

DUNHAM HILL & HAPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 2nd March 2021, at 7.00pm, via Zoom.

MINUTES

Present:	Cllr K Bradley - Chairperson	Cllr S Willett
	Cllr C Green	Cllr K Holmes
	Cllr R Johnson	Cllr H Deynem (CWaC)
Clerk:	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey	Members of the public: 2

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were received David Cowap

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – No declarations of interest were reported.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – A resident raised the following on-going issues that have been raised with CWaC for over two years with no action taken:-

- Cash Lane Sign
- VAS Signs
- Footpath between Hapsford and Traffic Lights towards Helsby

It was agreed to forward information to Cllr Deynem for him to follow-up with CWaC.

It was reported that litter picking on A5117 is desperately in need of being carried out. There was a number of Hapsford residents undertaking litter picking as and when they were able and the Parish Council thanked them for this.

Cllr Deynem suggested that McDonald's have an internal business strategy around supporting local litter picking.

Cllr Holmes has photo's of McDonald waste being left around the area which he undertook to share.

ACTION: write to Service Station and McDonald's in the Service Station regarding supporting litter picking.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

RESOLVED 20/046 - that the Chair signs, as a correct record the circulated minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 5th January 2021

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Internet Speed in Dunham Hill & Hapsford – It was reported that Cllr Green had contacted B4RN and they had confirmed that their plans do not presently extend within Cheshire. Additionally, they have confirmed that a project would need approximately 700-750 properties contained within an area to make it viable.

Unless further development – the Parish Council had concern that this project may be too big for the Parish Council to single handedly explore further.

Cllr Deynem suggested that perhaps the Parish Council contact the other Parish Council's and see if there is any joint working that could be undertaken.

ACTION: Contact other Parish Council's to see if there was any joint working that could be undertaken it was suggested that an area including Stoak, Elton, Ince, Wervin, Thornton-le-Moors and maybe even Mickle Trafford should be contact to see about forming a 'project'.

ACTION: Cllr Green to prepare a paragraph regarding this matter for the Newsletter

Replacement Bench – following writing to the WI for a donation towards a replacement bench, they had confirmed that they would be disbanded shortly and therefore would not be able to contribute. The Clerk had contacted to Goway Landfill Site who had confirmed that they would purchase a new bench for the Parish Council.

Road Signs for Manley Mere - The Clerk had chased CWaC and reported back that the sign has been ordered and CWaC were awaiting receipt from the manufacturer.

It was reported that due to the lockdown and staff absences CWaC had informed the Parish Council that there may be a delay for the installation but CWaC have agreed to install asap at their own cost.

Traffic Issues - It was reported that the SID had been out on Village Road in Dunham Hill and on the A56 for a week following a request from a resident. It was suggested that the SID Machine should be utilities more along the A56 this was agreed.

Projects to seek Sponsorship for – Cllr Bradley sought ideas for projects that sponsorship could be sought for over the next 12 months. Cllr Green suggested a project for the Dunham Hill Village Green and Christmas. It was agreed to look to progress the project put together by Cllr Green for improving the Village Green in Dunham Hill and further discussions would be had later in the meeting. It was agreed that something should be included in the newsletter in March to seek residents' views.

Cllr R Johnson joined the meeting.

PLANNING

- Councillors noted the Planning Register dated 20/02/2021.

It was noted that the following applications had been determined since the last meeting:

20/03687/FUL - Pear Tree Farm Village Road Dunham on the Hill Frodsham WA6 0LX - Approved

It was reported that the following planning applications had been submitted to CW&C:

20/04876/FUL - The Dales Low Hill Dunham on the Hill Chester Cheshire WA6 0NS – a response in support of the application for Demolition of existing porch and erection of a single storey side extension.

20/04778/FUL - 1 Talbot Road Dunham on the Hill Chester Cheshire WA6 0JW – response in support of the application for the two-storey side extension.

20/00324/FUL – Honeywell Site

Cllr Holmes reported that the Honeywell development is 237 house in the middle of the Mere Edge project, partly in Hapsford and partly in Helsby, it is on a flood plain and the stream floods, access to the stream needs to remain. The applicant has not spoken to Helsby PC or Dunham Hill & Hapsford PC regarding their application and it is against all plans that Helsby PC and Dunham & Hapsford PC have for the area, which include cycleways, linear walking ways etc. Cllr Holmes believed it was due to go to planning shortly but has not received a date as yet. It is effectively a gated community that would just break up the whole development of the area with no joined up thinking.

Cllr Deynem suggested that a wish list for what improved services that Dunham Hill and Hapsford may like to see benefiting from this planning application.

20/04396/FUL – Plot 13 Ince Resource Recovery

It was reported that the Clerk had been in contact with Enviroo regarding the concerns that Dunham Hill and Hapsford had regarding not being included in any consultations prior to planning stage regarding this site. The Parish Council asked if it would be possible for a representative to site on the Protos Community Forum.

Travellers Site

Residents have raised concerns about the increase in the number of caravan's sited around Gethsemane Caravan Park and the house next door. Cllr Deynem sought clarification as to how many pitches have been approved on this site. Concern was raised due to the number of caravans on the house next door to the site – these do not have planning permission and the number of caravan's change on a regular basis.

ACTION: Cllr Deynem undertook to speak with the Travellers Liaison Group.

ACTION: A watching brief on the number of Caravan's that are on the site at any one time.

ACCOUNTS

Cashbook – the council accepted the cashbook and updated budget v actual YTD dated 24-02-2021

Income & Expenditure

RESOLVED 20/047 - to accept the income received since the last meeting as reported below:-

£50 – donation to the Parish Council from a resident

RESOLVED 20/048 - to accept the expenditure as circulated at the meeting:-

To Whom Paid	Comments	Amount
Clerk's Salary	Tax Point 11	£229.47
Clerk's Salary	Tax Point 12	£229.47
Clerk's Expenses		£63.65
Autela Payroll Services	Q4 Payroll	£57.84
HMRC	PAYE Payment	£172.00
Ashton Hayes Parish Council	Contribution towards Clerk's Training	£18.00
Linux	Website Update	£60.00

YTD Bank Reconciliation - **RESOLVED 20/049** – that the bank reconciliation until 26/02/2020 as presented to the meeting was approved.

Internal Auditor for 2020-21 - **RESOLVED 20/050** to agree to invite Mrs Wright to undertake the Internal Audit for 2020-21.

CHALC Membership – Following receipt of an offer for discounted application fee from CHALC for 2021-22 the Parish Council considered this and **RESOLVED 20/051** not to re-join Cheshire Association of Local Councils for 2021-22.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Litter Picking

Cllr Bradley requested that an item be included in the next newsletter regarding litter picking over the Easter holiday. It was suggested that residents could book a timeslot and an area where they could commit to undertake socially distanced litter picking.

Tree Planting for Dunham Hill and Hapsford

Cllr Green reported that the trees need to be planted. Suggested that a date after 29th March then these trees could start to be planted. Cllr Green suggested after the schools break up for Easter then the trees could start to be replanted.

Bulb Planting

This has been completed for 2020. Suggest that we apply for funding for 2021 following the new financial year.

Hapsford Woods

It was reported that a meeting with ASH Group had been arranged for Saturday 20th March at 10am subject to Social Distancing and Lockdown restrictions being lifted. Double check if this can go ahead.

Footpaths within the Parish

Following communication from the Public Rights of Way Officer regarding a landowner in Dunham on the Hill, who has asked for some advice regarding the public's misuse of a Public Footpath crossing their land. As part of the advice that CWaC have provided, they asked if the Parish Council would be willing to include on their website information on Public Rights of Way and access to farmland.

ACTION: that the Parish Council approved to include on their website and noticeboards where appropriate the Public Rights of Way and access to farmland information.

WORKING GROUP

The notes of the Working Group held on 2nd February were circulated for information. Cllr Holmes confirmed that he was preparing a paper for circulation around the Parish Council regarding the recent Planning Review.

Cllr Holmes undertook to seek costing for a Christmas Tree lights for Dunham Hill.

Cllr Green circulated around the Parish Council prior to the meeting, a timeline for projects for the next 12 months. It was agreed that something be included in the next newsletter to get feedback from the residents as to their thoughts on the possible projects that could be undertaking.

CWaC CONSULTATION

Waste Consultation – Cllr Deynem reported to the Parish Council upon the current consultation covered Household Waste and recycling services, non-recycled waste, Green Waste Collection and possible charges to be introduced for this service and Household Waste and Recycling Centre Services. The Parish Council encouraged residents to review and respond as they felt appropriate to this consultation which ends on 18th March 2021.

Health and Wellbeing Consultation – it was reported that a virtual meeting had been arranged by CWaC to look at the new 'Hub and Spoke' approach to leisure services in the area. Cllr Bradley confirmed he has encouraged CWaC and Brio to look to see if any of their services could be provided within the Dunham and Hapsford area. A subsequent meeting specifically with Frodsham and Helsby looking at the new services they were providing to residents. The Chair highlighted the impressive facilities that were being proposed in Frodsham and Helsby to include a new Helsby Club, Football at Helsby High and the Rowing facilities Sutton Weaver/Runcorn.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Parish Councillors approved the Risk Assessment as submitted to the meeting for 2021-22.

ASSET REGISTER

The Parish Councillors reviewed the circulated Asset Register and approved it for 2021-22.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

It was confirmed that the next Newsletter was scheduled for April 2021.

- Waste Bins and recycling bins are coming to the end of the useful lives – how to obtain replacement bins.
- Census
- Village Green Project to consult Residents.
- Community Litter Picking
- Tree Planting update and request for volunteers
- Internet Speed in Dunham Hill & Hapsford

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

RESOLVED 20/052 to invite Sue Hanson to become a Parish Councillor.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.00pm via Video Conference.

The meeting closed at 20.38

Signed:..... Dated:.....

Mrs T Ryall-Harvey 2/03/2021