

Hunston Annual Parish Meeting

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 31st MAY 2017 AT HUNSTON VILLAGE HALL

Present:	Parish Council	Mr S Baker (Chairman), Mrs S Gregory, Mrs J Foster, Mr C Vinton
	Parish Residents	30
	District Councillor	Mrs T Tull

The meeting commenced at 7pm.

1. **Welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council**

The Chairman introduced himself and the Parish Councillors and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also introduced District Councillor Trisha Tull who was also attending the meeting.

2. **Parish Reports**

The Chairman explained that the evening was all about Parishioners having the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions so most of the time available would be given to the floor.

Hopefully people were up to date with the issue of the A27. There are now working parties exploring the way forward and the Parish Council are part of that process. We are trying to see if we can find a consensus as Parishes on the Manhood to a way forward which helps both through traffic and local traffic. We will keep you informed of progress as and when we can.

Also, work has started on the Free School. They are aiming at being open for the start of the academic year 2018/19.

Moving on to the agenda now, we start with traffic issues. We are all keen to see the issue of speeding vehicles addressed although there is no absolutely guaranteed way of achieving this. We are working on getting the speed limit south of the Village reduced to 40mph from the current 50mph. There is now only a short stretch between Hunston and the 40mph limit as you approach Sidlesham. We are reasonably confident we will be able to achieve this.

Going north we hope that as part of changes we expect to be made once the Free school is finished we can get a reduction in the speed limit from the Pagham roundabout towards Hunston of 40mph. We do not know at the moment what the plans are for speed limits around the school but we would expect it to be reduced with possibly a 20mph speed limit outside the school itself during parts of the school day. We don't see that causing any difficulty during the morning peaks as it would be quite nice to be able to do 20mph!

We are also considering installing village gateways i.e. a more obvious indication that you are entering a village with more imposing signage etc.

Chris Vinton made a presentation on the regeneration of the basketball court on the playing fields. The hardcourt area is rarely used as it is uneven and covered with moss and weeds. The Parish Council have been looking into regeneration schemes from 4 Companies to provide a games area for all ages. Details of one scheme with multi uses, including fitness equipment, table tennis and basketball were shown. The area would ideally be wheelchair accessible and low maintenance. There has been a similar regeneration programme to the childrens play area at Sidlesham which has proved very successful although the cost was in the region of £12,000. We would need residents feedback and a Community Engagement Programme to get peoples input and support would help. We need to look at ways for Funding this programme.

We have recently been advised that we will receive a small amount of money from the New Homes Bonus. This is something that is distributed around the district to reflect the new building taking place. It is not based on building in Hunston but rather in the district as a whole. We are due about £3,500. When we open the meeting to the floor if anyone has any ideas for what we could spend this on then we would be pleased to hear from you.

Finally, yet again we find ourselves short of Councillors. We are aware that modern working practices and lengthy commutes for many make it difficult to commit to regular meetings and active participation. We are currently short of two Councillors with Stuart Sollis and Keith Furlong having resigned. If anyone is interested would they please see me or one of the other Councillors after the meeting.

3. Residents Questions

The Sport Area – who exactly would that be for as it has never really been used? We are asking for residents ideas for this area.

Access across the busy road and the remote land around the playing field does not encourage parents to let their children use the area.

It is agreed that crossing the road is an issue but a crossing there has been requested in the past but not allowed. It would be extremely difficult to make the land surrounding the area safer.

Tricia Tull (CDC) confirmed that a similar play area with gym equipment, etc, had been provided at Sidlesham and had proved very successful, with all ages benefiting from it. Funding was raised for the cost of around £12,000

In the past a resident has offered help with schemes and this has not been taken up.

It was repeated that input from local residents is always encouraged.

What is happening with the new A27 Bypass?

Although the previous plans were not supported further meetings will go ahead in time. The Northern Bypass is still considered the best option by some. The Parish Council will be participating in the process of looking for better options.

Was actual traffic flow taken into account?

It was considered that the plans were based on out of date traffic flow as new estates had been developed since this information was gathered.

The traffic backing up at the Hunston/Mundham roundabout is going to get worse if the development of 1300 houses at Pagham go ahead – can anything be done about this? We have in the past asked for a cross hatched area to be provided around the roundabout but no agreement was forthcoming from Highways.

Residents raised an issue with the condition of the rear of the Village hall, e.g gents toilets in bad state and the corridor ceilings.

Quotes have been obtained for upgrading the gents toilets and this topic was on the agenda of the Trustee Meeting to discuss the three quotes.

There was a Village Clean-up – but no-one knew about it, can better advertising of these types of events be provided so that more people are aware?

Notices were put up in the bus shelters, but the request for better communication will be taken into account in the future. If the council could have email addresses of local residents this may help to do a mail shot.

A resident advised that this could raise a Data Protection issue. The Parish are subject to the Data Protection Act.

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting, declared the meeting closed and invited residents to partake of the refreshments provided.

Signed :..... Date:.....
Chairman