

HAMMERWICH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 18th September 2013

PRESENT: Cllrs V Wasdell (Chairman), Mrs M Greenway, R Campbell J Turnbull, D Bayliss, P Chapman, Mrs V Richards, Mrs Pope, B Wilson and Mrs V Evans (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES Cllr and Mrs R Bailye Hawkins (Vice Chairman)

Action

1 Apologies

1.1 As above

2 Declaration of Interest

2.1 Cllr Wilson as a serving member of LDC Planning Committee

3 Approval to Minutes of 17 July and 5 August

3.1 Cllr Chapman proposed and Cllr Mrs Pope seconded the signing of both sets of minutes which were approved as an accurate record

4 Matters Arising (not included as an agenda item)

None

5 Chairman's Announcements

5.1 The Chairman reported that he had attended Burntwood Wakes

5.2 He then expressed thanks to Cllr Mrs Greenway for her work on the Staffordshire Hoard Steering Committee

5.3 He thanked Mr Colson for his contribution to making the event the success that it was – attracting some 600 visitors and he also thanked Dr Sharpe for co-ordinating the arrangements for the exhibition

5.4 Lastly, the Chairman was pleased to advise that Cllr Ms Bailye had recently married and everyone offered their best wishes for a long and happy marriage

6 Planning and Licensing

6.1 Planning application 13/00939/cou

6.2 **RESOLVED;** to reiterate previous comments

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6.3 The Chairman thanked Cllr Turnbull for representing the Parish at LDC Planning Committee

6.4 He felt that because of that representation and the support of Cllrs Wilson and Smith (SCC), for the Parish position, that this application was refused

7 Update on Local Plan/Neighbourhood Planning

7.1.1 Cllr Chapman advised the meeting that the interim report was wholly supported of the protection of the green belt and, insofar as development is planned in Hammerwich, brownfield sites have been allocated

7.1.2 He expressed the view that this could not have gone any better

7.1.3 Cllr Chapman asked that a discussion on the initiation of a neighbourhood plan and that the matter is on the next Agenda

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7.2.1 Cllr Mrs Greenway raised the matter of items of concern on the planning inspection report

7.2.2 The meeting felt that, at the moment, the advice was precautionary and did not warrant immediate action

7.2.3 However, Members suggested that the Clerk contact the manufacturer as it appeared that some warnings related to design faults

7.2.4 Members also suggested contacting Spencer Duvall of LDC as project manager

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- for the scheme
- 7.2.5 It was suggested that the Clerk investigate the installation of 2 signs at Hospital Rd and one at Mansion Drive and Cllr Chapman volunteered to be the named contact VE/PC
- 7.2.6 Cllr Turnbull reported that he was still dissatisfied with the repairs to the fencing at Hospital Rd Playing Fields VE
- 7.2.7 The Chairman advised Members that the extra finger posts had been planted and he and the Cllrs expressed their thanks to Mr Colson, Mr Willett and Mr Walker for their help in installing the finger posts VE
- 7.2.8 The Chairman also advised that he was seeking volunteers to undertake some footpath clearance
- 7.2.9 He also advised that SSW had commenced the programme of drain replacements and all seemed to be going well
- 7.3.1 Cllr Mrs Greenway again raised the issue of traffic speeds on Hospital Rd
- 7.3.2 The Clerk replied that she had contacted SCC but had so far had no response
- 7.3.3 The Clerk would send a further request VE
- 7.3.4 Cllr Mrs Richards supported Cllr Mrs Greenway as she also feared for children having to cross this very busy road
- 7.3.5 Cllr Mrs Greenway also suggested contacting the Police to see if they were able to do anything
- 7.3.6 Cllr Mrs Greenway also felt that thanks were due to SCC highways for their recent remedial works.
- 7.3.7 She continued that they demonstrated exceptional care and attention when they were working outside the riding school in Hammerwich children's by showing the children how the equipment worked
- 7.4.1 Given the intention to commence a Neighbourhood Plan, it was felt that Cllr Mrs Bailye Hawkins might be the ideal person to lead on this
- 8 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**
- 8.1 The Clerk advised that the internal auditor had reported that the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations need to be updated
- 8.2 The Clerk advised that she had obtained the latest model version and would circulate her simplified version of it for Members consideration
- 9 Update on Lease between LDC and HPC at land off Queen St**
- 9.1 The Clerk had previously advised that a lease between LDC and HPC had effectively expired in 1996
- 9.2 Co-incidentally, the Clerk had turned up a letter from Ansons Solicitors in which the matter had been raised.
- 9.3 As a first response, Cllr Mrs Richards is to ask if some written update on the status of the lease could be prepared by LDC VR
- 10 Update on Registering Council Land**
- 10.1 The Clerk was requested to report back on registering Council held land and can advise that the cost of registering each piece of open space land would be £30. VE
- 10.2 Ansons have indicated that their fee would be £200 and the cost for individual parcels would be £40
- 10.3 **RESOLVED:** to register those pieces of land, large enough to merit protection VE
- 11 Request for dog/general waste bin on Highfields Rd**
- 11.1 The Clerk has received a residents request for the installation of a litter bin and dog fouling bin along the path that runs from Highfields Rd to Brooklands Rd
- 11.2 Members felt this matter might have arisen due to the opening of a new

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supermarket

- 11.3 Cllr Mrs Richards offered to inspect the location, together with the Chairman and they would report back

12 Public Participation

- 12.1 Cllr Mrs Greenway moved to suspend standing orders and Cllr Mrs Richards seconded
- 12.2 A Burntwood resident echoed the concerns of Councillors with regard to Hospital Road.
- 12.3 The Chairman advised that as Cllr Smith (SCC) was in attendance, he was sure that Cllr Smith would follow up on this matter and as discussed earlier in the meeting
- 12.4 The meeting discussed the best time for monitoring – 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm and weekends
- 12.5 There was also a discussion on the installation of a pedestrian crossing which the Council had asked for and had been refused on the grounds that there was no suitable location.
- 12.6 Members felt that perhaps the best way forward would be to ask SCC to undertake a safety audit VE
- 12.7 Members noted that the resident had contacted her local MP
- 12.8 Mr Colson reported that the Black Brook bridge at the junction of f/ps 6 and 17 was unsafe VE
- 12.9 Rev L Hood advised the meeting that although there was now no Hammerwich Parish newsletter, they would be contributing to one produced by Burntwood and would welcome any contributory articles
- 12.10 Cllr Smith updated members on the situation at Springhill Cemetery and suggested that the Council vigorously pursue this matter
- 12.11 He updated members on the S278 agreement and the situation with the street lighting
- 12.12 He also reminded Members of the benefits of defining a neighbourhood plan and offered the assistance of sight of the Stonnall Plan
- 12.13 He advised that Network Rail had cleared the culvert under the bridge at Hall Lane which would hopefully alleviate the flooding
- 12.14 He also touched on his group “Action Staffordshire” and suggested that he could match fund highway improvements which may help with the situation in Hospital Rd
- 12.15 Cllr Mrs Greenway
- 12.16 Cllr Mrs Richards advised the meeting of the ongoing problem with car boot sales and the practice of splitting a field to obtain more licences
- 12.17 Sites at Barracks Lane and Pouk Lane were identified for Cllr Mrs Richards to bring to the attention of Chris Hibbs of LDC Planning enforcement VR
- 12.18 Cllr Mrs Greenway thanked the Chairman for mentioning her service on the Steering Committee for the Hoard exhibition, an experience which she had thoroughly enjoyed
- 12.19 Cllr Bayliss moved the reinstatement of Standing Orders and Cllr Mrs Greenway seconded

13 Correspondence Received

- 13.1 The Clerk reported on correspondence received

14 Correspondence sent

- 14.1 None

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15 Finance

- 15.1 Accounts for payment for August/September were approved
- 15.2 The Bank reconciliation was presented to members under the new format who expressed themselves content with the information contained in it
- 15.3 **RESOLVED:** To reactivate the Parish Council website using an SCC host
- 15.4 The Council had received a negative report for last year's audit

16 Date of Next Meeting

- 16.1 16 October 2013

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.57pm

Chairman
16 October 2013