

HIGHAM ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes



Date: Monday 4th January 2021
Time: 7.00 pm
Present: Cllr Golder (Chair), Cllr Jenkins (Vice-Chair), Cllr Gayton, Cllr Waterton, Cllr Grimes, Cllr J Collett (HBBC), Cllr I Ould (LCC), A Perkins (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

01/21/1 APOLOGIES

Cllr Whitehead

01/21/2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr B Golder re item 01/21/9 i Fence at rear of 21 Main Street

01/21/3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 9th November 2020 were agreed by the Parish Councillors present and signed as a true record of the meeting.

01/21/4 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Ould reported that he had submitted his objection to planning application 20/01065/HYB The Oddfellows and that he was due to sign the petition raised by Mr B Collett.

Cllr J Collett reported that he too had submitted his objection to above planning application and had signed the petition. In his objection he had referred to past RTA's opposite the Oddfellows and to recent property damage (2020) by farm vehicles on Main Street in the vicinity of the proposed development. However, he stressed his concerns that Highways may assess the access to the proposed application on the grounds that historically it was a car park with vehicular access onto Main Street, thereby not taking previous accident history into consideration. He also suggested that the recent publication of the HBBC Rural Strategy could be used as a document to support objections to the application.

Cllr Golder asked about the state of HBBC finances. Cllr Collett responded that these are still unknown but confirmed that the 2021 Parish Council Initiative Fund had been protected but that the medium term financial strategy was yet to be agreed/published.

01/21/5 CLERKS REPORT

Previously 07/20/6 - Tree Works required in Old Churchyard – Planning application submitted for work to trees in conservation area. Faculty required and application submitted to Church of England.

11/20/6 - The remaining mess at 1 Mill Gardens and the electric cable running to boot of car (H3 KON) reported to Sue Brown at HBBC Housing and photos taken and sent. Resolved.

11/20/9 - Vexatious Complaints Policy – circulated to Cllrs – see items for consideration and resolution 01/21/9

£50 donation made by bank transfer to Citizens Advice Bureau

£50 Subscription made by bank transfer to Leics & Rutland Wildlife Trust

11/20/10 - Speed Awareness Team. Advised by LCC that this dept's duties have been suspended due to COVID 19. Clerk to take issues to LCC Clerks meeting on 08.01.21.

Email sent to Cartwrights requesting that the site be tidied – no response rec'd.

Budget Fortnightly emptying of dog waste bins requested from HBBC from Jan 2021 until further notice.

Met with Cllr Jenkins to discuss reduction of mowing to aid local biodiversity.

01/21/6 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- i. Vehicle activated signs - Westcotec have returned the VAS un-repaired. It works but has to be charged every 12 days! Two options: 1) Once lockdown is lifted, it is to be taken to a company in Coalville recommended by LCC. 2) Look to purchase a new hard wired permanently situated VAS at approx. £2,500. Location will need to be agreed and a windage report undertaken. Please email your thoughts on location to Cllr Gayton before the next meeting on 15th Feb 2021. **Action: Cllr Gayton**
- ii. Cllr Jenkins reported that the ACV is now in place. A viability survey has been commissioned, paid for by funds from STOP group, to counteract Cartwrights claims that the pub was not a viable concern before they purchased the site. If the planning application is thrown out, it is likely to go to appeal so any documents that assist in fighting an appeal will be helpful.
- iii. Cllr Jenkins advised that the children at Higham on the Hill CE Primary School had taken part in the 'Name the Field Competition' and that Moo Meadow had been chosen as the winning name for the open field. It is anticipated that the children will be able to visit the field in the Spring. Prizes were purchased and given via the headteacher, Mrs Elspass.

Cllrs Ould and Collett left the meeting at 7.35pm.

01/21/7 ITEMS TO BE TAKEN INTO PRIVATE SESSION

None

01/21/8 PLANNING

20/01065/HYB - Hybrid application consisting of full permission for the part demolition/part conversion of former public house to a dwelling house and construction of five dwellings with access and outline permission for the erection of up to 20 dwellings and associated infrastructure - Oddfellows Arms 25 Main Street Higham On The Hill Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 6AH

01/21/9 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTION

- i. The owner of 21 Main Street has erected a temporary fence in exact accordance with what was discussed at a previous meeting. Cllr Jenkins proposed that a letter confirming



- a. the erection of a temporary fence was agreed until such time that the shrubs planted by the Parish Council reach a height to provide privacy, and
- b. that the land will always remain in the ownership of Higham on the Hill Parish Council to be sent to Mr Jason Francis.

Proposed: Cllr Gayton, For: Cllr Grimes, Jenkins, Against: Cllr Waterton
The motion was carried **Action: Parish Clerk**

- ii. VAS Speed Camera – see item 01/21/6 (i) above. **Action: All**
- iii. Precept 2021/2022 – Cllr Golder proposed that a 1% increase be requested. This was agreed with a show of hands. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- iv. No Mow May – All present agreed that in 2021 no areas would be mown to encourage growth of wild flowers and seed setting and to reduce grounds maintenance costs. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- v. Capital Reserves – it was agreed by a show of hands that the reserves be moved into a separate account from the current account. **Action: Parish Clerk**

01/21/10 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Contact form on website from a resident access to field from Hilary Bevins area from Hilary Bevins into the field leading to Main Street. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Gayton**

Residents email via Kate Philips - Basketball hoop: backboard and net needs to be replaced **Action: Cllr Gayton**

Problems on PROW T49 reported by landowner, Mr Robert Lowe, walkers not staying on the designated path line and trampling crops. Clerk to contact LCC PROW Officer. **Action: Parish Clerk**

01/21/11 FINANCE


Outgoings	Cheque No	Minutes	inc VAT	VAT 17.50%	non VAT	Date
LRALC Ltd - Clerks Training	Trf	04.01.21	£40.00		£40.00	18.12.20
Citizens Advice Leicestershire - Donation	Trf	04.01.21	£50.00		£50.00	11.11.20
Leics. & Rutland Wildlife Trust - Mem Fee	Trf	04.01.21	£50.00		£50.00	16.11.20
Mrs K Jones - Re Mutts Butts Poop Bags	Trf	04.01.21	£40.25	£6.71	£33.54	01.12.20
Mrs A Jenkins - Re Prizes for open field naming	Trf	04.01.21	£11.47	£1.72	£9.75	14.12.20
Westcotec - return carriage costs	Trf	04.01.21	£33.00	£5.50	£27.50	30.12.20

Balance at bank £23,131.70

Insurance premium due: 20th January 2021 - £775.78

01/21/12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th February 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom. The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signed:  Dated: 1st MARCH 2021