

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DUNHAM HILL & HAPSFORD PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON THE 5 JULY 2005 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT Cllr Hall in the chair Cllrs Potter Shore Pitt Hanson and City Cllr Johnson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllrs. Carden Guest Jones

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING & IN COMMITTEE MINUTES HELD ON THE
7/6/05**

Proposed Cllr Shore Seconded Cllr Hanson that "Minutes of the meeting held on the 7/6/05 be signed as a true and correct record " All present in favour.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Public Meeting – A Public Meeting has been arranged on 12 July 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to discuss the recent gathering of travellers to the village.
2. Photocopier – Clerk has ordered the new machine, which will be delivered in the near future.
3. Vacant council house, Hapsford –Housing Association stated no funds available with regard to the purchase of land.
4. Church Lane Lights – These have now been repaired.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Council vacancy – Notified by the City Council that the vacancy can now be filled by a co-option.
2. Gypsy site appeal – Letter from the planning inspectorate had been received that our comments will be considered before the appeal decision is issued.
3. Talbot Road – CCC state that funding is not available for the conversion of grass verges to parking areas.
4. Grid, Church Lane – CCC state that arrangements will be made for the grid at the junction A56 to be cleared.
5. Railings, Hob Lane – Letter received from Dunham Hill Trust asking what is exactly proposed and the likely costings.
6. Bus Shelter, Low Hill – Letter from Mr Wilton-King requesting a new bus shelter at Low Hill. Clerk to contact CCC with regard to grants that may be available and to have the weeds, etc. within the present bus shelter cleared.
7. Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 – Letter received from DEFRA stating that the above plan received Royal Assent on 7 April 2005. It will directly impact on parish councils in two ways (a) it allows parish councils to issue fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti, fly posting and dog offences. (b) To introduce dog control orders for a range of offences, this will effectively replace the current by-laws.
8. Housing Register and Homeless Services – Survey to be carried out prior to the review of the housing allocation policy.
9. Helsby Arms – Notice of application for transfer of licence for the New Helsby Arms has been received from A Halsall and Co. Solicitors. It will be heard on 1/8/05 at the magistrate's court in Chester.

*John M Hall
4/10/05*

10. Planning Seminar - This will take place on 14/9/05 between 1-4pm at Middlewich.

ACCOUNTS FOR MAY 2005

Proposed Cllr Potter Seconded Cllr Shore that "Cheques for June accounts be signed" All present in favour.

D Nield	390.35	
Brush	5.99	396.34
Clerk Salary & Expenses		429.00
TOTAL		£825.34

Receipts and Payment account April to June 2005 was passed to all Councillors.

PLANS

05/00676 Replacement Slurry handling facility, Town Farm – Council agreed with the comments raised in a letter to the City Council from Mr & Mrs Tiplady.
05/00076 Conservatory, Bankfield, Village Road – No observations.

NEWSLETTER

Reports are being received for the next newsletter.

VILLAGE MATTERS

1. Hedge, Cash Lane – Clerk to write to Denton Clark asking for this to be cut.
2. Litter bin A5117 – Clerk to notify City Council that at times the litter bin is not being emptied.
3. Village Road – Clerk to report pot holes in the road and also that nothing has been done by the CCC with regard to the lack of drains causing flooding.
4. Prestone, Morley Bridge – Clerk to have the grid outside the premises cleared as water is overflowing into gardens.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 September 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Gordon M Hall
6/9/05

IN COMMITTEE

Proposed Cllr. Hall, seconded Cllr. Shore that 'the meeting close to discuss a financial matter in committee'. All present in favour

CLERK'S SALARY *from 1/4/05.*

The sub-committee had met with the Clerk to discuss the above and the relevant details had been passed to all members. The Clerk had agreed to these and a new contract is being drawn-up.

The sub-committee met with the Clerk at the conclusion of the Parish Council meeting to discuss the outcome of their deliberations, which were as follows:

Clerk's salary to be based on LCI1.17 which is £7.99/hr.

Clerk works 20 hours/month giving a salary of £1630.

Use of house £10.00/month

Depreciation of computer £10.00/month

Gratuity, in future 3.75% of the salary to be transferred to an account to be set up.

Clerk had written to the Association of Parish Councils regarding the figure that the Clerk is entitled to for his services to date. He has received confirmation that the figure is £3894.00

Proposed Cllr. Hall, seconded Cllr. Shore that 'Parish Council meeting be resumed'. All present in favour.

*Agreed in Hall
6/9/05*