	November via CCC website". Proposed Cllr Butcher, seconded Cllr Foster all in favour and AGREED noting requirement to provide £10,000 in 2017-18 budgets.  Chairman formally asked for an extension under Standing Order 1x). Agreed Employment Committee taken at end of meeting "In Committee". Draft minutes 11 <sup>th</sup> November noted. Next scheduled meeting due 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2017  Noted increase in Foundation Living Wage level took affect April 2016. Noted recommendation to include allowance for 1 SCP for all staff in 2017-18 budget figures Proposed Cllr Ing, seconded Cllr Wood all in favour and AGREED to change in job description and increase to SCP 22 Assistant Clerk from April 2017, for review after Newsletter editorialship trial Proposed Cllr Ing, seconded Cllr Stonham all in favour and Further staff matters discussed; until relevant staff members informed this part of the	
114.4	minutes are withheld. <u>Environment Committee</u> draft minutes 25 <sup>th</sup> October provided to all and accepted. Next meeting due 6 <sup>th</sup> December	
16/115	TO RECEIVE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT (Appx 2 Pgs 3 & 4)	
115.1 115.2 115.3	Finance, Legal and Administration Committee next meeting due 5 <sup>th</sup> December  Delegated payment of accounts noted  Approve payment of outstanding accounts Proposed Cllr Ing, seconded Cllr Ewbank all in favour and AGREED to approve, subject to retrospective approval to 11 items added to	
115.4 115.5 115.6	agenda papers <u>Amounts paid in</u> noted <u>Internal Audit</u> two visits held, further visit due 30 <sup>th</sup> November <u>Half yearly review</u> of donations, detailed in Clerks Report (Appx 2). One application received from Histon & Impington Day Centre. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr Ing all in favour that in light of reserves and income Council unable to agree a donation for 2016. Day Centre to be invited to re-apply in June 2017 without prejudice	
16/116	RECENT CORRESPONDENCE	
116.1 116.2	Circulation file available for all  CAPALC AGM 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 – to suggest motions to be tabled  AGREED to provide three motions:  - CAPALC and NALC establish online discussion forums whereby Parishes can exchange information, guidance, best practice; particularly around devolution  - NALC to be challenged to deliver real, practical guidance on devolution  - CAPALC to establish a policy committee in order to effectively respond to the devolution agenda in Cambridgeshire, with the aim of getting a Parish representative at the top devolution "table", as is being achieved elsewhere (e.g. Cornwall)  Yesteryear Road Run request 2017. AGREED use of Green for 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2017	



116.4	Other Correspondence Reports on rats on farmland close to dog walking routes. Farmer had been contacted and was aware of issues	
16/117	OTHER MATTERS	
117.1	Workshop Summary (August 2016) Paper provided to all. Noting a strong indication that Council should be more strategic, it was felt the Council should be looking 3 years out and further. Cllr Ing warned Council against making changes at the expense of what is currently being undertaken voluntarily by Councillors. Cllr Jenkins stated at times it is appropriate to get expert help	
117.2	Parish Council Organisation Cllr Jenkins provided a paper setting out his thinking on how the Council might respond to the needs of the future, after discussions with the Vice Chair and Finance, Legal and Admin Chair. The Innovation Fund was discussed. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, seconded Cllr Davies 14 in favour, 1 abstention and AGREED to form a Task & Finish group to consider the proposals and to bring forward a specific proposal to the March Council meeting which would, if approved, result in changes being made for the new Council year in May 2017. Membership all Committee Chairs, who would also need to report back to and from their Committees	March agenda
	<ul> <li>Discussion held on:</li> <li>Rationalising meeting calendar</li> <li>Suggestions of bi-monthly with a workshop scenario every other month</li> <li>Mondays and Tuesdays only would mean little room for manoeuvre for rescheduling</li> <li>Strategic planning and vision requirements</li> <li>The need to become more focused and not bogged down in minor detail</li> <li>Better linking of Committees required</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Outward facing could mean people from the community could become involved and the Council integrated more in the community</li> <li>Loss of influence</li> <li>Longer term issues of staff changes – and the need to get it right now</li> <li>Fear that ideas as stated could mean impossible agendas – items could become ungainly and drop off the list</li> </ul>	
117.3	• Mechanism to get other ideas on Committee structure from local Councils Older Person Co-Ordinator  "to agree increased funding request £4,500 per annum". Cllr Davies declared a non-pecuniary interest and took no part in the vote. Letter of application from HICOM, registered Charity, for change in arrangements for funding from 60% of costs (£3,600 in 2016-17) to a flat £4,500 fee for 2017-18 in order to increase the hours of the assistant OPC, with both co-ordinators employed by the Charity. Other funders noted and the good investments in our community, however it was felt some governance was needed in future to strengthen the partnership with HICOM. Members requested more priority be given to getting new initiatives off the ground in 2017. Request was supported by the Council's appointed representative of HICOM, Cllr Ing. Proposed Cllr Stonham, seconded Cllr Farrell and AGREED that Histon & Impington Parish Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure: "to grant to HICOM funding towards the Older Person's Co-Odinator at £4,500 per annum in 2017-18" 13 in favour, 1 abstention (Cllr Davies) and AGREED. HICOM AGM due 7 <sup>th</sup> December, 8:15pm  Mental Health Champion Role funding request for £14,000 split over 2 years at £7,000 per annum. Cllr Davies declared a non-pecuniary interest and took no part in the vote. Following a presentation to Council in October, HICOM requested a grant of £14,000 over 2 years in 2017-18 and 2018-19 to employ a Mental Health Champion. Other funders noted. Noting that £7,000 was some 2% of the precept, and the application may continue after a 2 year period. Prop Cllr Ing, sec Cllr Stonham, AGREED that Histon & Impington Parish Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the	LGA 1972 s137
	Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:- "to grant to HICOM the sum of £14,000 split over 2 years from 2017-18 at £7,000 per annum towards the employment of a Mental Health Champion"	LGA 1972 s137



117.5	To note Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Report dated November 2016 and agree on next steps for publication. See item 113.3 Chairs Report	
16/118	HOW TO COMMUNICATE MEETING DECISION AND MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA	
	Website:	
	Neighbourhood Plan Results	
	Mental Health and Older Persons Funding Minor Highways Initiative News	
	Open Space issue on north east of community raised by resident present	
	Youth Club News	
	Next agenda/s:	
	Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations	
	Setting of Precept for 2017-18	
16/0119	Next Full Council: Histon & Impington Parish Council	
	Extra Ordinary meeting Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2016, 7pm	
	Next Full Council Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Recreation Centre, Recreation Ground, New Road, Impington	
	Meeting closed 9:52.pm	
	Appendices Attached:	
	Appx 1 – Action List	
	Appx 2 – Clerk's Report	
	Appx 3 – Chair's Report	

