

Helpston Parish Council: October 2016 Minutes

Meeting held in The John Clare School on Monday 3rd October 2016

Present: Cllrs R Morton (chairman), T Thompson, A Bradley, D Dykes, J Mead, G Jolly, L Newitt, A Driver; the Clerk S Smith; City Cllr. D Over; three member of the public.

- 094/16-17 **1. Apologies:** Cllr J Dobson
- 095/16-17 **2. Declarations of interest:** None
- 096/16-17 **3. Public Participation:**
3.1 Mr Nutt: Complaint of smells from the sewage pumping system for the Cuckoo Close development. Mr Nutt will contact the Clerk on the next occurrence and two councillors will visit the site.
- 097/16-17 **4. Minutes of meeting 5th September 2016:** Agreed and signed.
- 098/16-17 **5. Actions from September meeting:**
5.1 Overgrowing hedge in West Street: work done
5.2 Draft "Welcome Leaflet": agenda item below
5.3 Devolution questionnaire: Cllrs to complete responses.
5.4 Rubble in ditch near 1 Arborfield Close: Registered with Enforcement and the Welland and Deepings Drainage Board
5.5 Parking on West Street: City to review
- 099/16-17 **6. Reports from Councillors and Clerk:**
6.1 The Clerk reported on the meeting with Bryan Clary re. the Churchyard trees and will prepare a Tree Works notification.
6.2 Cllr Mead gave the Scrutiny Commission/PC Liaison report referring to their abolition and the formation of the Parish Council and Rural Affairs Group.
6.3 Cllr. Over gave the Barnack Ward report referring to a) potential links with Stamford, b) new village construction, c) possible Castor township
- 100/16-17 **7. Planning – City Council decisions:**
7.1 16/01573/LBC Porch removal at 6 Cromwell Mews: permission granted
- 101/16-17 **8. Planning – Helpston Parish Council comments:** None
- 102/16-17 **9. Finance:**
9.1 Payments for approval: Clerk (7/12 salary), Clerk (7/12 expenses), HMRC (7/12 PAYE), Groundsman (7/12 fees), Anglian Water (cemetery rates), Gala Committee (\$106 balance).
9.2 Income: Precept and Section 106 CIL grants outlined
9.3 Q2 financial report presented
- 103/16-17 **10. Draft Welcome Leaflet:** It was agreed that the Clerk should invite all Councillors to comment and then join Cllrs. Newitt and Jolly to co-ordinate the final document.
Action: ALL
- 104/16-17 **11. Speedwatch:** Cllr Over reported on the current state of the equipment, response capacities of the police and future hardware plans.

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12. Correspondence:

12.1 The Exeter Arms: Jim Daley to follow up Parish Council concerns. Cllr Dykes and the Clerk will meet to discuss the Trust/Business status and the viability of possible future actions.

12.2 Village Inspection: Council is awaiting Amey's response re. an inspection planned for October 31st.

12.3 Stamford Rail Tunnel: B1443 to be closed between the High Street and Water Street (24th Oct to 30th Oct).

12.4 Blocked Drains: Amey and City Highways still unsure who is responsible for this work. Clerk to write to City Council concerning the continuing uncertainties as to who is responsible for what tasks.

12.5 Parish Conference: All councillors invited (15th November)

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13. Items for Next Agenda:

13.1 Local Plan (due out on 25th October)

13.2 Budget proposals/content for 2017/2018

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14. Date of NEXT MEETING: 7th November 2016

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm