

Hartest Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Institute on Wednesday 14 December 2016 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Chris Browning (Chair), Neil Chappell, W Luttmann-Johnson, Jo Pask and Nick Price

In Attendance: Co Cllr R Kemp and Dist Cllr J Long

16/095 Apologies for absence: Cllr David Burr, Parish Clerk

16/096 Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 2 November 2016: These were approved and signed.

16/097 Matters Arising: None

16/098 Declarations of Interest: None

16/099 Public Forum: Cllr Long advised Members that a driver had apparently failed to notice the warning sign on Lawshall Road near Long's Farm and had crashed into the double wall of the barn adjacent to the road. Debris was found near the site, which could possibly identify the vehicle concerned.

16/100 County Councillor's Report: Co Cllr Kemp's December report had been received, and is attached, in which mention is made of the following: Safety measures to take when undertaking journeys during the winter, 'flu vaccinations, 2017 Poppy Appeal, Highways Maintenance Operational Plan consultation and recycling.
Cllr Kemp also mentioned that he has locality funding available if the PC wishes to make application for funding for Speed Indicator Device(s) in an attempt to reduce the problem of drivers exceeding the village's speed limit. It was agreed that a formal application in this regard would be made to Cllr Kemp. Clerk

16/101 District Councillor's Report: Cllr Long advised that the planned move to Endeavour House in Ipswich will take some time to effect. BDC Councillors, at their meeting on the 22 November, voted in favour of supporting Suffolk's new application for devolution. Norfolk will not be following suit as a number of their District Councils were not supportive. Cllr Long feels that every opportunity should be grasped to achieve income opportunities. He has reservations with regard to a requirement to have a mayor heading yet another tier of authority.

16/102 Finance & Administration

(a) Bank Balances as at 30.11.2016: Current: £8,663.88

Savings: 15,714.74: Total: £24,378.62

(b) Receipts: None

(c) Bank Reconciliations: To be circulated in readiness for January meeting.

(d) Review of Actual Expenditure/Budget: Draft documents had been circulated, it was agreed to carry over this item to the next meeting.

(e) Precept 2017/18: To be carried over to the January meeting.

(f) Payments

Although all payments, as listed on the agenda, were approved, it was subsequently decided to issue cheques at the January meeting in absence of the Clerk.

16/103 Planning

(a) Decisions Received

Permissions granted:

B/16/00983/LBC/AS: Cooks Farm, Lawshall Road: Removal of existing metal and cement render from front façade, repair of timber frame etc, etc.

- B/16/01289: Pampas, 15 The Row: Replacement detached garage, alterations to porch approved under B/07/1824 and rendering of host dwelling.
- (b) Withdrawn Applications: None
- (c) New Planning Applications:
 B/16/01498: Springfield, Brockley Road: Erection of 3 no two-storey detached dwellings, and 1 no single-storey detached double cart lodge, to plot 2 (following demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings).
 Members agreed to object to this PA on the basis of overdevelopment of the site. (When the NP is adopted, smaller dwellings (i.e. fewer bedrooms) would be sought. Clerk
- Members agreed to support the following PAs.
 B/16/01491 LBC: Tan Office Farm, Cross Green: Insertion of 1 no new window to ground floor south elevation, insertion of 1 no new window to first floor south elevation and internal alterations (Variations to Listed Building Consent B/13/00399/LBC)
- B/16/01623: Barn at Willow Tree Farm, Mill Road: Notification under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015: Prior Approval under Class Q(a) Change of Use from Agricultural Building to Dwelling House (Use Class C3) and Prior Approval Under Class Q(b) building operations necessary to convert the building.
- B/16/01605/LBC: Pompes, Shimpling Road: Erection of rendered garden wall (retention of). Clerk
- (d) Tree Preservation Order/Tree Conservation Area applications: None
- (e) Appeals: None
- (f) Other Planning Matters
- Springfield PA: Cllr Long is to contact PO Alex Scott at the beginning of January re this. JL
- Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Price advised that copies of this nearly finished document had been circulated to all Councillors. A final draft is to be prepared in January. Cllr Price added that Lawshall PC is further ahead of us in this regard and a lot of policies are being tested by them. It should be a good indication that, if theirs proceeds, ours should go through. It is hoped to circulate final copies prior to the February PC Meeting, when ratification will be sought. General approval to the Plan will be sought by end February. NP
- Village Shop: No report.
- Affordable Housing: Currently awaiting report from Tom Barker.
- Possible Listing of School: This had initially been rejected by BDC, but Cllr Burr had referred the matter back to them. Their response is awaited. DB
- Section 106 Funding (including Possible Play Area/School Swimming Pool): Information in this regard is awaited from Cllr Burr. DB
- 16/104 Green, Cemetery and Churchyard
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 (a) Cemetery
 Fallen Headstones
 Cllr Pask reported that responses from three families had been received. It is hoped that these families will proceed with the rectification work themselves. Cllr Pask recommended that the required repairs be carried out over a 5 year period commencing with suitable provision being made in the 2017/18 budget.
 Overhanging Branches
 Quotations being sought from Oliver Cornish and Chris King in this regard.
- (b) The Green
Fields in Trust: Cllr Luttman-Johnson offered to investigate the possibility of funding in this regard following receipt an email from them. WLJ
- 16/105 Highways and Footpaths
 - Resurfacing/shared space
 Cllr Price advised that, with the exception of the provision of two buff coloured surfaces at either end of The Row to improve driver awareness, all requested work has been completed. This remaining work is being expedited.

Cllr Price added that 'Whitcroft', a thatched property along The Row is particularly prone to damage by high sided vehicles. Cllr Price has asked Paul Gant of SCC to speak to the resident re possible road narrowing signs.

- Request for Extension of 30 mph Speed Limit

Cllr Chapple advised that it would cost the PC approximately £5k/location re Investigation of this matter. It was agreed that the most urgent area is Hartest Hill. It was thought that a SID would be useful here.

- Outstanding Repairs: No update provided; to be sought.

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- Hedge from PC Notice Board: Half of this hedge has been cut back with the help of Mr S Stone; the remainder is to be done in January. Paul Gant of SCC is to visit the owners and advise re the remaining work (from whom he had received a letter). Cllr Browning would appreciate being present for the next cut, if possible.

JP/CB

- Hedge at BT Exchange, Lawshall Road: Cllr Pask had met with a BT representative, who immediately pruned this hedge. That same person is to liaise with BDC re a tree in that location. More work will be done with BDC's permission.

- Rogers Lane: Although reported to SCC, no work had been undertaken. To be expedited.

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16/106 Correspondence: None

16/107 Matters of report only: Cllr Browning mentioned that a Giffords Hall Christmas sign had been pinned to a barn on the corner (just before the bridge). It is hoped that this will be removed after Christmas.

16/108 Matters for consideration at next meeting: Budget & Precept 2017/18

16/109 Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 4 January 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Institute

The meeting closed at 2100 hours

Approved at the PC Meeting held on the 4 January 2017