

HUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an extraordinary Meeting of Hunston Parish Council held on Wednesday 7 September 2016 in the Annexe at the rear of Hunston Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Mrs C Smith (Clerk) 1 member of public

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

90/16C Questions/Comments from members of the public.

None.

91/16C Co-option of Councillors.

Several people had come forward to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Chairman invited them to introduce themselves and give a little background.

Mr Chris Vinton - wanted to get involved in local issues and has had some experience with charity work.

Mrs Joan Foster - feels passionately about the village. Works part time in mental health. Has worked at WSCC and been chair of St Wilfrids Hospice.

Mr Paul Marshall works from home. Interested in looking after people and fighting for peoples rights.

The Chairman thanked the candidates for their interest highlighting the importance of looking at all areas of Parish Council work and not just one or two issues.

RESOLVED that Mr Chris Vinton, Mrs Joan Foster and Mr Paul Marshall be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Each person then duly signed a 'Declaration of acceptance of Office' and joined the meeting.

The newly co-opted Councillors were welcomed to the Parish Council.

92/16C Code of Conduct.

92.1 Declarations of interest.

None

92.1 Requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

None.

Cllr Gregory gave her apologies and then left the meeting.

93/16C Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Furlong.

94/16C A27 Improvements Consultation.

Councillors reviewed the options presented and a number of issues were raised.

- Difficulties of junctions with no right turn on to or off of the A27
- The impact of additional housing on the peninsula.
- The issues relating to Highways reviewing development on a case by case basis rather than looking at the overall effects of developments.
- It was explained how the elevated sections would be built so as not to cause so much disruption.

- Concerns relating to the possibility of gridlock within Chichester should there be an accident on any minor roads.
- Concern that elevated sections would produce significant noise levels which would carry.

It was agreed that the only option that would benefit the free flow of traffic along the A27 would be Option 2 but that this option would be detrimental to the villages of Hunston and North Mundham.

Councillors briefly discussed the issues relating to the growing lobbying for a northern bypass to be reconsidered.

The potential benefits of Option 1A were discussed although it was noted that this would still result in congestion on the approaches to both the Stockbridge and Whyke roundabouts in both directions.

It was agreed that there was a need to develop better road safety through Hunston and to consider what was the best option for Hunston although there was some concern that this should not be detrimental to adjoining parishes.

As three of the Councillors were new to the Parish Council it was agreed to defer the final response to a meeting on 21 September 2016.

95/16C Administration Assistant.

For the benefit of new Councillors the Chairman explained that the Parish Council had already approved the creation of a new post of Administration Assistant. There had been 11 applications and six candidates had been shortlisted for interview which had been carried out by the Chairman and Clerk. A summary of the candidates with a recommendation to appoint Candidate A had been circulated. It was also recommended that the post be paid on the National Joint Scales at the entry level of Spinal Point 15.

RESOLVED that the post of Administration Assistant be offered to Candidate A.

RESOLVED that the Administration Assistant be paid at Spinal Point 15 of the National Joint Salary Scales for an average of 4 hours a week.

96/16C Additional laptop.

It was reported that to enable staff to work effectively that an additional laptop would be required. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorised to purchase an additional suitable laptop subject to a budget of £500.00

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairman