

HUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Hunston Parish Council held on Wednesday 22 February 2017 in the Annexe at the rear of Hunston Village Hall.

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

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

The meeting commenced at

13/17C Questions/Comments from members of the public.

None.

14/17C District and County Councillor reports.

14.1 Mrs T Tull (District Councillor)

Mrs Tull had attended the North Mundham Parish Council meeting regarding the proposed Pagham housing developments.

Mrs Tull also highlighted the need to pursue projects that were using Section 106 funds before the funding expired.

14.2 Mrs M Evans (County Councillor)

In her absence Mrs Evans had sent the following comments; The budget was agreed on Friday and there will be a rise in the rates with 1.95% the maximum allowed by the Government without triggering a referendum, and 2% specifically for Adult Social Care making a total of 3.95%

With regards to the A27 --- who knows. I did ask a question of the Leader at Full Council and she knows no more than we do. You will have seen that Andrew Tyrie, MP, has written to Chris Grayling, Secretary of State for Transport, asking for the results of the consultation to be published immediately.

15/17C Code of Conduct.

15.1 Declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda.

None

15.2 Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

None made.

16/17C Apologies for absence.

None.

17/17C Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 25 January 2017.

On a proposal made by Cllr Foster, seconded by Cllr Gregory it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 January 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Mrs Tull left the meeting 7.07pm

18/17C Matters arising from the Minutes of 25 January 2017.

None.

19/17C Ground Maintenance

The Clerk reported that the tender documents had been issued to 8 contractors. By

the deadline there had been three responses.

A comparison was made of the quotations received and it was noted that there were differences from the Tender specification issued.

On a proposal from Cllr Vinton, seconded by Cllr Marshall it was **RESOLVED** that MH Kennedy & Son be awarded the grass cutting and maintenance contract from 1 April 2017 for a period of four years.

20/17C Project updates.

20.1 Traffic calming

Nothing to report

20.2 Relocation/addition of bus stops

The Clerk was in talks with Stagecoach Buses and the County Council Highways Officers and the matter was being progressed.

20.3 Refurbishment of the hard-court area.

Although there was nothing specific to report Councillors were given an update on what the proposals entailed. There was some debate over who would use the new facility and how it would be managed.

It was agreed that the Clerk, the Chairman and Cllr Vinton would progress an application for funding.

21/17C Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

21.1 Village Spring Clean

Posters had been created and a couple of amendments to these were suggested. Cllr Gregory and Cllr Foster agreed to co-ordinate the event on the day.

21.2 Newsletter

Items discussed for the newsletter included articles on the Budget and Precept, an update on the spring clean, future plans, what issues are currently of concern, the canoe club, the canal and the Parish Meeting.

21.3 New Homes Bonus

The Clerk briefly outlined the New Homes Bonus and that the Parish Council should think of a project to utilise this funding. It was agreed that the Clerk would send more detailed information to Councillors on what the new Homes Bonus was, what the criteria were for applying for funding, in particular whether it could be used to hold a community event. It was agreed to also seek ideas from residents at the Parish Meeting in April.

21.4 Annual Meeting for Electors 2017

It was agreed to focus on engaging with residents to get some input as to what they wanted the Parish Council to do. Everyone was well aware of the traffic issues but were there other issues that residents were interested in getting resolved.

22/17C Finance.

22.1 Review and add signatories to the bank accounts.

Initial enquiries with Barclays as previously discussed had shown that an account with them would be unviable. They are only allowing a maximum of three signatories which is unsatisfactory. Looking at other accounts (Natwest, HSBC, Lloyds and Santander none of them have the same signing arrangements as Unity Trust Bank. The difficulty seems to be that banks either have charges or it was not possible to register the right number of people to be authorised signatories and many only require one person to conduct the transactions online. The Clerk recommended continuing with Unity Trust and adding signatories to the account.

On a recommendation from the Clerk it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Foster, Cllr Vinton and Cllr Marshall be added as signatories to the existing bank accounts.

22.2 Schedule of Payments and Receipts

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments and receipts totalling £2113.94 be approved.

22.3 Financial Statement for February 2017

The statement of accounts up to 16 February 2017 was **APPROVED**

23/17C Items for noting or referral to a future meeting.

Risk assessments, Policies and Procedures

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

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairman