

HUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Hunston Parish Council held on Wednesday 26 July 2017 in the Annexe at the rear of Hunston Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Mrs C Smith (Clerk), Mrs T Tull (CDC), Mr J Fitzjohn (WSCC)

The meeting commenced at 7.07pm

73/17C Questions/Comments from members of the public.

None

74/17C Co-option of Councillors.

No one had yet come forward but one person had indicated they might be interested in the new year.

75/17C District and County Councillor reports.

75.1 Mrs T Tull (District Councillor)

Mrs Tull gave a brief overview of the recent A27 update meetings that were held for County Councillors, District Councillors and the wider community. The Leaders and Chief Executives of both District and County Councils had met with Mr O'Sullivan from Highways England to talk about the A27 funding.

The District Council is looking at a variation of Option 2 from last years consultation. This would only include a link road from the Fishbourne roundabout to the A286 and not the continuation through Donnington and Hunston. There is some discussion about lowering the levels of the Fishbourne roundabout.

The District Council is about to embark on a big litter campaign and helping villages to do more clean ups with support.

75.2 Mr J Fitzjohn (County Councillor)

Mr Fitzjohn gave an update on the County Councillors meeting regarding the A27. The Secretary of State had indicated that the funding for the project had been withdrawn but as yet these funds had not been reallocated. Highways England (HE) are aware of the community project to try and find a solution. The funding will be still be available should the community accept Option 2 or at least a variation of it by the end of September 2017.

The County Council has put a benchmark on bidding for Road Investment Strategy (RIS) 2 funding by the end of November. Although the County Council has been told by HE that RIS 2 funds are not available it cannot refuse to allow an application to be submitted. Gillian Keegan MP is going to request an extension past the September deadline. Mr Fitzjohn reported that the effect on small businesses whilst any road works were taking place had not been looked into.

The Information Commissioner had decided that HE should under a Freedom of Information request disclose all the information it had on the northern routes. HE had 21 days to provide this information which would be publicly available.

Mr Fitzjohn ended by asking the Council what it wanted him to bring to meetings.

A number of subjects were raised; the A27 and roads on the Peninsula, a crossing for the village hall. It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide Mr Fitzjohn with a list of issues to be taken up with highways.

Mr Fitzjohn sits on the Health and Adult Social Care Committee which was working on isolation within communities. Steering groups have been set up to look at how to get involved with local groups. The County Council has been given £25million over 3 years, the majority of this will go towards prevention of isolation.

Mrs Tull then left the meeting.

76/17C Code of Conduct.

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

None

76.2 Requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

None

77/17C Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Vinton.

78/17C Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 28 June 2017.

On a proposal from Cllr Foster seconded by Cllr Gregory it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 June 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting and they be signed by the Chairman.

79/17C Matters arising from the Minutes of 28 June 2017.

None

80/17C Project updates.

80.1 Relocation/addition of bus stops

Nothing further to report

80.2 Refurbishment of the hard-court area.

As Cllr Vinton was not present there was nothing further to report.

80.3 Children's playground

Nothing further to report.

81/17C A27 workshops.

As this had been largely covered in the District and County Councillor reports there was nothing further to add.

It was noted that the local MP was going to try and get more time. In the meantime, the community would continue with the current process noting that funding may slip to RIS 2.

82/17C Southern Gateway regeneration project consultation

It was agreed that improving part of the city was a good exercise. There was no hope of doing anything with level crossing. Therefore, undertaking the rerouting of traffic was seen as a positive solution.

83/17C Local Plan review consultation

There was an expectation that housing numbers would have to increase by further 50%. This led to concern that unless infrastructure was dealt with then further development not possible. It was also noted there did not seem to be any cross border communication between local authorities. No review on how developments impact on neighbouring villages. The Council was advised to let Mr Fitzjohn know about planning issues where infrastructure was affected.

There were also concerns about urban spread and that any improvements to infrastructure will inevitably lead to further development.

84/17C Surface Water Issues & Solutions Group (SWISH)

The Council agreed that this was a good initiative and it was suggested that past Councillor Stuart Solliss might be approached to be part of the group.

The Council was advised to let Mr Fitzjohn know where the flood issues are.

85/17C Winter Management Plan.

It was noted that grit bins are still full. The Winter Management Plan did not require any amendments at this stage.

It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda to formulate a proper plan of who would do what in the event of snow. Volunteers would be required.

It was agreed to put the Winter Management Plan on the website.

86/17C Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

Chichester District Council's Site Allocation Development Plan Document 2014-2029 (Site Allocation Plan) Examination.

Hearings are being held for the Site Allocation DPD Examination. The Hearings will take place between Tuesday 12 September and Thursday 21 September. Hunston is part of the proposed site allocation and the hearing for Hunston takes place on Wednesday 20 September 2017.

Computer tablets

New computer tablets had been purchased and these were distributed to Councillors along with details of the new email addresses and access to Council documents.

87/17C Finance.

87.1 Schedule of Payments and Receipts

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments and receipts totalling £3907.37 be approved for payment.

87.2 Financial Statement for July 2017

The statement of accounts up to 20 July 2017 was **APPROVED**.

88/17C Items for noting or referral to a future meeting.

Winter Management Plan

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairman