

HIGHAM ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes



Date: Monday 28th September 2020
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), a member of the public.

09/20/1 APOLOGIES

Cllr Whitehead

09/20/2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

09/20/3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 27th July 2020 were agreed by the Parish Councillors present and signed as a true record of the meeting.

09/20/4 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Ould has asked Ashley Hughes, LCC Technical Highways Officer, to contact the clerk re speed issues and the deployment of the speed camera van. Ashley will also be dealing with the white lining, and weight limit signs.

Cllr Ould confirmed that HBBC now have a housing build allocation of 480 homes per annum and that villages will be at risk as they are preferred sites by those who respond to housing allocation surveys which inform the Governments housing algorithm.

Still no response re the lighting issues on Hilary Bevins Close since adoption.

Cllr Gayton thanked Cllr Ould for his help and support in getting the footpath on Nuneaton Lane made fit for purpose.

Cllr J Collett repeated his advice to all Parish Councils to keep watch for speculative applications. He is recommending Neighbourhood Plans be put in place. He is unsure whether the HBBC 5 year land supply has been met as yet. He confirmed that the National Forest is to be expanded but unfortunately we are not in the catchment area for this. Cllr Golder asked whether the long and arduous process of putting together a Neighbourhood Plan is worth the effort given that it is not guaranteed to stop planning altogether, to which Cllr Collett replied that Stoke Golding, who do not have a neighbourhood plan, are currently fighting 15 separate planning applications.

09/20/5 CLERKS REPORT

- i. Football Team and use of King George's Field – Contact had been made with Mr R Stanford of Higham FC and Sharon Hilton from Higham FC under 13's. Both stated that they would no longer be training at King Georges Field as they had other grounds to use. Maintenance of field to be reviewed at next meeting.
- ii. Parking on Main Street/Nuneaton Lane – Cllr Ould was contacted as the clerk had no luck contacting Fiona Brockley at the Road Safety Team directly. ETD Special

Projects have been emailed and are looking into our concerns inc. hidden/damaged signs, weight limit signs and white lining. This also relates to items v. vi and vii.

- iii. Proposal to refurbish/repair of Parish Council Notice Board –Cllr Gayton fixed the broken locking mechanism.
- iv. Proposal to change stiles to kissing gates – A bid was submitted to the Highways Parish and Community Funding for a grant of £5000. Sadly Mr Davenport refuses to allow any stiles on his land to be converted. Mr and Mrs Baggott at Church Farm gave their permission and also requested that existing signage be improved to stop walkers from wandering over their land. Cllr Gayton had gained permission from landowner for T52. Our application is still pending and I would suggest that monies not used to convert stiles be used to improve footpath signage as some is missing and some badly damaged. This is dependent on the bid being successful.

09/20/6

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (i) Open Field– Cllr Jenkins confirmed that
 - a) this has been mown and baled and that a bonfire had taken place to burn tree/bramble debris recovered from the ditch digging.
 - b) HBBC had collected the rusty barbed wire fencing.
 - c) A request to name the field will be made to the school.
 - d) There are approx. 6 tree saplings which could also be planted with the help of the school.
 - e) Cllr Jenkins and the Clerk are attending 3 webinar sessions delivered by the LRWT (Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust) re Biodiversity. LRWT will assist in managing the open space.
 - f) Clerk has created a separate spreadsheet within the accounts to show expenditure and remaining funds as set aside in the 2020-2021 which is £2220. It was suggested that a bid be made to the Shire Grant Fund to obtain monies of future maintenance of the field. Cllr Ould spoke to confirm he would support a bid. Cllr Jenkins to investigate

- (ii) Cllr Jenkins -Two trees in the old churchyard – investigation into faculty ongoing.

09/20/7

ITEMS TO BE TAKEN INTO PRIVATE SESSION

None

09/20/8

PLANNING

20/00892/DISCON Horiba Mira Ltd, Mira Drive, Lindley. Application to discharge condition 12(surface water management during construction) attached to planning permission 18/00425/FUL Cllr Jenkins confirmed that no objections were necessary.

09/20/9

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTION

- i. The Oddfellows – Cllr Jenkins confirmed that the Parish Council had applied for another ACV. The STOP group have applied for a bursary and continue to liaise with Cartwrights who have advised they will be submitting a new planning application Cllr Golder asked that a letter be sent to Cartwrights requesting that the site be ‘tidied’ as there are old beer barrels etc outside and it looks a mess. **Action: Parish Clerk**

- ii. Bid to Community Initiative Fund 2021 on behalf of St Peters Church: It was agreed to support the bid on the understanding that it be prepared and submitted by St Peters Church. Cllr J Collett (HBBC) is also happy to support the application provided that there are benefits to the whole community.

09/20/10

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- i. Cllr Jenkins had spoken to Mr Robert Jones re the eyesore on his property on Nuneaton Lane. He confirmed that the rubble would be used around his property in due course.
- ii. Cllr Golder had been approached by a resident about the unsightly mess increasing outside the property known as 1 Mill Gardens. Clerk to contact housing authority.
Action: Parish Clerk
- iii. Cllr Jenkins reported that the lid on the electric box on the green had come loose.
Action: Cllr Gayton
- iv. A fault had been reported re the VAS on Main Street not working again. Westcotec to be contacted as a new battery had been purchased in Sept 2019 and should be under warranty.
Action: Cllr Gayton
- v. Annual inspection of play equipment by Playsafety Limited has shown very little maintenance is required. The small areas identified can be dealt with by Cllr Gayton.
Action: Cllr Gayton

Cllrs Ould left the meeting at 7.32pm.

09/20/11

FINANCE

Outgoings

	Cheque No	Minutes	inc VAT	VAT 17.50%	non VAT	Date
Michael W Smith	Trf	21.09.20	£430.00		£430.00	29.07.20
Pilgrim & Farmer - Turret painting	Trf	21.09.20	£295.00		£295.00	03.08.20
Mr S Gayton - Sign erection	Trf	21.09.20	£31.50		£31.50	10.08.20
Mrs E Fisher - Internal Audit	Trf	21.09.20	£60.00		£60.00	10.08.20
Michael W Smith - July	Trf	21.09.20	£405.00		£405.00	18.08.20
A M Signs	Trf	21.09.20	£330.00	£55.00	£330.00	19.08.20
LRALC Ltd - Webinar Training	Trf	21.09.20	£130.00		£130.00	03.09.20
LCC - Tree Survey	Trf	21.09.20	£780.00	£130.00	£650.00	04.09.20
Michael W Smith - August	Trf	21.09.20	£480.00		£480.00	14.09.20
Miss A Perkins - Clerks Salary & Expenses	Trf	21.09.20	£1,603.38		£1,603.38	30.09.20
HP Instant Ink from 12.04 - 11.09.20 (AP)	Trf	21.09.20	£11.95	£1.99	£9.96	14.09.20
HBBC - Quarterly Litter Bin Service	Trf	28.09.20	£257.40	£42.90	£214.50	01.10.20
Playsafety Limited	Trf	28.09.20	£153.60	£25.60	£128.00	01.10.20
LRALC - Website compliance training	Trf	28.09.20	£20.00		£20.00	01.10.20

Income

Description	Date	Grants	Precept	Insurance	Donations	VAT refund
VAT Reclaim 2019 - 2020	06-Aug-20					£772.10
2nd half of Precept	04-Sep-19		£7,318.50			

Ring fenced monies for maintenance: £1965.96 playing field and £2220 open field

BALANCE AT BANK AFTER ALL EXPENSES SHOWN ABOVE IS £24,657.42

The clerk as Responsible Financial Officer requested Cllrs to consider items for the Budget 2021/22 which will be discussed at the next meeting.

09/20/12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th November 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.44pm

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

30/11/2020