

HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes (Unapproved) of a Council Meeting

Date: Thursday 6th July 2017

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: OSCA, Henham

Present: Cllr and District Cllr G. LeCount, Cllrs S. Lee, N. Baker, , K. George-Lafferty, , M. Fisher, Clerk M. Dacey County Cllr R. Gooding

1. Apologies for Absence – District Cllr P. Lees, J. Bawden, F. Frindle, A. Malins, D. Marshall

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the June 2017 meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising

4. Reports and Recommendations

(i) Greens and Village Estate – Cllr. Baker

1. **Village ponds** – Final grading and seeding, preparation of the silt on the allotment, moving of fish and painting of the railings to be undertaken when the Affinity water works are completed. The Chair has now received authorisation from ECC for the Parish Council to carry out the wire work on the footpath bridges. ECC have also confirmed they will replace the damaged bridge at their own cost. Work on painting of the pond rails will commence soon. It was previously agreed the blocked drains need to be cleared before deciding on the silt trap design. The Parish Council is awaiting a revised quote for pond planting.
2. **Restoration of damaged Greens** -The Council will commence a programme of reseeding areas of damaged greens and verges to include damage around ponds, greens when the Affinity Water works have been completed. The Chair has agreed to liaise with AWL regarding the ongoing works and impact on the village greens.
3. **Superfast Essex/New BT Cabinet** - BT have confirmed they are installing a new cabinet outside School Cottages, on the Green off Crow Street. The Parish Council are unhappy with the exact location of the cabinet in the middle of the green and have asked for its positions to be reconsidered. It was agreed the Clerk will liaise with our Broadband Superfast Champion regarding potential slippage in the superfast broadband timetable.
4. **Routine Maintenance works** – Routine maintenance will take place on benches, the village sign, bus shelter and village notice board.
5. **Lindens gas-pipe** – The Parish Council has agreed to give consent to Cadent to dig up the green in order to lay a gas pipe to Lindens from the High Street.
6. **Bus Shelter** – It was agreed the tree growth above the bus shelter in Mill Road needs cutting back, together with some overhanging branches on the greens by Highfields Lane and along Crow Street.
7. **Fence around the entrances across the ponds.** It was agreed to obtain quotes for replacement fencing along the ponds by the Bury and Woodstock.
8. **Telephone Box** – It was agreed that the telephone box in Crow Street should be refurbished and to extend the monthly cleaning of village signs to include the interior of the telephone box.

Village Hall – Glenn Brennan has kindly volunteered to act as Project Manager for the Village Hall restoration. The file on past work on this project has been passed to Glenn and a meeting will be held soon.

Fly-tipping sign at Little Henham – a replacement sign for Little Henham and a new sign for Pledgdon Green has been ordered.

Parking at OSCA – a no parking sign has been ordered.

Deeds of Grant – The Parish Council passed a motion “to empower the Chair and the Vice-Chair of Henham Parish Council to sign the Deeds of Grant allowing access across the Village Greens, when such permission has been granted by the Parish Council”. The motion was proposed by Cllr LeCount and seconded by Cllr Fisher and passed nem con.

Renewal of RCCE membership – It was agreed to pay the increased membership fees for RCCE.

(ii) Finance

Receipts				
<u>From Whom</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
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<u>To Whom</u> <u>(Invoice no.)</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
M. Dacey	Clerk's salary (May)	£ 366.27	£ 0.0	£ 366.27
Gardner Planning Ltd (020/6)	Planning advice re School Lane Appeal	£600.00	£120.00	£720.00
Pat Doughty (27)	Furniture repairs	£150.00	£0.0	£150.00
Henham Village Shop Association (H00039)	Post Office quarterly fees May- August	£1897.00	£0.0	£1897.00
James White (061701)	Supply and application of herbicide to Allotments	£95.00	£0.0	£95.00
Jonathan Leech (17/06/436)	The Bury pond silt works	£260.00	£52.00	£312.00
MAJ Fiddler (0581)	The Bury pond silt works	£688.12	£0.0	£688.12
BT (direct debit)	Village Hall telephone and Broadband	£42.90	£8.58	£51.48
P. Knott (59500)	Grass cutting 7/6 & 21/6 and fete cut 14/6	£995.00	£0.0	£995.00
Railton TPC Ltd (1714B)	Professional transport advice and attendance at School Lane Appeal	£3398.00	£0.0	£3398.00
Treecology (0846)	Various tree works around village	£480.00	£0.0	£480.00
Jenny Wigley (670749)	Barrister Fees for School Lane Appeal	£9,200.00	£1,840.00	£11,040.00

Treasury Management Investment Policy and Strategy 2017/18 – Cllr Fisher: Nothing to report

Annual Return for Henham PC 2015/16–The EALC has written again to the NALC and Local Councils Audit on HPC's behalf. The Clerk continues to await a formal response.

Henham Parish Council Receipts and Expenditure records for Quarter 4 of 2016-2017 financial year were given to Cllr Fisher for review.

(iii) Planning and Developments

Applications:

- **17/00056/NEWDEV:** Land North of Chickney Road Chickney Road Henham, Development: 9 Dwellings. The developer; has suggested Oak Close as a name for the development. The Parish Council to comment on the proposed name by 1st August 2017.
- The Clerk has received a Notice under section 65 of Application for Planning Permission relating to a proposed planning application for a single storey rear extension, High Views, Wood End Green.
- **UTT/17/1656_HHF** proposed single storey rear extension, High Views, Wood End Green
- **UTT/17/1684/LB** proposed internal modifications to a listed building Wyndies Cottage, Crow Street.

Breaches:

- **Hill Top Yard (UTT/15/0623 – Enforcement – removal of 5m lights)** – The Parish Council awaits further enforcement action to remove the lights.
- **Hill Top Yard (UTT/16/3393/FUL – Application for 2m Lights)** - UDC have confirmed this application will not go to committee as they will refuse it.

Appeals:

- **Proposed 35 Houses, Land South Of School Lane School Lane Henham (UTT/15/2982/FUL) & SUDS, Land South of School Lane Henham (3171425/ LPA Ref UTT/16/0814/FUL)** The Inspector has dismissed Persimmons appeal against the refusal of 36 houses near the primary school in School Lane. This is a tremendous victory and the Parish Council would like to thank the School Governors, Sue Giles, and parents and residents who supported our efforts to get this development, which had an entrance through the school grounds, stopped. Developers have been persistent by applying for this development 3 times over the past years and they were pretty confident of success. Thanks to our barrister, planning consultant and transport consultant for presenting our case in such a thorough manner and convincing the Inspector of the merits of our case.

Decisions- None

(iv) Highways – Cllr LeCount to update generally on the following items:

- (a) Potholes by Toot Toot Bridge - to be reinspected this month & Crow Street bend & Pledgdon/Thaxted road (which has now been done but only up to Pledgdon Barn) – Andy Hilsdon (ECC).
- (b) Protective metal pipes and posts outside The White House, Old Mead Road. Norman Chan from ECC has been asked to review the previous decision by Highways that the damaged posts are “safe”. Cllr LeCount to chase.
- (c) School parking – proposed installation of double yellow lines on the corners of Pimblett and Carters Lane - Vicky Duff and Rissa Long (ECC) - Cllr LeCount to chase.
- (d) County Cllr Gooding continues to liaise with Essex Highways regarding the kerbing on Crow Street.
- (e) The blocked drains outside Snow Cottage and 5 blocked pipes running from the road into the ponds – Mike Cottage (ECC) - Cllr LeCount to chase.
- (f) Signage at The Row - Cllr LeCount has been referred to UDC regarding signage for The Row.
- (g) Cllr LeCount to put a notice in the Dragon seeking volunteers regarding launching a speed watch campaign.
- (H) Rissa Long (ECC) and Vicky Duff at Essex Highways have been asked to investigate (1) extending the 40mph speed limit along Old Mead Road to Toot Toot bridge and (2) along Hall Road up to the village (3) moving the village 30mph speed limit sign back to include the new 9 houses being developed and Blossoms Hill Farm. Cllr LeCount to chase.

5. Correspondence

Sent/Received: Letter from Mrs Nadauld regarding greens access for gas-pipe laying to Lindens.

- Planning Applications - see 4(iii) above
- Clerk – approximately 250 emails in June 2017.

6. Waste and Minerals Development Issues – nothing to report.

7. Stop Stansted Expansion – (i) Parish Council agreed a membership renewal donation of £250.

(ii) Airport Scoping Opinion - UDC has received a request for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for the proposed increase in annual number of passengers to 44.5 million passengers per annum (mppa) from London Stansted Airport. The details for the Scoping Opinion Request can be found under reference UTT/17/1640/SO on this link <http://publicaccess.uttlesford.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application> Cllr Frindle has written to UDC on behalf of the Parish Council requesting an extension of the deadline to respond to the Scoping Report.

8. Governance – Nothing to report.

9. Local Plan – UDC has now published the Draft Local Plan. UDC is proposing 3 new settlements in the following locations:

- North-east of Great Chesterford: 1,900 homes, with a maximum size of 5,000 after 2033
- West of Dunmow at Easton Park: 1,800, with a maximum of 10,000 after 2033
- West of Braintree at Stebbing and Felsted: 970, up to a maximum of 10,000 after 2033

UDC has finally ruled out a new settlement joining Elsenham and Henham as local people, the Planning Inspector and indeed Secretary of State all thought it was a poor location. This is tremendous news for the Residents of Henham. The Plan seems sensibly balanced and this time around it is evidence based rather than politically motivated. There will be a consultation on the draft plan week commencing 10th July and the PC will be encouraging residents to support the draft Plan. The alternative, of another failed Local Plan, would be to give every developer, including Fairfield, further opportunities to reapply for planning permissions based on the fact there is no Local Plan.

10. Neighbourhood Planning – Nothing to report.

11. Henham SOV 100 Club draw Cllr. Fisher – The previously drawn April and May results were not minuted and are set out below:

April/May draws: D Wheeler conducted the draws on behalf of the Henham SOV 100 Club. He drew from a black bag containing 150 lottery balls. The winning numbers were:

April

1st Prize Number 27 (H & M Searson) £218

2nd Prize Number 137 (F Frindle) £105

3rd Prize Christmas Bonus Ball £53 Cumulative total £318

Total funds received were £750 half will be paid out in prize money totalling £376 with the balance of £374 will be paid to Henham Parish Council SOV Funds.

May

1st Prize Number 23 (A Tttoffali) £218

2nd Prize Number 2 (J Stenhouse) £105

3rd Prize Christmas Bonus Ball £53 Cumulative total £371

Total funds received were £750 half will be paid out in prize money totalling £376 with the balance of £374 will be paid to Henham Parish Council SOV Funds.

June Draw

County Councillor Ray Gooding conducted the draw on behalf of the Henham SOV 100 Club. He drew from a black bag containing 150 lottery balls. The winning numbers were:

1st Prize Number 101 (D Brinkley) £218

2nd Prize Number 100 (J Kodesh) £105

3rd Prize Christmas Bonus Ball £53 Cumulative total £424

Total funds received were £750 half will be paid out in prize money totalling £376 with the balance of £374 will be paid to Henham Parish Council SOV Funds.

12. Date of Next Meeting The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 7th September 2017, 7.30pm at OSCA. There is no meeting in August. ***Mareike Dacey, Clerk***