

Helpston Parish Council Meeting held on 6th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. J Dobson (chair), R Morton, A Driver, A Bradley, L Newitt, J Mead, T Thompson, G Jolly; the Clerk S Smith; and 16 members of the public.

- 105/17-18 **1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr D Dykes and City Cllr D Over.
- 106/17-18 **2. To receive declarations of interest:** Cllr Driver re. item 3
- 107/17-18 **3. Public Participation and The Exeter Arms:**
The Exeter Arms: Cllr Driver reported that the Estate Agents had accepted an offer. Roy Hinchliff advised that City had accepted the Community Asset Retention form (completed after the group meeting earlier in the month) as valid and would determine it by 22nd December.
Bill Purdon requested that the PC write again to the Trustees for information on the sale. The Clerk reported that he had already written to them prior to the news of the sale given this evening.
Others wished to know what would happen to the site but no one at the meeting was in any position to answer this question.
- 108/17-18 **4. Minutes of last meeting 2nd October 2017:** Agreed and signed
- 109/17-18 **5. Actions arising:**
5.1 Speedwatch: Tina Humphries is advertising for volunteers
5.2 Manhole cover in Glinton Rd: Repairs completed quickly
5.3 Site visit at 22 Glinton Road: See 6.2 below
5.4 Deepings Patient Group: The Clerk had ascertained that other local parishes had contributed to this scheme.
5.5 The requested Bus Shelter tidying had not been carried out: **Clerk to seek response from Amey**
5.6 Report from Anglian Water on Ben Johnson’s Pit water pollution: **Clerk to seek statement**
- 110/17-18 **6. Planning – City Council correspondence:**
6.1 17/01578/FUL at 15 Woodgate (Barnside): permitted
6.2 17/01664/HHFUL at 24 Glinton Road: withdrawn. Cllr Morton and the Clerk had visited 22 Glinton Road and had agreed with the neighbours reservations about the application. Thus, as authorised, a letter of objection to the application had been sent.
6.3 17/01719/HHFUL at 18 Temples Court: permitted
6.4 17/01809/LBC at 5 Church Lane: permitted
6.5 17/01651/CTR at 10 Glinton Road: permitted
6.6 17/01683/CTR at 15 West Street: permitted
6.7 **The Proposed Submission Local Plan:** The Clerk summarised City Council’s latest Local Plan details made in line with the Government policy guidelines.... “planning for the right homes in the right places” which had effectively allowed a reduction in the Peterborough new build target to 21,315, (down by 1,673). As a direct result, the officers have removed the site north of Castor and Ailsworth (2500 homes) due to a) the newly reduced need, b) increases of 200 at Norwood, c) inclusion of the existing allocation of 350 at Fengate, d) 302 newly anticipated windfalls.
Unfortunately Helpston site HEL008H for 82 houses has been retained and is one of only two Medium Village NEW site allocations. It was agreed that the Chairman and

Clerk would review and resubmit this Council's objections to HEL008H.

Action: Cllr JD / Clerk

- 111/17-18 **7. Planning – Helpston Parish Council comments:**
7.1 17/01917/CTR at 3 Woodgate (Old Vicarage): Pollard Willow tree: No objections
- 112/17-18 **8. Finance:**
8.1 Payments approved: Clerk (Nov salary), Clerk (P8 expenses), HMRC (Nov PAYE), Groundsman (Nov).
- 113/17-18 **9. Local youth crime:** Letters from two residents were tabled giving details of car window damage, the arson/fire at the Exeter Arms, drug problems and other general offences. It was agreed to write to Barry Sheerman asking him to take positive preventative actions at The Exeter Arms in view of some of the potential consequences. **Clerk**
These examples were all in addition to the widely reported car tyre slashing and drug paraphernalia incidents earlier in the year.
- 114/17-18 **10. Village Plan / Community Asset Retention / CAP:** Possible meeting dates discussed but further options to be sought. **Clerk**
- 115/17-18 **11. Christmas Tree plans:** Cllr Jolly gave details of progress so far. Expenditure of about £200 is anticipated and the Clerk asked for a formal resolution to cover the actual costs ready for the next meeting (item 14.1 below).
- 116/17-18 **12. Reports from Councillors and Clerk:**
12.1 Barnack Ward: Cllr Driver reported.....
a) that Ufford have issues with City Planning responses and contacts;
b) that the issue of Community Policing was being explored with a view to separate financing from the Parishes;
c) that the booklet "Torpel Manor: The Biography of a Landscape Field" had been published
12.2 CPRE Planning course: Attended by Cllr Dykes.
- 117/17-18 **13. Correspondence:**
13.1 Parking Order in Woodgate: tabled and showing restrictions at West Street/Woodgate junction, Broadwheel/Woodgate junction and outside John Clare Cottage.
13.2 Parking Order in Crossberry Way: tabled and showing restrictions just inside the West Street junction as far as the bend.
13.3 www.Oil-club.co.uk publicity material was tabled.
13.4 Details of the out-of-hours GP surgery at Boroughbury Medical Centre in Craig Street were tabled
13.5 Date for Cambridgeshire Parish Council Conference on 17th November 2017 were given.
- 118/17-18 **14. Items for Next Agenda:**
14.1 Cllr Newitt gave notice of a Resolution for actual expenditure on the Christmas Tree event.
14.2 Cllr Dobson gave notice of a Resolution to offer to pay for Postage/Delivery costs of Planning applications.
- 119/17-18 **15. Date of NEXT ORDINARY MEETING: 4th December 2017**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm