

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DUNHAM HILL & HAPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
4TH FEBRUARY 1997 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Schofield in the Chair, Cllrs. Guest, Tomlinson, Evans (A), Evans (F), Whitlow, Hall, Grundy

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Lyon, City Councillor Bennett.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed Cllr. Grundy, seconded by Cllr. F Evans that 'Minutes of the meeting held on 7/1/97 be signed as a true and correct record.' All present in favour.

3 Arising from Minutes

- a) Homewatch - Clerk to put notice on the notice board that a vacancy for a co-ordinator has arisen in Talbot Road. Police have informed the Clerk that Homewatch scheme is now run by a Mr. T. Hand, Tel. 01244-390799. Clerk to write to Mr Hand requesting a list of co-ordinators for the Village and stating that during the last months information regarding Homewatch has not been passed down to the Parish by the Police.
- b) Burst, Common Lane - Clerk to write to Chester Water Works.
- c) Land at Hapsford - Clerk's letter has been acknowledged.
- d) Dunham Village sign - Cllr. Tomlinson had been in contact with CCC and an estimate for a new sign will be forwarded to the Clerk.
- e) Moor Lane - Road signs have been erected.
- f) Police Forum - Lists giving the dates of future meetings have been passed to all Councillors.
- g) Account and Audit Regulations - Clerk had received booklet and will attend seminar on 1/3/97.
- h) North West Water, Railway bridge, Hapsford - Clerk to write that urgent reinstatement of the area is required.
- i) Car parking, Village Road - Police had been informed and had visited residents. Clerk to ascertain what response had come from vehicle owners.
- j) Ice on Village Road - Clerk awaiting reply.

4 Correspondence

- a) Dunham Hill service station - Letter from Chester City Council stating they had no power to prohibit the occasional parking of commercial vehicles on the forecourt, and plans for the site only show a highway verge. Representative to see owners of the garage and cafe.
- b) Cheshire 2011 Structure Plan - Meeting had been held on 19/1/97 and reply had been sent to the County Council stating the following:
 - Infill in Rural hamlets be actively encouraged.
 - Permanent constructions or mobile homes on Gypsy Sites should not be permitted without planning permission.
 - Increased financial incentives to encourage village shops, and a particular issue is rates, their reduction would create employment and regenerate the local economy helping the elderly and if local industry is developed it would reduce the number of vehicles on our roads.A reply had been received from CCC asking to make clear our Council's concern on the first point. It was proposed by Cllr. Guest, seconded by Cllr. Schofield that 'Clerk to write to CCC that as Hapsford is in the Green Belt, only GEN3 applies and local residents request some infilling be allowed without the restrictions of a "Special Purposes Requirement" ' All present in favour.
- c) Chester Action Partnership - Clerk to file correspondence.
- d) CCC New Council Consultation with Parishes - Clerk to attend seminar on 13/2/97.
- e) Valuation of Assets - Letter from District Valuer offering his services on the valuation of assets. Council to await the outcome of the seminar that the Clerk is to attend on 1.3.97.

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5 Accounts

Proposed Cllr. Hall, seconded by Cllr. Grundy that 'Cheques for accounts for January 1997 be signed'

B L Watson	71.5 hrs @ £3.82	273.13 \	
Trousers.Jackets		<u>80.77</u> \	£353.90 \
K C Hinkley (seminar)			£ 14.99 \
<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>£368.89</u>

6 Plans

96/01164 Change of use from Greengrocers Shop/Butchers Shop & Foot Preparation Unit to 3 workshop units - approved

7 Millennium Celebrations

Council discussed the above and several points were raised.

- Public meeting be arranged for Spring
 - Circular to be sent to all local organisations seeking their views
- Item to be retained on the agenda.

8 Village Newsletter

Copy of a Local Council's Newsletter be copied and forwarded to all Councillors, and the matter to be discussed further at the next meeting.

9 Village Matters.

- a) Water meters - Cllr. Hall advised members that any business in the Parish must have a water meter
- b) Street light - Light adj. to the school requires attention.
- c) Election costs - Council wish to bring to the attention of the residents of Dunham Hill and Hapsford that the cost to the Village for the two Parish Council elections will be approx. £850.
- d) Footpath, Windygates - Clerk to request CCC to reinstate the footpath.
- e) Gypsies, Lofty's Garage - The liquidators are at present in the process of going to court to evict the gypsies from the site. Clerk to write to the Chief Constable at the Parish Council's concern at the influx of local travellers in the Village.
- f) Water - Councillor Whitlow had reported an increase in the amount of limescale in the water to the Chester Water Company. If Councillors receive any further complaints, they should be reported to the Chester Water Co.
- g) Jackson's hedge - Clerk to request the owner to cut the offending hedge.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 4th March 1997 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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