

## HUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an extraordinary Meeting of Hunston Parish Council held on Wednesday 21 September 2016 in Hunston Village Hall.

Present: Mr S Baker (Chairman), Mrs J Foster, Mr P Marshall, Mr S Solliss  
Mr C Vinton

In attendance: Mrs C Smith (Clerk), 13 members of public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced the new councillors and explained the purpose of the meeting. Residents were encouraged to make an individual response to the consultation.

### **97/16C Questions/Comments from members of the public.**

The Chairman ran through each of the 5 options to explain what had been proposed. Residents then made the following comments and questions.

Does the Parish Council have a stance on which option it may support?

It is important to understand that there is also a 'no option' choice although it is not clear what happens if that is chosen.

It was reported that at the exhibitions Highways England had indicated that they will put forward the recommended options from the choices given.

It is unfortunate that northern routes were withdrawn but they were never part of the original plan.

There is a Petition online for the northern options to be re-considered. 10,000 signatures will require parliament to have a debate on the issue.

It was widely felt that the plans were a sticking plaster.

Highways England was told very specifically it had to look at the traffic on the 4 roundabouts. It was not asked to look at a northern bypass. Highways England did produce an initial scope but not in detail. The only way to change this is to lobby the MP, Andrew Tyrie.

If Highways England thought that improvements should be contained to one road, why then does Option 2 have an extra road. It was noted that the Highways England remit was to look at improvements for traffic travelling East/West and not the North/South traffic.

Observations were made about the difficulties of traffic from the Peninsula travelling up to the Mundham roundabout and then through the narrow windy roads of North Mundham to Vinetrow Road to get to the A27 going east.

Residents were asked about how they knew about the consultation as there was some concern that people were not really aware. The Clerk confirmed that all households should have received information directly from Highways England and via the Parish Council newsletter as well as an additional leaflet from Peninsula parishes.

Residents were asked for a show of hands in support of each of the options. No

hands were raised for options 1 to 3A. Everyone's hand was raised for the 'no option' choice.

A comment was made that Highways were looking at removing the Oving lights to aid the free flow of traffic, but then had produced several options where the roundabouts were controlled by lights.

The Chairman thanked residents for coming to the meeting and expressing their views. He reiterated the importance of people making their own comments online.

13 members of the public then left the meeting.

#### **98/16C Code of Conduct.**

##### 98.1 Declarations of interest.

None

##### 98.2 Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

None

#### **99/16C Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Gregory and Cllr Furlong.

#### **100/16C A27 Improvements Consultation.**

Councillors had a wide ranging discussion on how best to engage with residents. It was not known whether the majority of residents shared the views of those who had attended the meeting. There was some concern that the residents would not know how the Parish Council was going to respond.

Councillors gave their views on the options presented.

None of the options work, nothing provides a long term solution and there was a feeling that the northern bypass should be explored.

It was understood that Highways England had been asked to look at the 4 roundabouts on the existing road. It was noted that there were actually 5 roundabouts on the road and that no real measures had been put forward for the Portfield roundabout. There was a feeling that the wrong question had been asked and it would have been better to simply ask Highways England to devise a scheme to improve traffic flow in the area.

It was felt that the land between the B2145 and the Fishbourne roundabout (location of the new link road) was not any more or less environmentally sensitive than land along the Goodwood Estate which at several times during the year was used as a car park.

It was agreed that it seemed that huge amounts of money were to be spent with major disruption to local residents and with no real benefit. Councillors had noted the responses from various Parish Councils and both the District and County Councils. There was some concern that some of the proposals from the District Council were technically not possible to achieve.

It was suggested that Option 2 might provide the best solution to the free flow of traffic along the A27 but this came at some cost to the environment because of the proposed new link road and the potential loss of a number of properties.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council responds to the consultation to the effect that none of the 5 options presented were suitable and that a new road was preferable to split the through and local traffic. It also felt that this would result in a cheaper and less disruptive option.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman