

HISTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of meeting held at Recreation Centre, New Road, Impington, Monday 18th May 2015 7 p.m.

Present: David Jenkins (Chairman)

Clerk: Angela Young

Histon Residents: Belinda Benton, Kate Brierton, Marian Cleaver, Marcus Dann, Neil Davies, Cedric Foster, Doug Frazer, Marie Frazer, Chris Gooch, Derek Marston, Lynda Marsh, Jean Newman, Max Parish, Derek Pipe, Edd Stonham

Impington Residents: Hooda Abdullah, Aga Cahn, Christine Hertoghe, Brian Ing, Amanda Layzell, David Legge, Pene Nudds, Denis Payne, Chelsea Presland, Josephine Teague, Nick Wood

Non-residents: Chris Cross, Linda Cross

1 **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN**

The Parish meetings were held concurrently. David Jenkins, Chairman of Histon & Impington Parish Council welcomed all to the 121st Annual Parish Meeting of Impington Parish. Mrs Young had agreed to take minutes. Chairman encouraged all to tweet or blog if wished during the meeting

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

John Dunn, Ruth Moulder, Shaun Lindsay, Rob Campbell, Tony Martin

3 **MINUTES OF THE 120th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th MAY 2014, MATTERS ARISING**

All agreed to sign as true record. No matters arising

4 **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Chairman read out an annual report for 2014-15 covering a few of the highlights for the community, and challenges and expectations for 2015-16 (**Appendix 1**) Presentation would be available on website shortly, with a version in the next HI quarterly Newsletter.

David Jenkins also highlighted:

Work of Parish Council Youth Worker Andrea Cramp during 2014-15 and scope for further synergy in the community

Qualification in CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) for Parish Council Committee Clerk Chelsea Presland, and

30 years service this coming year for Trevor Smith, Litter Picker and Assistant Groundsman for the Parish Council

5 **PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2014-15**

(**Appendix 2**) Paper provided to all, and would be on website shortly. Information on budget against expenditure would be available on request

6 **MR JOHN RICHARDS, CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL**

John Richards gave a presentation to the Parish Meeting on the City Council's experience of implementing 20mph zones and limits in Cambridge (**Appendix 3**)

He felt the issues encountered could equally be applied in a village setting, such as Histon and Impington, highlighting:

- City-wide approach had been fundamental. Noted Orchard Park not included
- Overall cost had risen over 3 years to reach £600,000, with 60,000 consultation letters sent out
- Need for support and ownership publically, then effectively self enforcing. 18% return on consultation papers
- A and B roads generally unsuited for 20mph because of characteristics. Some exceptions had been made where public demand strong
- The need to ensure delays and congestion not increased
- General presumption of zones, but a cul de sac may be better as a limit
- Each mph reduced shows a saving of 5 casualties statistically
- Future of enforcement levels required not yet known
- Had been key not to introduce 20mph limit on roads where would get a low level of compliance
- Lessons learned included: challenges on value for money; flexibility required on policy; sign positioning can be key

Mr Richards finished by saying if funding together with a commitment and desire were there, it seemed there was no reason that a 20mph scheme could not be introduced in Histon and Impington. The overall potential savings on cost to society of traffic incidents was a point to consider.

Chairman opened the meeting up for questions:

Max Parish, Church Street Q. Had the scheme been agreed before or after public consultation, with only a 10% return being positive? A. City Councillors had been receiving repeated requests to introduce the scheme, and were mindful of national thinking and had made a decision to move towards lower speeds. Members were happy they had a clear mandate to move forward and had made a decision to avoid inconsistencies City-wide

Derek Marston, Dwyer Joyce Close Q. Was the self-enforcement concept seen as naïve in retrospect? A. It remained the case that in principle enforcement should not be needed; Police applied a light touch enforcement where required and a more robust one at hot spots. The Council's threshold was a 24mph mean speed

Pene Nudds, Clay Close Lane Q. Could the scheme have been delivered cheaper? What would a ballpark figure for Histon & Impington be? A. A significant proportion of costs had been the consultation costs, which could be shaped as a less comprehensive approach. Included was a £80,000 commuted sum for maintenance of signs. Potentially costs for Histon & Impington could be a few tens of thousands of pounds

Brian Ing, Woodcock Close Q. What was expected to be the longevity of the effect? A. It was accepted that early compliance for lower speeds did not always remain. The answer as yet is unknown.

Emailed information from Histon resident Andrew Boylett would be referred to Parish Council Highways Committee should discussions take place on possible scheme introduction.

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OPEN FORUM

Max Parish, Church Street, Histon Noting the £75,960 surplus into reserves for 2014-15 Max asked for information on actuals against budgets. Denis Payne, Chair of Histon & Impington Parish Council Finance, Legal and Admin Committee responded that the surplus arose from surprise income from S106 moneys and grant funding, together with unfinished but agreed projects that had been carried forward into the current year, including the fencing at Homefield Park and proposals for a lease at Bypass Farm which had stalled. He was happy to go through details if required.

Chris Gooch, Cottenham Road, Histon voiced concerns of parents over Year 2 children being relocated from Infant School to Junior School from September, with little notice given. A group wished to oppose the plans and fight to postpone any plans until properly and adequately considered. Issues included: Access, traffic management, transfer, un-integral part of school to be used. David Jenkins reported on discussion today with County Council who had apologised for the way in which communication had been handled. County Council

willing to attend open meeting to discuss. Neil Davies called for an element of trust to be employed with the Junior School Head Teacher.

Max Parish, Church Street, Histon raised the consultation currently underway on Cambridgeshire Libraries proposing voluntary running of libraries and asked if the Parish Council had responded. The Parish Council had not responded, and David Jenkins pointed out there were other options on the table. David Jenkins considered that the community should look at the local library and see how it can be exploited for other uses in the village. Max Parish, Church Street, Histon asked for confirmation that the oak tree planted on School Hill in 1936 would not be felled to enable pavement widening alongside the Manorial Waste. It was confirmed the Parish Council had not formed a view on this, Pene Nudds Tree Warden stressed she would oppose any such proposal. David Jenkins clarified the Parish Council was keen to widen the pavement at that point as it was currently an obstacle for people wishing to reach the High Street. The scheme had not yet progressed as it was not yet funded.

There being no further matters raised, meeting was closed at 8.25pm