

# **Helpston Parish Council: September 2016 Minutes**

**Meeting held in the John Clare School on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs J Dobson (chair), R Morton, T Thompson, A Bradley, D Dykes, J Mead, G Jolly, L Newitt: the Clerk S Smith: City Cllr. D Over; and seven members of the public.

- 082/16-17     **1. Apologies:** Cllr A Driver
- 083/16-17     **2. Declarations of interest:** None
- 084/16-17     **3. Public Participation:**  
3.1 D Pollard: Hedge on West Street just beyond 85 West Street overgrowing the footpath.
- 085/16-17     **4. Minutes of meeting 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016:** Agreed and signed.
- 086/16-17     **5. Actions arising from July meeting:**  
5.1 Village Inspection: Still awaiting date from Martin Benn. Church Lane drains blocked.  
5.2 Churchyard and trees: Inspection planned for 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am  
5.3 Grants update: £380.00 given to Helpston Tennis Club, £504.89 given to the Gala Committee, £2500.00 given to Friends of John Clare School, £2100.00 given to Helpston Scout Group. City will provide Section 106 cover for a full £1000.00 grant to the Gala Committee. A grant was authorised to cover a “welcome display” for Louis Smith (Olympic silver medallist) £146.75  
5.4 Exeter Arms: No response from Trustees. Clerk to ask City Council for help and also to inform Charity Commissioners.
- 086/16-17     **6. Reports from Councillors and Clerk:**  
6.1 Cllrs. Newitt and Jolly presented a draft “Welcome to Helpston” leaflet. Councillors will review the contents before the next meeting.     **Action: All**  
6.2 Cllr. Dobson reported on the Parish Liaison meeting.  
a. Devolution questionnaire responses required.     **Action: All**  
b. City to adopt the Local Government Code of Conduct.  
c. CPALC ‘s Ian Dewar outlined some devolved services possibilities.  
d. The role of the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities was explained.  
6.3 Cllr Bradley reported defibrillator problems to which solutions were in hand.
- 087/16-17     **7. Planning – City Council decisions:** None received
- 088/16-17     **8. Planning – Helpston Parish Council comments:**  
8.1 16/01308/HHFUL at 85 West Street. Minutes record that there were no Parish Council objections.  
8.2 16/01520/FUL New dwelling at 40 West Street: No objections to the application in principle but Parish Council noted that a) The adjacent property (to the west) is already numbered 40 so the planning description for this new property is incorrect, and b) the applicant’s ecological survey was carried out after the whole site had been prematurely cleared by the developer before plans were submitted and as a result it is considered to be limited.  
8.3 16/01433/CTR Lime Trees (4) cut back at 4 Maxey Road: No objection.  
8.4 16/01592/HHFUL Extension at 35 Glinton Road: No objection.  
8.5 16/01573/LBC Porch removal at 6 Cromwell Mews: No objection  
8.6 15/01840/OUT Appeal at Uffington Road, Barnack: Noted  
8.7 16/01528/HHFUL Extension at 5 The Nook: No objection

8.8 Clerk to inform City / Anglian Water of rubble dumped in the drainage ditch at the site on Glinton Road adjacent to 1 Arborfield Close. **Action: SS**

8.9 Clerk to ask City to arrange for developer of property behind 1 The Nook on Glinton Road to clear and re-seed the grass verge. **Action: SS**

089/16-17 **9. Finance:**

9.1 Payments were approved: Clerk (6/12 salary), Clerk (6/12 expenses), HMRC (6/12 PAYE), Groundsman (6/12 fees), T Tushingham (L Smith welcome), Smith of Derby (church clock).

090/16-17 **10. Speedwatch:** Cllr Over to provide more information at the next meeting

091/16-17 **11. Correspondence:**

11.1 Weight Limit suspension on B1443: as work is now completed no discussion was needed.

11.2 Parking orders: City has proposed new orders in West Street and Crossberry Way. No objections raised. Councillors and public pointed out new parking problems opposite Grasslands Riding Stables. Clerk to investigate. **Action: SS**

092/16-17 **12. Next Agenda**

12.1 Cllr Mead wished to propose a path/pavement along Broadwheel Road.

12.2 Cllr Dobson requested a Neighbourhood Plan update item (ref. Cllr Driver).

12.3 Cllr Dobson asked for implementation of the decision to erect a Noticeboard in the Cemetery.

093/16-17 **13. Date of NEXT MEETING: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm**