

Minutes of Sheepy Parish Council Meeting Sheepy Memorial Hall – 4th August 2015

1) Attendance and Apologies – Jim Aldridge - Chair, Pat Bingham, David Clarke, Andrew Gough, Stuart Hawksworth, Andrea Johnson, Brian May, Ian Papworth, Clive Stretton, Rob Ward

Mavis Bassett – Clerk, 1 Parishioner and 1 guest, Kevin Morrell

Apologies: Ivan Ould

2) Declaration of Interest – The Chair declared an interest with regards to the agenda item on the Thomas Leaving Charity, as he was ex trustee.

3) Parishioners Open Forum – Parishioner said that the 30mph sign had still not been put up and was in hedge. Clerk to chase Highways.

4) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 2nd June 2015 – the minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.

5) Matters Arising from Minutes

Footpath, Main Road, Sheepy Magna – Rights of Way Officer advised will write to 108 and ask them to leave a 1 metre gap for access and also there will be a footpath sign opposite.

Footpath Officer also liaising with landowner re obstructions on Footpath around outside of Playing Field. Ian Papworth and Jim Aldridge to liaise with landowner in September.

Site Allocation Document – HBBC Planning advised that the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies document was submitted to the Secretary of State on 27 March 2015. The position in Sheepy Magna did not change from that which was consulted upon between December 2014 and January 2015. Information received from Planning Inspectorate giving dates when hearing will take place. Kevin Morrell to represent Sheepy.

Pilgrim Homes – Site meeting held on 9 June, Andrew Gough represented Parish Council. Developer agreed to remove objects from the roofs and put “trespass” notices up. Police to continue visiting on regular basis. Agreed it would be best if buildings were pulled down and developer was meeting with Planning on 11 June. HBBC still not made a decision on the application. Residents at Wellsborough still experiencing problems with people entering site. Clerk has written to Springbourne asking them to block access and also advised HBBC of the recurring problem. As no response had been received from Springbourne, Kevin Morrell agreed to contact them re security of site.

Wellsborough Post Box – Royal Mail has advised that the post box will be removed and moved to a safer location. This should take around 12 weeks.

Automatic Enrolment – a response has been received from the Pensions Regulator and an assessment has been carried out. As a result of the assessment, the Parish Council need to write to the Clerk offering her a Pensions Scheme and the Clerk needs to respond to say whether she wants to opt in or opt out. This will need to be sent within 6 weeks of the staging date, which is November 2016.

Sibson Heritage Streetlights – HBBC advise they have been ordered and waiting installation. Our cost will still be £2,000.

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Parish Council Vacancy – no one responded to the advert, so Parish Council can go ahead and co-opt. This is in respect of the Sheepy Ward. After discussion, it was agreed to run with the vacancy.

Boundary Commission – Clive Stretton looked at changes to Boundaries for Market Bosworth area and completed information, which Clerk submitted to Boundary Commission. The submission was in line with Hinckley & Bosworth proposals, i.e. to remove Barlestone from the Market Bosworth area and add it to new proposed Mallory.

6) Report by County Councillor – Ivan Ould was unable to attend the meeting but reported that the County Council had no plans, or money, to reduce the speed limit to 30mph on Main Road, Sheepy, at present and Ivan wanted to know the view of the Parish Council. After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would like the 30mph extended to the building line on the Main Road (going towards Atherstone). Freestanding signs saying “you are approaching a 30mph area” were also discussed and Clerk was asked to look into this.

Snibston Discovery Park – Ivan had advised that this was now closed. Sheepy Local History Society had asked to be kept informed about what was happening with the Wheelwright Workshop.

7) Report by Borough Councillor – Kevin Morrell reported:

a) Leisure Centre - The new centre is progressing well, with the topping out ceremony taking place last Thursday. The building work is on time and on budget and the opening is still scheduled for early summer 2016.

b) Combined Authorities Option - The full Council on the 21st July 2015 received a report detailing the submission documents to the Government from the combined Leicester City and Leicestershire County Council with 7 Borough Councils in Leicestershire, and the West Midlands Combined Authority. Hinckley Borough Council is uniquely placed to take advantage of belonging to both combined Authorities as a significant part of the engineering business in the Borough takes place at Triumph, MIRA and Caterpillar all of which focus towards the West Midlands. Belonging to both Authorities in terms of investment would be a huge benefit to the Borough especially for the road infrastructure along the A5 corridor. (It was noted that MIRA is now called Horiba MIRA).

c) Planning - Trout Ponds Farm does finally seem to be moving, the application had been stopped while Coventry City Council assessed the viability study undertaken by the developer who was arguing that 5 affordable homes and a contribution of £160,000 to S106 agreements was excessive. Coventry seems to have come down in the developer’s favour and hopefully this will be coming to committee in October 2015. The land adjacent to Dormer House on the Twycross Road with a proposal for 4 dwellings is still under consultation with the developer and officers.

8) Correspondence – the following was noted:

Email HBBC and Ivan Ould - Site Allocation and 5 year housing supply*

Sheepy PTA – thank you for donation

LCC – the work on double yellow lines in Mill Lane will be carried out during school holidays.

PC Rob Cross – one off meeting with residents*

LCC – grass cutting, 5 cuts per year, details on LCC website*

RCC – would anyone like to be a trustee- no interest

LCC – Highways newsletter*

Thomas Leaving Charity – email received advising that they had appointed a Clerk to the Charity. Clerk has emailed new Charity Clerk stating information required for meeting.

Parishioner complaint about state of pavements on Main Road. Clerk has written to Highways.

HBBC – Environmental Health report*

HBBC – Cultural Services newsletter*

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LRALC – Accounts and Financial Regulations Course - £60. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend this course in September.

Historic England – advise that the War Memorial at Sheepy Magna Church has become a Grade II listed building.

Highways – A5/M42 junction 10 to Dordon roundabout resurfacing. The work is planned to begin on August 24th to 20th September (reliant on weather) from 20.00 to 06.00 hours. The road will be closed and diversion will be via M42 and A444.

*forwarded by email

9) Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – Copies of the minutes of the meeting were received and Officers were noted. The Parish Council approved that Andrea Johnson should Chair the sub-committee. At the Parish Council (PC) meeting in October 2014, the P C decided that the NP should only cover Sheepy Magna and Parva but due to the interest from other villages and hamlets in the parish, the PC was now asked to approve the NP for the whole of the parish. This was approved along with a draft application for designation of the area. Clerk was asked to send the designation of area to HBBC.

10) Broadband – Stuart Hawksworth reported that Sheepy is now benefitting from high speed Broadband. The remaining villages would be after 2018. The more people who signed up, the more money there would be for development in remaining area. There is still an issue with 71 numbers (Ratcliffe Lane area) and they have now found it is not the cable but joints and are looking at various technology. David Clarke said that he felt 2018 was too late and gave examples of how it was affecting businesses. Stuart Hawksworth said that they were looking at other ways e.g. 4G but agreed this would be expensive.

11) Litter and Footpaths – Ian Papworth reported on meeting of Parish Forum and litter picking. The litter group had wrote to the Secretary of State and also copied to David Tredinnick, who had offered to help pick litter. Mobile cameras are available to counteract fly tipping. It was noted there was a litter pick on Bosworth Road on Thursday. The Glade – wildflower area had now been treated for weeds and would be rotovated. It was agreed this area should be grassed and wild flowers put on the edge where it meets the stream. Rob Ward asked if winter/spring bulbs could be put in before the first cut. This was agreed.

12) Crime and Safety

Andrew Gough reported that there is an Open meeting with P.C. Rob Cross, Friday, 14 August, to discuss policing matters, everyone is welcome to attend at 7.30pm at Sheepy Memorial Hall.

The Sergeant covering the Market Bosworth area is now Sgt Glen Icton.

Figures for April

1 criminal damage and arson – on or near Manor View, Sibson

1 Violence and sexual offence – on or near Highfield Close, Sheepy Magna

Figures for May

2 Burglaries – Sibson

1 Violence and sexual offence near Sheepy Playing Field

1 Anti social behaviour near Twitchell Lane, Sheepy

1 Anti social behaviour near Riverside Close, Sheepy

Andrew Gough reported on a meeting with Police, who confirmed figures were only available from website. In view of the fact that he could not get timely information about Crime figures, Andrew Gough asked for this item to be deleted from the agenda. Clerk would still provide the figures from the national website. It was noted that the Police Inspector did not attend the Parish Forum but a meeting was being arranged with him, date to be advised.

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13) Thomas Leaving Charity – the Chair handed over to Vice Chair, Rob Ward, who explained the background to the information needed. Kevin Morrell responded by saying that problems had developed due to a lack of Clerk but they had now appointed Michelle Nelson. Michelle explained that there was a lot of paperwork to be brought up to date and money had been spent on the cottages but the aim of the Charity was to go forward so that rent obtained from the cottages in Twitchell Lane could be used to generate income, which could be made available to people in need in Sheepy. They were also struggling with lack of trustees with only 3 at present when there should be 5. She said that a Facebook page had been put up for the charity.

Rob Ward said that he felt parishioners needed to know what the charity is about and how it spends its money and suggested an article be put in the Gazette.

David Clarke asked about the field owned by the charity and Kevin Morrell replied that there was a lifetime tenancy agreement. After further discussion, Michelle agreed that the charity would link into PC and PCC website; put an article in Gazette when paperwork had been brought up to date and report to the PC at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2016.

Stuart Hawksworth agreed to represent the Parish Council as a trustee on the charity.

14) Accounts and Signing of cheques

The following were presented for payment in July:

M Bassett	Salary and expenses	£565.85
Eon	Street lighting maintenance quarterly charge	£78.24*
A Gough	Travel expenses	£12.02
HBBC	Emptying dog bins	£201.74*
HBBC	Share of election expenses	£249.85*
Bridge Farm Nursery	Planting flowers Riverside Close Aut 2014/Summer2014	£82.00
Brian Mee	Grass cutting in June	£561.60*

The following were presented in August:

M. Bassett	Salary and expenses and postage	£621.81
Eon	Repairs to faulty streetlight	£85.20*
Grant Thornton	Audit fees	£240.00*
Expand Digital	Hosting website	£49.99*
Viking	Stationery	£72.47*
Brian Mee	Treating nettles	£144.00*
Brian Mee	Grass cutting July	£561.60*
Graphic Press	Printing annual report	£158.40*

*includes VAT

15) Planning

The following have been circulated and no comment was made:

15/00577/FUL	Demolition of outbuildings and erection of dwelling, Moat House, Sheepy Parva
15/00612/FUL	Extension and alteration to White House, Bosworth Road, Wellsborough
15/00671/CTPO	Work to trees at Sheepy Lodge
15/00571/HOU	Garage front of plot 1, 19 Main Road, Sheepy Magna

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15/00766/FUL Extension 8 Oakfield Way, Sheepy Magna
1500786/FUL Extension 6 Church Croft, Sheepy Magna
15/00358/FUL 4 dwellings, land adj Dormer House, Twycross Road, Sheepy Magna

Due to time restrictions on response, after discussion with Flood Warden and Chair a draft submission objecting to the following application, due to it being built on the flood plain, was circulated to Councillors and after agreement, this was submitted to HBBC.

15/00730/FUL Changing rooms and summer house adj to 5 Kingfisher Way
(another submission on 29 July 2015)

16) Any Other Business

Clive Stretton said that a parishioner had asked him to bring to the attention of the Parish Council the fact that the numerous badger sets on the path surrounding the Glebe land, at the end of Meadow Close, appear to be abandoned, suggesting a significant reduction in the local population. This may be due to a number of reasons but the parishioner wishes to emphasise that it is an offence to wilfully kill, injure or take a badger under the "Protection of Badgers Act 1992".

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