

Helpston Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs R Morton (chair), A Driver, A Bradley, D Dykes, L Newitt; the Clerk S Smith; City Cllr D Over; and 11 members of the public

- 093/17-18 **1. Apologies:** Cllrs. J Mead, T Thompson, G Jolly, and J Dobson. The Chairman, on behalf of all present, wished Cllr Dobson a swift recovery from his recent operation.
- 094/17-18 **2. Declarations of interest:** Cllr A Driver re. item 8.3
- 095/17-18 **3. Public Participation:** Roy Hinchliff noted the Rightmove.co.uk site advertisement for The Exeter Arms and asked the PC to consider its purchase (see 5.7 below).
- 096/17-18 **4. Minutes of last meeting 4th September 2017:** Agreed and signed
- 097/17-18 **5. Matters Arising as Actions from that meeting:**
- 5.1 Wall construction on Glinton Road: Viewed by City Officer and proceeding.
- 5.2 Parking in Temples Court: Cllr Thompson had researched ownership of the designated parking area in Temples Court. **Clerk** to copy to Ann Bell
- 5.3 Ward Grant to Helpston Guides: £200 now received from Ward (via City).
- 5.4 Crossberry Way footpath: Lee Moore had organised a finger post for Crossberry Way and had supplied Definitive and Permissive footpath maps.
- 5.5 Maxey Road traffic: Awaiting Peter Tebb.
- 5.6 Community Assets / Village Plan: **Clerk** to contact Emma Naylor to fix meeting with Cllrs RM, DD, AD and JD (Tuesdays at 10.00am preferred).
- 5.7 Exeter Arms: Response received from Barry Sheerman re. Trust funding. Ref. item 3 above, Council agreed to discuss The Exeter Arms at the next meeting. [Clerk noted that Council Tax, equating to approximately £1000 per property, could raise £500,000. Taken over 50 years, this equals £20 per property per annum (a doubling of the average precept on each house!]. **Agenda**
- 5.8 Village Seats: Mowing completed.
- 5.9 Heath Road sign: Reported to City.
- 098/17-18 **6. Reports from Councillors and Clerk:**
- 6.1 Cllr Driver reported that Tina Humphrey had volunteered to lead the Speedwatch work and will undergo training.
- 6.2 City Cllr Over reported that the Devolved Authority Mayor has powers to raise a precept.
- 099/17-18 **7. Planning – City Council correspondence:**
- 7.1 17/00645/FUL @ The Elms, Glinton Road, Etton: Permitted
- 7.2 Proposed Local Plan re. HEL008H (and 17/01448/OUT): Clerk reported on its progress through City Committee and its referral back for Officer review following Government changes to the housing targets.
- 7.3 17/01664/HHFUL @ 24 Glinton Road: following representations from the immediate neighbour, PC agreed to review this application and delegated Cllr. Morton and the Clerk to make an “on site” decision.
- 7.4 17/01587/HHFUL at 42 Glinton Road: Permitted
- 100/17-18 **8. Planning – Helpston Parish Council comments:**
- 8.1 17/01743/FUL New dwelling at 2 Church Lane: Problems with the shared entrance and location; appropriate choice of materials; and development in the Conservation Area to be pointed out to the Planners.
- 8.2 17/01719/HHFUL Extension at 18 Temples Court: No objections
- 8.3 17/01809/LBC Heat Pump installation at 5 Church Lane: No objections
- 8.4 17/01868/HHFUL Rear extension at 33 Maxey Road: No objections

- 101/17-18 **9. Finance:**
9.1 Payments approved: Clerk (Oct salary), Clerk (P7 expenses), HMRC (Oct PAYE), Groundsman (Oct), PKF (Audit fee), Anglian Water (Rates), Helpston Scouts and Guides (Grant, see 5.3 above), Deepings Patient Group (Grant, see 10.1 below), Village Hall (Room hire June, July, Sept 2017).
9.2 External Audit: There were no comments by the Auditors.
9.3 Quarter 2 Financial Statement: Presented and accepted.
- 102/17-18 **10. Correspondence:**
10.1 Deepings Patient Group (and Resolution of money grant for same): it was resolved that the Clerk should ascertain the amount needed for the group to keep afloat and also how much was already promised before making a contribution (up to a maximum of £100) without referral back to Council
10.2 Traffic Calming in Broadwheel Road: Clerk to pass the correspondence to Peter Tebb and to invite Speedwatch team to monitor in the interim.
10.3 Two requests received for a Skateboard Park will be considered for inclusion in the CAP when appropriate.
10.4 HelCats: Cllr Driver volunteered to join their judging panel.
10.5 Barnack Ward Group will meet on 5th October.
10.6 The Parish Conference is planned for 14th November: Cllrs to advise Clerk if they wish to book a place.
10.7 CPRE Planning Course is on 2nd November: details to be sent to Cllr Dykes who will book his own place
10.8 Police Report presented.
- 103/17-18 **11. Items for Next Agenda:**
11.1 Manhole cover at junction of Maxey Road and Glington Road breaking up. Clerk to advise Martin Benn for immediate action.
11.2 Cllr Newitt: Christmas Tree arrangements.
- 104/17-18 **12. Date of NEXT ORDINARY MEETING: 6th November 2017**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm