

HUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Hunston Parish Council held on Wednesday 25 January 2017 in the Annexe at the rear of Hunston Village Hall.

Present: Mr S Baker (Chairman), Mrs J Foster, Mrs S Gregory

In attendance: Mrs C Smith (Clerk), Mrs T Tull (CDC)

The meeting commenced at 7.04 pm.

1/17C Questions/Comments from members of the public.

None.

2/17C District and County Councillor reports.

2.1 Mrs T Tull (District Councillor)

Mrs Tull reported briefly on a recent meeting with Andrew Tyrie MP. He had suggested that there had been no road developments through greenfield sites in the past 20 years and thought the likelihood of getting a northern bypass was remote. Mr Tyrie offered no update other than to say that he was better informed as a result of the meeting.

The Chairman reported from the meeting Andrew Tyrie had with Parish Council Chairmen. The main objection to having a re-run of the consultation centred around the possibility of losing the funding. Mr Tyrie told Parish Councillors he had always been opposed to the northern options. He was well aware of the specific issues of the Manhood Peninsula. The issue of the lack of any options for the Portfield roundabout was also raised.

Mrs Tull advised that the District Council had voted to request a re-run of the consultation to include the northern options as well as publishing the results of the original consultation.

2.2 Mrs M Evans (County Councillor)

Mrs Evans had sent her apologies for the meeting and passed on the following report. Louise Goldsmith, Leader of West Sussex County Council, has asked for the consultation to be re-run as she strongly felt the previous one was flawed. She is not saying which option she prefers, simply that the consultation should be run again with all the options on the table. Tony Dignum as Leader of Chichester District Council agrees with her. I understand that Andrew Tyrie, MP is arranging a meeting with all the parishes.

The other item is that we shall be debating the budget at Full Council on the 17th February.

3/17C Code of Conduct.

3.1 Declarations of interest.

None

3.2 Dispensation requests.

None

4/17C Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Marshall, Cllr Furlong and Cllr Vinten.

It was noted that Cllr Solliss had recently resigned from the Parish Council. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Solliss for his valuable contribution to the Parish Council. The relevant vacancy notices had been published on the website and notice boards.

5/17C Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 30 November 2106.

The Chairman called for the approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30 November 2016. **RESOLVED** that the Minutes be approved and duly signed as being a true record of the meeting.

6/17C Matters arising from the Minutes of 30 November 2016.

Minute 126/16C WSALC Spring conference Cllr Foster was now unable to attend.

7/17C A27 Consultation

The Chairman had attended a meeting with Andrew Tyrie and this had been reported on earlier.

The Parish Council considered whether it was appropriate to write to the Secretary for State to request a re-run of the consultation. This was agreed.

Mrs Tull then left the meeting at 7.30pm

8/17C Maintenance Issues

The Clerk reported that the tender process was now underway and it was hoped to be completed at the February meeting.

9/17C Project updates.

9.1 Traffic calming

The Clerk and Chairman had met with a resident who had previously been seeking a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to reduce the speed limit at the southern end of the village. This application had sought to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 30mph. The resident had been advised by the Highways Team that this would not be supported but consideration may be given to a new 40mph speed limit instead. This was now being taken up by the Parish Council.

Cllr Foster reported that she had received an email from a resident regarding installation of speed cameras. An explanation of the constraints that made this difficult had been sent. It was reiterated that the road did not fulfil the criteria for speed camera and reduction to 20mph through village.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council would also be engaging with the Highways Team over the proposed reduction of the speed to the north of the village in conjunction with the new Free School development.

9.2 Relocation/addition of bus stops

The possible relocation of the bus stop to the south of the village would be reviewed once the speed limit work had been completed.

The Clerk will pursue the movement of the bus stop north of the sub-station.

9.3 Refurbishment of the hard-court area.

Nothing new to report.

10/17C Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

Village Spring Clean

The Clerk reported that at last year's spring clean only 2 people turned up – both Councillors. In previous years more people had turned up to help.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would organise a Village Spring Clean on Saturday 11 March at 10.30am. It was agreed to put this in the next newsletter, on Facebook, on the website and that Councillors would encourage people to volunteer.

Community Highways Schemes

Details of the new Community Highways Schemes and the process for making an application had been circulated to Councillors and posted on the website.

Annual Meeting for Electors 2017

Deferred to the February meeting.

11/17C Finance.

11.1 Budget for 2017/18

The updated budget figures had been circulated to Councillors for review. The areas where there had been changes were highlighted. It was agreed to factor in some financial support for the village hall.

RESOLVED that the Budget for 2017/18 be approved.

11.2 Precept for 2017/18

Details of how the District Council's Tax Base affected the Band D rate in residents Council Tax bills. It was also noted that the District Council's Council Tax Support grant was reduced for 2017/18 and would be phased out completely over the next two financial years. To balance the budget it was agreed that the Parish Council would implement a £1 a month increase on this figure.

RESOLVED that the Precept for 2017/18 would be set at £45410.40

11.3 Bank accounts.

The Clerk reported that with the resignation of Cllr Solliss there were now only two signatories to the bank accounts. In addition, the bank was now charging £18 a quarter to operate the accounts. It was suggested that the accounts be moved to an alternative provider that would allow free banking.

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk be authorised to look into switching the bank accounts to an alternative provider.

11.4 Clerks Training programme for 2017

The Clerk had circulated a list of training events throughout the year. Permission was sought to attend events where the content may be of appropriate use. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorised to book any of the training courses on the list where there was appropriate content.

11.5 Schedule of Payments and Receipts

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments and receipts totalling £10389.70 be approved.

11.6 Financial Statement for January 2017

The statement of accounts up to 20 January 2017 was **APPROVED**

12/17C Items for noting or referral to a future meeting.

Risk assessments, Policies and Procedures, Newsletter

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed _____ Date _____

Chairman