

# **Helpston Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held on 6th February 2017**

## **in the John Clare School**

Present: Cllrs J Dobson (chairman), R Morton, A Bradley, J Mead, A Driver, L Newitt, T Thompson; the Clerk S Smith; City Cllr. D Over; four members of the public.

147/16-17 **1. Apologies:** Cllr D Dykes and Cllr G Jolly

148/16-17 **2. Declarations of interest:** None

149/16-17 **3. Public Participation:**

3.1 Broadwheel Road potholes outside Woodhall Manor reported.

150/16-17 **4. Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017:** Agreed and signed.

151/16-17 **5. Actions arising:**

5.1 City Council have invited the contractor concerned to make repairs to Broadwheel Road verges.

5.2 Clerk was authorised to tell City Council the name of the landowner where trees overhang signs on Kings Street.

152/16-17 **6. Reports:**

6.1 Helpston PC's response to the Further Draft Peterborough Local Plan was read out as a Statement by the Chairman and Clerk.

6.2 Cllr Over summarised the last Barnack Ward meeting referring to the proposed Castor township and its implications for the surrounding villages.

6.3 The Clerk gave notice that Tenders for Groundsman (2017/2018) have been invited.

153/16-17 **7. Planning – City decisions:**

7.1 16/01756/FUL at Grasslands, West Street: Permitted

7.2 16/02317/CTR at The Churchyard: Permitted

154/16-17 **8. Planning – Helpston PC comments:**

8.1 17/00105/HHFUL Replacement windows and doors at 17 Woodgate: No objections

8.2 17/00057/HHFUL Replacement Conservatory Frames and Roof at 2 Ginton Road: No objections

8.3 17/00087/HHFUL Garage conversion to annexe and extensions at 4 Eastwell Court: No objections

8.4 Neighbourhood Plans for Ailsworth and Castor had been circulated: There were no comments

155/16-17 **9. Finance:**

9.1 Payments approved: Clerk (11/12 salary), Clerk (11/12 expenses), HMRC (11/12 PAYE), Groundsman (11/12 fees), Cllr Dobson (expenses).

9.2 The precept demand of £16,345.59 gross for 2017/2018 was explained being £7,159.96 on Burial Grounds (75% funded from City taxpayers) and £9,185.63 (Parish taxpayers)

156/16-17 **10. Christmas Tree future plans:** Deferred due to Cllr Jolly's absence.

- 157/16-17 **11. Web Site usage and Future:** It was agreed that the Clerk would seek advice on Facebook as a communication tool. Web site usage was low.
- 158/16-17 **12. Community Asset Retention:** Deferred due to Cllr Dykes' absence. It was agreed to contact the Montague family re. the use of their land for a play area.
- 159/16-17 **13. Litter Pick Plans:** Cllr. Driver will lead this event which will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 commencing at 9.30am and meeting on the Village Green. The Clerk was authorised to procure equipment and to seek help from McDonalds and Budget Paper Supplies.
- 160/16-17 **14. Community Skip:** Cllr Mead wished Council to consider the provision of a regular Community Skip. The Clerk had consulted Amey who informed Council that:  
a) Skips had to be managed/supervised on site to ensure only landfill materials were put in them.  
b) Skips are thus only on site on named days and for a limited time.  
c) Costs for skips on this basis were £579.16 per occasion.  
Council noted that such skips were often used/filled by adjoining non-residents and that the costs were excessive. No actions were proposed.
- 161/16-17 **15. Correspondence:**  
15.1 Louise Lovegrove (City planning) had advised that the buffer zone between Cuckoo Close and Woodland Lea was enforceable in Planning terms for 5 years and, included as a covenant in the sales conditions and pursuable as a civil matter. Her letter, with copies, is to be passed to Mr and Mrs Ingram for wider circulation.  
15.2 Church Gala and use of Village Green: This year's Church Gala is to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May. The Parish Council had no objections to the use of its Village Green for this purpose.  
15.3 A grant application for the newly formed Guides group will be discussed at the next meeting (Financial payment resolutions need to feature, with due notice, on forthcoming agendas). Other grant applications will be invited.
- 162/16-17 **16. Items for Next Agenda:**  
16.1 Cllr Bradley: Village entrance signs  
16.2 Clerk: Grant applications:  
16.3 Cllr Dykes: Community Asset Retention
- 163/16-17 **17. Date of Next Meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.03pm