



HARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

(Noticeboards: High Street and Queens Close)

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 9th January 2020 in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground commencing at 7.30pm

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| PRESENT: | <p>Councillor Niall O'Byrne (Chair) Councillor Dominic Bellamy Councillor David Mallyon Councillor Dal Benning Councillor Sandra Carroll Councillor Fraz Mir Councillor Trevor Goldberg</p> | <p>Diane Bayliss - Clerk 1 members of the public present District Councillor Ian Sollom County Councillor Roger Hickford</p> |
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The meeting opened at 7.30pm

19-20/155 Apologies for Absence

(LGA 1972 S 85(1))

Councillor Martin Harris;

Absent: Councillor Carl Pedlar

19-20/156 Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on The Agenda + Requests for Dispensation

(Localism Act 2011 s 31 s 33)

None

19-20/157 Open Forum for Public Participation (15 Minutes)

At the close of this item, members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

A parishioner asked if there was any news about rerouting of the footpath at The Drift at the pedestrian crossing? The Chairman confirmed that there had not been any further information on this.

19-20/158 Presentation from Mike Smith and Sophie Moeng Cambridge South Station

Mr Smith gave a presentation on the proposals for the Cambridge South Station. The presentation included details about the need for the station and the station location options. More than 9,000 leaflets have been distributed to households in the consultation zone and 40,000 leaflets have been handed out at key stations along the route. A 6-week consultation period starts 20th January and ends 2nd March 2020. The aim is that the station would be open by 2025.

19-20/159 Presentation by Peter McKeown Enterprise Property Group Ltd re 180 High Street (Vujon)

Peter Mckeown of Carter Jones and Peter Stocking of Enterprise Property Group attended the meeting to present their development proposals for the former Vujon site on the corner of London Road and the High Street. HaysomWardMiller are the appointed architects for the project. It was recognised that that this is a very prominent site as you enter the village and that careful consideration needs to be given to the design of the development. The intention is to demolish the existing building and to submit a planning application to build 9 properties with a mix of 2,3 and 4 bed houses. All the houses will be open market houses, there will be no 'affordable' or 'social' housing on the site. The houses will be facing onto London road rather than the High Street and access too and from the site will be onto London Road as Highways will not allow access onto the High Street.

A meeting is due to be held with the South Cambs Planning Department to discuss the proposal.

- 19-20/160 To Approve Minutes of Meeting Held 5th December 2019**
It was proposed by Councillor Bellamy, seconded by Councillor Goldberg and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 5th December are approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 19-20/161 Matters Arising**
 None
- 19-20/162 Clerks Report**
 The clerk presented her report to the meeting, and the following items were noted:
- Transport Working Group meeting on 30th January (Councillor Bellamy to attend)
 - HRG Litter Pick 15th March; Insurance details to be sent to the group
 - The council had received a report that the recently installed bus stop flags had been removed (vandalised) however, it has since been noted that the flags had blown off in the wind. The flags will be replaced at no additional cost to the council.
- 19-20/163 Police Matters**
- a.** **It was proposed by Councillor Mir, seconded by Councillor Mallyon and resolved** that the council take no further action against the person suspected of vandalising the trees on the recreation ground and request that the crime is filed as suggested by PC Marshall.
Action: Clerk to reply to PC Marshall.
- b.** A complaint had been received from a resident of The Limes about dangerous parking outside the entrance to the recreation ground.
Action: Clerk to pass details to PCSO.
- 19-20/164 County and District Councillors Reports**
- a.**
- District Councillor Sollom had not produced a written report as it had been a very quiet period due to the election and the Christmas break.
 - Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are preparing a joint Local Plan for their combined districts (Greater Cambridge). Both Councils are inviting comments on an Issues and Options Report and accompanying Initial Sustainability Appraisal. This is part of its Regulation 18 Consultation under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
 - The Councils are also consulting on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the requirements of Strategic Environmental Assessment. The consultation period starts on Monday 13th January and runs until 5pm on Monday 24th February.
 - The route for the East West rail link is still to be defined.
 - The wording of the constitution was thought to possibly be open to the interpretation of giving unauthorized powers to a non-exec member (the planning committee chair) in deciding what comes before planning committee, which would leave planning decisions open to challenge. There is a proposal to update the wording to make sure that this interpretation is (and therefore challenges on this basis are) closed off, but some have expressed concern (Fews Lane Consortium) that this would mean a democratic deficit, placing too much power with officers. As Fews Lane had written to many of our parish councils raising the issue, I wanted to reassure the council that nothing would actually change in the process of deciding what comes before the planning committee, this is simply attempting to close a potential loophole.
 - The District Council are offering three free trees to all councils in South Cambridgeshire. The clerk had already responded to the email and the voucher had been received and passed on to Councillor Harris for action.
- b.**
- County Councillor Hickford reported that as County Councillor Cuffley is on light duties following his recent illness he will be preparing the County report for parish councils, he will also attend as many meetings as possible. The report will be circulated to councillors as soon as it is received.
 - Following the earlier discussion Councillor Hickford pointed out that the original deadline for Cambridge South Station had been 2027 but as a result of the Mayor intervening, they have agreed to 2025.

- Most of the government grants for this financial year have been confirmed again for next year. However, the Highways grant of around £6m has still not been confirmed, and it looks like it will not be known until after budget setting in February. The new dragon-patchers are making repairing potholes a much more efficient process gradually improvements are being made to the roads.
- The Adults Committee is due to consider the outcome of a consultation on changes to the way contributions to adult social care packages are charged for at its meeting on 16th January.
- As the highways authority for Cambridgeshire the council is playing a crucial role in helping to achieve national air quality objectives, particularly as a major source of air pollution in the county is motor vehicle emissions.
- Councillor Hickford is on the panel for the LHI bid on 16th January which Councillor O'Byrne and the Clerk will be presenting on behalf of the parish council.

Action: Send LHI application to County Councillor.

Councillor Mir reported that several reports had been made on the Highways website

Action: Councillor Mir to send references for online Highways reporting to the County Councillor.

- c. Individual councillors are invited to respond to the climate change consultation.

Action: Clerk to re-circulate consultation/Councillor Bellamy to circulate to the HRG.

19-20/165 Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications

S/4055/19/FL 106, High Street, Harston, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB22 7QB Two storey front and side extensions for Mr T Mendham – Councillor Mallyon reported that he had visited the site and had no concerns about access, parking or overlooking. There is only one neighbour who had no concerns he therefore recommended supporting the application.

It was proposed by Councillor Mallyon, seconded by Councillor Goldberg and resolved that the council support the application.

S/3755/19/FL Unit D5, Industrial Estate, Button End, Harston, Cambridge, CB22 7GX Rear warehouse extension for Mr Simon Day. Councillor O'Byrne reported that he had visited the site. The applicant had showed him around the site and informed him that he had made a local agreement to plant a barrier of trees along the fence. He therefore recommended supporting the application.

It was proposed by Councillor Mallyon, seconded by Councillor Bellamy and resolved that the council support the application.

Actions: Clerk to respond to SCDC/ Write to ECDC planning to complain that we have not received paper copies of these plans.

b. Planning Appeals

APP/W0530/W/19/3242317 Carefield, Button End, Harston, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB22 7NX Siting of an additional 3 Mobile Homes and associated Hardstanding as resubmission of planning permission S/0868/19/FL S/3106/19/FL for John Hedges 24 December 2019.

The appeal is to be carried out by the planning inspectorate in Bristol. All parties have the opportunity to make representation and a letter had been drafted by Councillor O'Byrne and circulated to councillors

Action: Councillor O'Byrne to send the letter to the planning inspectorate and all interested parties.

19-20/166 Financial Matters

- a. **It was proposed by Councillor Bellamy, seconded by Councillor Mallyon and resolved** that the bank reconciliations for December are approved.

- b. **It was proposed by Councillor Bellamy seconded by Councillor Benning and resolved** that the clerk, Diane Bayliss and Councillor Bellamy are added as signatories on the HSBC account with a view to closing the account once this has been done.

- c. **It was proposed by Councillor Mallyon, seconded by Councillor Bellamy that the precept request for 2020-21** is approved at £62,169.

Action: Clerk to submit precept request

Action: Clerk to look at the time scales for when the s106 monies must be spent by.

- d. **It was proposed by Councillor Mir, seconded by Councillor Benning and resolved** that the January account payments are approved and paid including the additional payment of £41.72 to Councillor Harris.

Action: Clerk to set up payments

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| Diane Bayliss | Salary (Gross) | | | £1536.49 |
| Jason Trueman | Cleaner | £48.00 | £0.00 | £48.00 |
| John Jennings | Caretaker | £210.00 | £0.00 | £210.00 |
| | | Net | VAT | Gross |
| Diane Bayliss | Travel/ Clerk's Expenses | £36.60 | £0.00 | £36.60 |
| E & E Plumridge | Leaflets | £62.00 | £0.00 | £62.00 |
| Barnwell Electrical | Pavilion Electrics | £1,179.70 | £235.94 | £1,415.64 |
| Red Shoes | Payroll | £36.00 | £7.20 | £43.20 |
| Martin Harris | Trees | £41.72 | £0.00 | £41.72 |
| | | £3,108.79 | £243.14 | £3393.65 |

19-20/167 Recreation Ground/Pavilion Matters

- a.
- Councillor Goldberg reported that all priority items have been carried out.
 - It was noted that the sand needs replacing in the children's play area.
 - The clerk reported that the latest play area inspection had been carried out this week and will be circulated to the recreation ground working group in order that they might report back at the next meeting.
- b. The timer on the outside lighting on the pavilion has been set to come on at dusk and go off at 10.30pm.

19-20/168 Highways

- a. The Chairman and the Clerk are due to attend a meeting on 16th January at Whittlesford to present the LHI bid for the traffic island.

19-20/169 Tree Update

Pightle Close tree works starting on Monday 13th January for 3-4 days
The tree work has been satisfactorily completed on the recreation ground.

19-20/170 Harston Residents Group

There was nothing to report from HRG this month as the December meeting was a social one.

19-20/171 Schools Update

Councillor Mir reported that the village hall committee are not willing to allow the use of the car park by parents of children at the school.

Action: TG to investigate the village hall constitution/Terms of Trust

19-20/172 Agenda Items for The Next Meeting

Any business and payments, to be considered at Parish Council meeting must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

- ROSPA report
- Buildings of Local Interest Paper
- Village Warden Trust – are there any trust/charity in the village where elderly parishioners can apply for funds to do minor works

19-20/173 Date of Next Meetings:

6th February 2020

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm

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