

## HADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL



### **Minutes of the Hadstock Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 24 January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Parish Councillors Rick Albrow, Hamish McIlwrick, Sara Porter, Trevor Smith, District Councillor Howard Rolfe and Parish Clerk Sara Beckett

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, read the fire safety notice and informed all that the meeting may be filmed or recorded.
2. **Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Nuttall and Cllr Britton.**
3. **Declaration of Members' Interests and requests for dispensation.** None. Councillors were reminded of the need to keep up to date their Register of Members' Interests.
4. The minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday **13 December 2018** were received. An amendment was proposed with the addition of the word \*'before' and would now read ..... The Local Plan will be submitted \*before 24 January 2019 and approved. **RESOLVED 19/01/04**
5. **Public Participation:** None
6. **To receive and note the report from the District Councillor** ~ Cllr Rolfe reported that the Local Plan had been sent to and received by the Secretary of State on 18 January 2019. The Inspector is anticipated to make comments in May and the hearings might be in the summer. Purdah would commence on 22 March 2019.  
The recent approval of the planning applications on Land East of Thaxted Road at Saffron Walden and land north of Shire Hill Farm at Saffron Walden will enable the creation of a link road between Thaxted Road and Radwinter Road to enable traffic to route away from the existing highway network.  
The Government announced the formula for funding to local government just before Christmas. The next two years will not be a challenge but will result in increasing challenges from then on. Support to UDC by 2023 will be down to £3 million from £7.7 last year. UDC have generated their own income by investment in Chesterford Park which will continue and they will look to other areas so as to be not reliant on Central Government funding.  
General upkeep of district includes reducing litter. The basics of litter picking is very important and UDC together with support from its residents will continue to encourage, educate and prosecute  
In answer to a question from the Chair, Councillor Rolfe reported that PPA preplanning agreements have been developed which pays for what is an expensive process and this will be consulted upon. (Stansted was the first.) The decision to the planning application at Stansted is still subject to challenge.
7. **To receive and note the report from the County Councillor** ~ Report had been received and distributed to Councillors previously.

**8. Action points and matters arising from previous meetings:**

- a. **Clerks Report** ~ Items to be covered on the Agenda other than:
- i. Communications with the Rangers remains good and it is hoped this will continue. A card of thanks had been sent.
  - ii. The area of concern at Moules Lane has been examined by the Rangers and cleared. It does require a permanent solution and the Rangers will discuss with Rissa Long at Highways and also detail the work required in an email to the Clerk.
  - iii. The issue of Lens Path work ( surface of path and replacement of posts) was discussed as no response has been received from Highways and Cllr Rolfe kindly agreed to try and move this forward. Clerk to forward original emails to HR.
  - iv. Repots to Cambridgeshire County Council Highways were noted.
  - v. Crime figures are not always reported for inclusion in the weekly lists that the Clerk receives, this is because the 'victim of crime' does not wish it to be publicly reported.
  - vi. Pubic liability for Lens Path is £10 million (lease requires a minimum of £5 million)
  - vii. Correspondence with reference a definitive map of Hadstock footpaths had been received **ACTION Cllr Mcllwrick to respond**
- b. **Councillors Report:** Covered by Agenda items and has been distributed to Councillors

**9. Planning Application/s:** there were none to consider

**10. Decision/s made by UDC on planning application/s:** there were none to note

**11. Rangers work report:** Circular seat and Britvic bench have been returned after treatment.

**12. Lens Path** ~ Cllr Albrow has recently walked the path and in some areas the width is being impinged by growth of the sides. It can still be used for cycles. The surface varies as there are no foundations. Improvement to the few sections that require improvement could be considered in the spring. The availability and cost of road planings would be sought. **ACTION Cllr Mcllwrick to liaise with resident.**

**13. Highways report** ~ Cllr Nuttall had previously reported via email that it would be useful to get a report from Essex Highways on the result of their speed monitoring cables. **Clerk has actioned and awaiting a response.** Still awaiting a report of feasibility studies following meeting with Highways in the village in the autumn of 2018.

**14. Public Rights of Way** Inclement weather has still prevented continuing the 'paths infrastructure' assessment, however a new date is still to be arranged.

**15. Recreation Ground Report** ~ Cllr Mcllwrick

[a] Recreation ground report ~ The walnut trees are growing and at least 3 should be removed. It was proposed (HM) that in the spring a few of the walnut trees are taken out this was seconded and unanimously agreed **RESOLVED 19/01/15a**

[b] Play equipment report ~ all equipment is usable, noted **19/01/15b**, apart from the barrel which has been removed and awaiting repair. **ACTION Cllr Smith**

The possibility of planting new trees in the Recreation Ground was discussed and this will be revisited in the Spring.

**16. Parish Land** Cllr Mcllwrick reported that the neighbouring trees by St Botolph's Pond are getting quite big, over shadow the pond and intrude into the road. The Willow tree next to Duchy Barn requires trimming at Back Hill. **ACTION Cllrs Albrow/Mcllwrick**

**17. Village Hall Report (via email)** Cinema event well attended. Proposed sound dampening in Hall

**18. Kings Head/The Hadstock**~ Section 215 Town and Country Planning Act 1990\* enforcement was discussed further. It was proposed that Cllr Rolfe would ask Nigel Brown to visit the site and to advise the Council if enforcement under Section 215 was appropriate.

Environmental health had been consulted by residents about the allegation of rats in the vicinity. The Clerk had followed this up and received a reply from EH that no evidence of rodent infestation had been found. (email available from Clerk if required) Case closed.

It was resolved to bring **Item 22** forward to set a date for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Elections are on 02 May 2019 so the latter must be no later than 14 days after the Council is elected. It was **RESOLVED 19/01/22** the meetings would be

**Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 25 April 2019 at 8:00pm to be preceded by an ordinary Parish Council Meeting at 7:30pm**

**Annual Parish Council meeting Thursday 16 May 2019 at 7.30pm**

Councillor Rolfe left the meeting

## 19. FINANCE REPORT

[a] **Finance Report:** The Current financial statement was reviewed and it was noted that the reserves were healthy but not excessive.

[b] **Budget Report:** following on from discussions at the last meeting of HPC in December 2018 when it was felt that the precept should remain the same as the previous year (£10028), in doing so a Band D property would increase by .67 pence for the year which is a 1.1% increase. A budget had been prepared and presented to Councillors. The cost of elections was discussed and an email from UDC re costs for Villages was read by the Clerk. It was agreed that any cost would be met from reserves and £750 has been allocated in the Budget. With UDC receiving less from Central Government we should be mindful that costs may in the future fall more to Parish Councils and therefore require a higher precept.

It was proposed (TS)(HM) that the budget detail presented to Councillors be accepted

Unanimously agreed **RESOLVED 19/01/19b**

[c] **Precept setting:**

Following an informed discussion, it was proposed (TS)(SP) to agree to demand a precept of £10,028.00 which is a 1.1% increase equating to £0.67 increase per annum on a band D house for 2019/20, Clerk to complete precept form and arrange to notify UDC. Unanimously agreed

**RESOLVED 19/01/19c**

[d] It was noted that Clerk had used delegated powers to make payment to HMRC of £194.40 for PAYE prior to 22 January 2019 for Oct-Dec2018. REF 19/01/e

[e] **Payments:** The singular invoice presented at the meeting was approved and authorised for payment. Unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED 19/01/19e**

CHEQUE NO.	INVOICE NO.	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	COST	V.A.T	TOTAL
101214		MS S A BECKETT	SALARY JANUARY	259.03		259.03
				<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>259.03</b>

## 20. Correspondence

The PCC proposed to have an event on the Village Green to include a Pancake Race on the Sunday before Shrove Tuesday.

## 21. Items to be considered for next Agenda:

None advised.

**22. This item was brought forward earlier:**

**Dates of next Parish Council Meetings: 07 March 2019 at 7.30pm**

**Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 25 April 2019 at 8:00 to be preceded by an ordinary Parish Council Meeting at 7:30**

**Annual Parish Council meeting Thursday 16 May 2019 at 7.30pm**

**Meeting closed at 20:50**

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**Signed as a true record and RESOLVED to approve  
07 March 2019**

**\*Power to require proper maintenance of land.**

Section 215 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- (1) If it appears to the local planning authority that the amenity of a part of their area, or of an adjoining area, is adversely affected by the condition of land in their area, they may serve on the owner and occupier of the land a notice under this section.
- (2) The notice shall require such steps for remedying the condition of the land as may be specified in the notice to be taken within such period as may be so specified.
- (3) Subject to the following provisions of this Chapter, the notice shall take effect at the end of such period as may be specified in the notice.
- (4) That period shall not be less than 28 days after the service of the notice.