

# HIGHAM ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes



Date: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
Time: 7.00 pm  
Present: Cllr Golder (Chair), Cllr Jenkins (Vice-Chair), Cllr Gayton, Cllr Waterton, Cllr Whitehead, Cllr J Collett (HBBC), Cllr I Ould (LCC), A Perkins (Clerk)

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06/20/1      APOLOGIES

None

06/20/2      DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

06/20/3      MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 were agreed by the Parish Councillors present, and then signed as a true record of the meeting

06/20/4      COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr J Collett informed us that HBBC is now operating at almost normal levels however council finances remain a worry.

He confirmed his comments from the last meeting re the Stoke Golding/Wyken Lane developments of up to 150 houses across 4 sites and that he will be opposing these. His advice to all Parish Councils is to keep watch for speculative applications.

Fly tipping has subsided across the Borough since County Recycling Centre's have re-opened. Cllr Collett left the meeting at 19.31pm

Cllr I Ould informed us that he had progressed the Nuneaton Lane footpath issue with an email to Ann Carruthers re government grants for footpath improvements.

He reiterated comments made by Cllr Collett and informed us of the 850 homes for which planning has been granted on the A47 by the Triumph factory but which have not yet been built. He feels these alone meet the housing supply quota and that this should reduce the need for further developments to be approved.

No response as yet had been received re the lighting issues on Hilary Bevins Close since adoption. He also reminded us that on 8th July 2020 he will no longer be in the cabinet.

Cllr Ould left the meeting at 19.26pm

06/20/5      CLERKS REPORT

- (i) AGAR Certificate of Exemption has been published and sent to external auditors
- (ii) Local Council Award Scheme and General Power of Competence – Ongoing
- (iii) Clerks amended Contract of Employment has been signed.
- (iv) Switch to Unity Trust Bank from Natwest is now complete.
- (v) The Passenger Transport Policy & Strategy review notice had been put as a news item on the council's website.
- (vi) New email addresses had been created for Cllrs Golder, Gayton and Whitehead.
- (vii) Damaged stiles on paths T51 and T53 have been reported
- (viii) Damaged road signs on Stoke Lane have been reported.
- (ix) LRALC Clerks ¼ly meeting had been attended online on 12th June by the clerk.

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COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (i) Public Space Protection Order – Cllr Jenkins has ordered the 3 signs approved by the Parish Council and is awaiting delivery. Cllr Gayton will install them once received. **Action: Cllr Gayton**
- (ii) Path down Nuneaton Lane – Cllr Gayton had received a quotation for edging back, digging out, laying new stone bed and top dressing of £10,000 for half of the footway. Cllr Jenkins had received a quote of £50 to weed kill and £200 to edge back from another contractor. The clerk reminded the council that LCC had already agreed to undertake these works as part of their winter programme. It was felt that until the gully/flooding issue has been properly addressed, that no works be undertaken. Cllr Jenkins/Gayton to contact Jack Horsley for an update. **Action: Cllr Jenkins and Cllr Gayton**

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ITEMS TO BE TAKEN INTO PRIVATE SESSION

None

06/20/8

PLANNING

20/00439/FUL dated 19.0.20, Construction of an outdoor equestrian manege at Pretty Oak Farm Upton Lane Stoke Golding Leicestershire. No objections made.

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTION

- (i) Wildflowers for Open Field – consent given by all via emails. Seeds purchased by Cllr Jenkins at a cost of £48.75 + VAT.
- (ii) The Party in the Park 2020 event has had to be cancelled. The TRO has been cancelled but no refund is due. Cllr Gayton has retained all advertising materials and hopes to re-schedule the event in 2021. **Action: Cllr Gayton**
- (iii) Eyesore on Nuneaton Lane (RH side approaching the village) – Rubble from a demolished building. Rob Jones, landowner, to be written to regarding its possible removal. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- (iv) Stile to kissing gate on footpath T49 (Church Farm to Chicken Field) – Cllr Jenkins had spoken to Sarah Bowler at LCC to confirm what action we need to take. The Clerk has left two phone messages for Mr Mark Stew, the landowner. Clerk to telephone again to seek permission for alteration. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- (v) Tree Survey – Cllr Jenkins had spoken to LCC's Tree Surveyor, Stuart Marshall re aged trees in the Open Field and in the Old Churchyard. A survey would cost £650 and would determine whether any works were needed to ensure public safety in these spaces.  
*Proposed Cllr Waterton, seconded Cllr Whitehead and agreed by all*  
**Action: Cllr Jenkins**
- (vi) Open Field – Cllr Golder raised a question regarding who has the responsibility for managing the space. Cllr Jenkins explained that only a handful of residents had shown interest in the past. It was suggested that a proper committee be formed to make decisions moving forward. Cllr Waterton stressed that clarification should be made as to what the field can be used for. Cllrs Golder and Whitehead agreed. An item to be drafted for the next issue of the Fresh Outlook. Cllr Jenkins to liaise with the clerk regarding historical information. **Action: Cllr Jenkins/Parish Clerk**





(vii) Mill Gardens to Cherry Orchard Estate – Cllrs Golder had been contacted re the poor condition of the access road at the front of properties. Clerk to confirm whether this is access is adopted. If not, it will be the responsibility of the residents to repair the surface.  
**Action: Parish Clerk**

(viii) Conifer and pigeon problems – Cllr Golder had been contacted by Mr Carl Rowley regarding a large conifer and nesting pigeons in the garden of a property. Cllr Jenkins had contacted Orbit Housing and reported the issue which they will deal with. Resident to be notified of outcome.  
**Action: Cllr Jenkins**

06/20/10 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- I. An email had been received from resident Mr D Darlington of Station Road regarding an incident of damage to his greenhouse by a cricket ball coming from the Open Field. Cllr Golder and the Clerk to write to the owner of the cricket ball suggesting an alternative direction of play and requesting consideration towards residents. Also, a letter to be sent to Mr Darlington to explain that an assessment will be carried out by the Parish Council with regards to safe and considerate use of the Open Field by residents.
- II. Mrs Ursula Cox had asked whether the benches on the path in front of the school could be repainted. Albert to be asked if he is willing to undertake the work again.  
**Action: Cllr Gayton**

06/20/11 FINANCE

Payments made:

Payee	Method	Dated	Gross Amount
2Commune Ltd – 3 x emails	Trf	13.05.20	£126.00
Landlife Wildflowers	Trf	18.05.20	£58.50
C Lewis Groundworks - Ditching	Trf	19.05.20	£360.00
Michael W Smith – Grounds Maint	Trf	26.05.20	£505.00

It was agreed by all present that the following three payments be made:

A Perkins (Amazon - laptop stand)	£20.99
Mr J Harrison - Tree Works	£300.00
Fresh Outlook Magazine	£200.00

06/20/12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm via Zoom.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40PM

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

27 / 07 / 2020