

HIGHAM ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Date: Monday 29th May 2018
Time: 7.30 pm
Present: Cllr Golder (Chair), Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Waterton, Cllr Robinson
D Dickson (Clerk), Ivan Old (County Councillor), Reg Ward (Borough Councillor),
6 members of the public

1) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Gayton.

2) **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 9th April 2018 were agreed by the Parish Councillors present, and then signed as a true record of the meeting

3) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**

There were no declarations of interest by any member.

4) **LOCAL POLICING ISSUES / NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

No direct contact from Police representative. There was a theft from a car on Main Street

5) **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

A report had already been circulated. A report of children being followed in Stoke Golding is ongoing.

6) **BOROUGH COUNCIL ISSUES**

- 6.1 Pot holes in Higham Lane from Stoke Golding have been reported. They have been marked but not yet repaired.
- 6.2 A campaign against fly tipping is in progress
- 6.3 Strategic Development Plan. Everyone is to be involved. Some plans identified will have an impact but will not necessarily be an improvement

7) **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

- 7.1 Village Sign (previously 7.1 Matters Outstanding) – The lowering of the sign is to be considered as soon as it is convenient to do so.

7.2 Recreation Ground

7.2.1 Section 106 monies – New Development (previously 7.2.4 Matters Outstanding). The new equipment is in the process of being installed. The 106 monies of £82,000.00 have been released to the Parish Council.

It was agreed that an official opening would be arranged and that suggestions should be made for who should perform that opening.

7.2.2 It was agreed that a press release and photo shoot should also be arranged for the Toddler area now that the new surface has been installed (part funded with a grant from the Parish Initiative fund). Edwina Grant to be contacted for suggestions on how to go about achieving this.
Action: Parish Clerk

7.3 Vehicle activated signs (previously 7.3 Matters Outstanding). Confirmation has now been received from James Gibson at HBBC with regard to which columns can be used. New batteries have been ordered.

7.4 Community Speed Watch (previously 7.4 Matters Outstanding). No volunteers have come forward to take this forward

7.5 New Community Centre (previously 7.5 Matters Outstanding). Cllr Waterton to investigate possible land that could be used for this.

Action: Councillor Waterton

7.6 First Aid Training for Defibrillator Users (previously 7.6 Matters Outstanding). Training to be organised.

Action: Councillor Gayton

7.7 Path down Nuneaton Lane (previously 7.7 Matters Outstanding). Ref: SR-9956480 AD) [Ref: 1601304919585] (Old Ref: 9149142/9149136 SK (ZN REF:76127415912). Waiting for further investigation from LCC. Ivan Ould has agreed to chase this issue.

Action: Ivan Ould

7.8 Land at Rear of Hilary Bevins Close (previously 7.8 Matters Outstanding).

7.8.1 David Wilson Homes have cut the grass

7.8.2 A tree survey has been carried out

7.8.3 The Land Registry documentation has been signed and sent to the solicitors.

7.9 Pavements in Station Road (previously 7.9 Matters Outstanding). Uneven footway, Station Road 9959106 [REF:813033162276] Ivan Ould is to chase this issue

Action: Ivan Ould

7.10 Football Club (previously 7.10 Matters Outstanding). Need to confirm how many games have been played so that an invoice can be issued

Action: Parish Clerk

7.11 Exit to A5 from Wood Lane (previously 7.11 Matters Outstanding). Correspondence has been received from Highways England to say that as there have been no collisions at this junctions

no more action will be taken regarding this issue. Ivan Ould is to contact LCC Highways to look into the possibility of extra signs being erected in Wood Lane **Action: Ivan Ould**

7.12 Manhole cover in Nuneaton Lane (previously 7.12 Matters Outstanding). This has been reported to Highways 10155442 (Ref 2114759321701). They have passed it on to BT. It has been chased but no update. Ivan Ould has agreed to chase this item

Action: Parish Clerk

7.13 Flooding on Main Street, LCC Enquiry No 696477 (previously 7.13 Matters Outstanding). Works on the gully is to take place shortly

7.14 Party in the Park 2018 (previously 7.15 Matters Outstanding). This is ongoing

7.15 Election (previously 11.2 Other Matters). The election is scheduled to take place on 31st May 2018.

7.16 Footpath T50 (previously 11.3 Other Matters). This is being looked into.

7.17 Data Protection – GDPR (previously 11.5 Other Matters). This is ongoing

8) **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been received via email and forwarded to Parish Councillors as appropriate.

9) **PLANNING**

9.1 Barwell SUE. A total of 2500 houses has been signed off for 106 monies. The developers are in talks with the land owners

9.2 18/00425/FUL – Construction of a connected and autonomous Vehicle (CAV) testing track, a control tower and storage building, ground works, landscaping and associated infrastructure – Horiba MIRA Ltd. This is part of the expansion already agreed for Horiba MIRA Ltd and is situated on the far side of the site. HBBC are monitoring the plan carefully so no objections.

9.3 18/00405/TPOCA – Works to trees – Canterbury House, 117 Main Street. We have concerns that the extent of works to these very old trees is very severe. The small leaved limes are old trees and not only are they rare but magnificent in stature. We need to make sure that any works done to these trees is necessary and done in a professional manner. Ivy does not damage trees. We will oppose the application until we get a professional view that the works are essential and not detrimental to the trees or the conservation area where they are located. These trees are veteran trees and should be protected. These trees in the old rectory field are a rarity in the village. We have very few veteran trees.

10) **FINANCE**

10.1 The Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18 was approved as correct and signed.

10.2 The Annual Accounting Statements for 2017/18 were approved as correct and signed.

- 10.3 Confirmation was made of a balance of £403.00 of the 106 monies which needs to be requested as this has been used for the play equipment installation.
- 10.4 A BACS payment has been received from HBBC for £82,000.00 of the 106 monies
- 10.5 A cheque was approved and signed for M Smith for £296.60 for grounds maintenance for April 2018
- 10.6 A cheque was approved and signed for D Dickson for £26.00 for Clerk's expenses
- 10.7 A cheque was approved and signed for Thomas Flavell & Sons for £320.00 for Land Registry fee
- 10.8 A cheque was approved and signed for Kompan Ltd for £16,400.00 for the VAT element of the playground equipment
- 10.9 A payment of £60.00 was made via the debit card to Local Council Advisory Service for GDPR data packs
- 10.10 A payment of £192.00 was made via the debit card to Westcotec Ltd for additional batteries for the VAS cameras
- 10.11 A payment of 82,000.00 was made via the debit card (2 payments of £41,000.00) to Kompan Ltd for the new play equipment in the recreation ground.
- 10.12 A payment of £480.00 was made via the debit card to Kompan Ltd for excavation works in the recreation ground.
- 10.13 Following discussions between the Parish Councillors and with data from The National Joint Council for Local Government (NLC) an increase was agreed to the Clerk's salary in line with the 2018-2019 National Salary Award. The new hourly rate from 1st April 2018 will be £9.808 per hour

11) **OTHER MATTERS**

- 11.1 Damaged bollard in Main Street (Church Farm). This bollard is loose and appears as though it has been hit by a vehicle
- 11.2 Remembrance Sunday 11th November 2018. Suggestions are requested for special events that could be held to mark the centenary celebrations.
- 11.3 Dog waste bin at balancing pond. It was suggested that at a date in the near future a dog waste bin could be installed at the balancing pond.
- 11.4 Path around recreation ground. This needs maintenance carrying out as the recent rains have washed the stones out. We need to obtain quotes for carrying out this work. The monies would come from the ring fenced money (balance of £4780.20).

11.5 Speeding tractor in Station Road. The registration number and photographs of this vehicle have been sent to the Police.

12) **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

12.1 A question was asked about publication of the accounts. It was advised that as they had been signed and approved at this meeting they would now be published on the parish website.

The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Methodist Church as follows:

Monday 23rd July 2018

Signed _____

Dated _____