

HUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Hunston Parish Council held on Wednesday 18 June 2014 in Hunston Village Hall.

Present: Mr S Baker (Vice Chairman), Mr L New, Mr R Pagram,
Mr S Solliss

In attendance: Mrs C Smith (Clerk), Mrs M Evans (WSCC 7 -7.05pm)

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

76/14C Questions/Comments from members of the public.

There were no questions raised.

77/14C Co-option of Councillors.

No-one had come forward.

78/14C District and County Councillor reports.

78.1 Tricia Tull (District Councillor)

Mrs Tull had sent her apologies as she was attending the Sidlesham Parish Council meeting.

78.2 Margaret Evans (County Councillor)

West Sussex County Council has a new website. The County Council is reorganising itself to make it slimmer and more efficient.

Funds are still available through Operation Watershed. The next County Local Committee grants will be awarded in September and there are also Business Grants available.

Mrs Whitehead then left the meeting.

79/14C Code of Conduct

79.1 Declarations of interest.

The Chairman declared an interest in Agenda Item 14 (Village Hall) as members of the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Pagram declare an interest in Agenda item 16 (Finance) as the recipient of one of the payments.

79.2 Requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

No requests were made.

80/14C Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Kenney.

81/14C Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of 21 May 2014.

The Chairman called for the approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 21 May 2014. These were **AGREED** and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

82/14C Matters Arising from the Minutes of 21 May 2014.

There were no matters arising.

83/14C Chairman's report.

As the Chairman was unable to attend the meeting there was no report.

84/14C Reports from external meetings.

84.1 Peninsula Forum

Cllr Pagram gave an update on matters raised at the Peninsula Forum meeting. He highlighted issues relating to flooding and sewage.

During the winter of 2013/14 the Peninsula experienced excessive rainfall around 250% of the national average. This was the highest in the area since records began in 1910. Ground water flooding was recorded in a number of locations across Southern Water's region breaking previous recorded levels. Southern Water had to pump waste water from sewers to help keep the sewers flowing. There were a number of instances when Southern Water had to take additional action. Where more help was needed over pumping was used to protected properties. The overall additional cost to Southern Water in dealing with the flooding was around £20 million. Tankering and overpumping cost £ 150,000 a day at its peak.

85/14C Ongoing projects.

85.1 Neighbourhood Plan

No further action had been taken as the Clerk was still waiting for the questionnaire.

85.2 The Pond

Cllr Solliss & the Clerk had met with Tracey Webb (WSCC) and Jane Reeve. Jane Reeve has offered the use of BCTV volunteers for one day in October to help with the clearance of vegetation. The initial plan is to clear brambles into the pond. This connects to the rife by long ditch which might eventually need clearing mechanically. It is hoped that debris to be burned off in corner of field. Once a clearer picture of the pond and how it connects to the ditches is established it may be necessary to get in a digger to give the pond more depth, this would require Operation Watershed funding. The ditch on the inlet side of the Pond has been cleaned out a bit and it is proposed to look at continuing this further up Church Lane. When the work has been done drainage will be significantly improved. Further up towards the Church the ditch disappears under a hawthorne hedge but this would require another project. The initial clearance date is set for Saturday 4 October and residents will be given the opportunity to get involved. Jane Reeve has a contact who will give guidance on how to clear the pond.

85.3 Highways Issues

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Tracy Webb regarding a number of highways issues and was awaiting a response. After some discussion on the proposals that had been put forward it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for a Highways Engineer to meet with Councillors to discuss options.

It was also agreed to look at the merits of a Zebra crossing or Pelican crossing outside the village hall.

86/14C Birdham Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

Birdham Parish Council has embarked upon the process of creating a Neighbourhood Plan for the whole Birdham Parish area for the period 2014 - 2029. As part of this process they are required to bring the Plan to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the Parish, as well as any qualifying body that might be affected by the proposed Plan. Hunston Parish Council falls within one of these categories. It was agreed that Councillors would review the plan for the next meeting.

87/14C Maintenance on the football pitch.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that a request had been received from the football club regarding maintenance of the football pitch. Income from the hire of the pitch this season will be £760.00. The Clerk showed the Councillors photographs of the worst affected areas. The Clerk has begun to make enquiries as to the cost of remedial work and once the quotes had been received circulate these to ensure that work could begin as quickly as possible. The Clerk was asked to look into the possibility of

funding from the Football Association toward the work.

It was agreed that the Football Club should be asked to remove the goal posts so that people would not continue to wear away the grass in front of the goal areas.

88/14C The Big Lunch.

The Clerk reported that she was in the process of putting together posters for the event. These would be supplemented by adverts in the local press.

The Clerk advised that the Landlord of the Spotted Cow was not able to provide a bar service on the field that day because of problems encountered at the Jubilee celebrations. It was agreed that the Community Club would be asked to have a 'open day' for the event and the Parish Council would have a Pimms stall.

89/14C Village Hall.

Cllr Baker reported the kitchen was nearly finished with just some grouting of the tiled areas and installation of the cooker hood to complete. The cooker will then need to be finally positioned and decorating completed. Crockery and cutlery will then need to be returned to the kitchen. Mandatory switched and fused spurs will need to be installed for the dishwasher and fridge to meet current electrical requirements.

The kitchen should be complete by 27th June 2014 at the latest.

90/14C Clerk's Report

90.1 Nick Boles, MP has accepted an invitation to visit Chichester District to discuss housing supply and planning related matters with the District and Parish Councils on Thursday afternoon 3 July 2014. Mr Boles is Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Planning, one of the ministerial team at the Department for Communities and Local Government. This is an opportunity to come and hear what the Government and the Minister have to say about Local Plans, housing numbers and neighbourhood planning, and then to put questions to him.

90.2 The Clerk reported that she had met with the owner of the property next to the village hall after a number of complaints were received about small boulders being placed across the side of the car park. She explained why the boulders had been put in place and what works were being planned. Councillors went and looked at the land in question. It was agreed that the Clerk should advise the owner that the Parish Council did not have any issue with where people crossed into the Village Hall car park. It did however fully understand her desire to stop people using her land to access the hall. It was agreed to recommend to the owner that if she wanted to take any action on putting up a barrier then she was fully within her rights to do so, as long as the barrier was wholly on her land and that any necessary permission had been sought from the relevant authorities.

90.3 The Clerk reported that she had received an email from the Land Charges Manager at the District Council regarding the naming of the new development by Foxbridge Drive. The recommendation from the Developer is Foxbridge Close. The Parish Council is able to recommend a name for the development under statutory powers. Concern was raised at the possibility of post and parcels being mis-delivered between Foxbridge Close and Foxbridge Drive. Councillors felt that it would be preferable to have a different name and reference was made to the fact that the site used to be part of Foxbridge Farm and Reedbridge Farm was adjacent to the site.

RESOLVED that the name Farm Close be put forward as a suitable name.

91/14C Finance.

91.1 Grant/donation requests

A request for a donation had been received from Sidlesham PTA. **RESOLVED** that a donation of £100 be made.

91.2 Schedule of Payments and Receipts
RESOLVED that the payments listed in the schedule of payments and receipts totalling £3086.22 be made. See appendix 1 (June 2014).

91.3 Financial Statement for June 2014
The Statement of Accounts up to 31 May 2014 was **APPROVED**.
See appendix 2 (June 2014)

92/14C Items for noting or referral to a future meeting.
It was suggested that meetings could start at 6.30pm now that the hall was available.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairman