

Helpston Parish Council Meeting held on 5th June 2017 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall

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

052/17-18 **1. Apologies:** Cllr J Dobson

053/17-18 **2. Declarations of interest:** Cllr Morton re. item 10.1

054/17-18 **3. Public Participation:** None

055/17-18 **4. Congestion in Maxey Road...Peter Tebb, Peterborough City Council** addressed HPC concerns re. congestion in Maxey Road associated with the Kings St./Lolham "one-way system". He noted...35mins gate closure every hour; 150/160 vehicles between 5.00 pm and 6.00pm; longest closure 13 mins.; longest queue back to Eastwell Court.
Cllrs and Parishioners disputed the data and pointed out....use of Maxey Road as a "rat-run"; difficulty with property egress; bad timing of surveys; etc.
Alternatives were expressed...Reverse the "one-way"; improve timing of the surveys; get Network Rail to provide data; try traffic lights at Lolham; improve main road systems north of Helpston; scrap the closure/one-way at Lolham altogether.
He agreed to report back to Helpston PC by September latest.

Action: P Tebb

056/17-18 **5. Minutes of Annual Parish Council 8th May 2017:** Agreed and signed

057/17-18 **6. Minutes of Parish Council 8th May 2017:** Agreed and signed

058/17-18 **7. Actions arising:**

7.1 Public footpaths and Public Rights of Way...City to examine and advise actions.

7.2 Parking...Judi Anderson to review with Council. HPC will not follow up the Warag Barn site for parking.

Action: SS

7.3 Dog fouling...City dog warden patrols to be established.

7.4 Sign for The Bluebell...HPC requested City to combine the signs.

7.5 Insurance for minors...Personal Accident cover is not available.

059/17-18 **8. Reports from Councillors and Clerk:**

8.1 Maxey Quarries (Cllr RM): Reported on vandalism; 7 employees; new manager; extraction reductions.

8.2 Street "Clean-up" (City Cllr Over): Reported on request for more street cleaning.

8.3 Churchyard (Clerk): Reported on continual niggles from Church members re. its condition despite ALL contractual schedules being met. He had advised the Churchwarden that it was not for him to contact our contractor.

060/17-18 **9. Planning – City Council decisions:**

9.1 17/00403/FUL @ The Grainstore...permitted

9.2 City advised that Cromwell Mews is not adopted and that The Golden Drop is adopted (but thought that it should possibly NOT be adopted). Legal Team is reviewing. HPC had pointed out the contradiction in allowing access to a new garage in Cromwell Mews across the acknowledged limited access Golden Drop.

9.3 17/00333/LBC @ 6 Cromwell Mews; New Gable End and toplight...permitted

- 061/17-18 **10. Planning – Helpston Parish Council comments:**
Cllr Thompson took the Chair for item 10.1: 17/00645/FUL Erection of Farm Shop and relocation at The Elms, Etton... Council had no objections but wished to remind City that the access roads cross a very busy cycleway/(poor condition) footpath used by schoolchildren going to AMVC and also called for an extension of the 30mph limit to include this access area. **Action: SS**
Cllr Morton resumed the Chair for item 10.2: 17/00848/OUT Demolition of Garden Centre and erection of up to 7 houses...HPC objected to this application. Clerk instructed to work up a comprehensive response. **Action: SS**
- 062/17-18 **11. Finance:**
11.1 Payments for approval: Clerk (June salary), Clerk (P3 expenses), HMRC (June PAYE), Groundsman (June), Cllr Jolly (Crystal Clear Leaflet containers), John Clare Society (Membership).
- 063/17-18 **12. Grant Applications:** None received
- 064/17-18 **13. Correspondence:**
13.1 Pensions Regulator...registration acknowledged.
13.2 Barnack Ward Group agenda...issued to Cllrs Driver and Thompson for 20th June meeting
13.3 Network Rail (Bainton crossings)...Notice of road closures in July 2018 given
13.4 John Clare Society Festival...Permission to use Village Green on 14th to 16th July sought and given. **Action: SS**
13.5 Peterborough Parish Council Conference...6th October 2017 at Hinchingsbrooke Park (NB. This appears to be a Police event not to be confused with the Peterborough held event of the same name)
13.6 Village Hall Booking forms...signed off
13.7 Anglian Water...supplier name change to Anglian Water Business A/C no. 2402218 noted.
- 065/17-18 **14. Items for Next Agenda:**
14.1 Cllr J Mead: Speed limit extension in Kings Street to Broadwheel Road junction. **Action: Clerk to request**
14.2 Community Action Plan Review
- 066/17-18 **15. Date of NEXT ORDINARY MEETING: 3rd July 2017**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm