

Minutes...Helpston Parish Council meeting held on 3rd Sept 2018.

Present: Cllrs. J Dobson (chairman), R Morton, L Newitt, J Mead, A Bradley, A Driver, G Jolly, T Thompson; the Clerk S Smith; City Cllr. D Over; and 7 public.

- 080/18-19 **1. Apologies:** Cllr. D Dykes
- 081/18-19 **2. Declarations of interest:** Cllrs. Driver and Bradley re. item 7.3
- 082/18-19 **3. ADJOURNMENT for Public Participation:**
3.1 Mrs. C Browse enquired about remedial work on marked potholes. Clerk to chase Highways to actually repair them.
- 083/18-19 **4. Minutes of 7th July 2018:** Approved and signed
- 084/18-19 **5. Actions from that meeting:**
5.1 Garden Centre planning application: City Cllr. Over will chase Planning for the decision notification.
5.2 Speedwatch Equipment: Delivered but damaged. Supplier informed.
5.3 Village Hall: Clerk had written to S Rickard stating Council's stance regarding his proposals and the absence of initiatives from the Montague/Glover family.
- 085/18-19 **6. Planning applications – City Council decisions:**
6.1 18/00520/FUL: Solar Array at Helpston Remediation Plant: Permitted
- 086/18-19 **7. Planning applications for Helpston Parish Council comment:**
7.1 18/01292/TRE at 2 Willow Mews to fell a Tree with TPO: Council ratified its already submitted comment of no objection.
7.2 18/01398/FUL at 5 Heath Road for a change of use of storage building: No objections.
7.3 18/01310/LBC and 18/01309/HHFUL at 5 Church Lane for an extension. Cllr Driver answered questions on the application. He and Cllr Bradley took no part in the debate. There were no objections.
7.4 18/01493/CTR at 10 West Street to cut back an Ash tree. There were no comments.
- 087/18-19 **8. Finance and Audit:**
8.1 Payments approved: Clerk (Sept salary), Clerk (P06 expenses), HMRC (Sept PAYE), Groundsman (Sept contract), 1&1 Internet (web site fee), Colemans (Printer Ink).
8.2 The Barnack Ward group grant of £200 towards HPC's new computer had been received.
- 088/18-19 **9. Local Plan Report:** The Chairman and Clerk reported on the Stage 1 hearings. The meeting was advised that some of those who wrote to the Inspector had not received invitations to the hearing. The Clerk will ask City Council to investigate this and advise.
Action: Clerk
- 089/18-19 **10. Neighbourhood Plan:** The Chairman gave a progress report. Volunteers (to date) are Kate Hinchliff, Clive Pearce, Chris Gray. They, together with Cllrs Dobson, Dykes, Driver and Thompson will be invited to the guidance meeting planned for 25th September which will be addressed by Cllr David Shaw (from Castor Parish Council). **Action: Clerk**
- 090/18-19 **11. Other Matters:**
11.1 Cllr Dobson outlined his ideas for a new shed in the Cemetery to store ... the Contractor's mowers, Litter Pick Equipment, Gala equipment and Speedwatch equipment.
11.2 Cllr Newitt suggested that the Council issue a newsletter. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would make a quarterly contribution to The Tribune.
Action: Cllr JD and Clerk

11.3 Cllr Dobson informed Council that he had cleaned up the telephone kiosk. Cllr Jolly agreed to liaise with The Helcats group to invite suggestions for its sensible future use.

Action: Cllr GJ

11.4 Cllr Morton had commented on the “state of the village” remarking particularly on the state of the Green, the Cemetery and the verge in front of the Cemetery. The Clerk pointed out that this latter area had not been mown because of an un-notified bulb planting last year and that the Groundsman’s Contract contained no specific instructions for timed seasonal mowing. Councillors then listed many other issues including straw deposits, general litter and untidiness, overgrowing shrubs trees and hedges, and possible bulb planting schemes. There were no suggestions for solutions or actions to resolve any of these issues, but it was decided to consider a second Litter Pick exercise.

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12. Correspondence:

12.1 Traffic Enforcement: Following this Council’s letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner about driver’s disregarding “no entry signs” at Lolham Crossing and the HGV weight limits, the Clerk had received a response which was exaggerated and inappropriate. It gave a long discourse on the Policing of heavy lorries used for transporting illegal immigrants, human trafficking, modern day slavery and terrorism. Council asked the Clerk to forward this letter to the Local Chief Constable.

12.2 Helcats and Christmas Tree: This group had offered to run the whole event. Council agreed that The Helcats should be invited to take this over and indicated that grants could be made available. Cllr Jolly agreed to liaise with them.

Action: Cllr GJ

12.3 Cllr Dobson had written to the Council expressing his wish for Helpston Parish Council to take a lead in the village commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.

12.4 The Clerk readout his letters to City Highways concerning: a) repairs to the bench on the green, b) reinstatement of the 30mph/Helpston sign on Kings Street, and c) Hedge Trimming on the B1443. Cllr Morton informed Council that this hedge had been cut by her grandson after the 1st September advisory date for hedge trimming.

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13. Items for future consideration:

13.1 Cllr A Bradley: White Lines faint on the Church Lane drop kerb areas. Clerk to advise City.

13.2 Cllr R Morton: Cars parking in the entrance to Pear Tree Lane (farmers field entrance)

13.3 Cllr R Morton: Continued smells in the Broadwheel Road area near the new development.

13.4 Cllr G Jolly: Helpston and Etton Community Association (Village Hall) report.

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14. Date of next ordinary meeting: 1st October 2018.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm