

Hartest Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Institute on Wednesday 3 June 2015 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Chris Browning (Chair), Neil Chappell and Jo Pask

In Attendance: Co Cllr R Kemp and Parish Clerk

ACTION

- 15/019 Apologies for absence: Cllr N Price and Dist Cllr J Long
- 15/020 Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May were approved and signed.
- 15/021 Matters Arising: None
- 15/022 Declarations of Interest: None
- 14/023 Public Forum: No members of the public present.
- 15/024 Police Report: The Police report had been circulated (attached).
- 15/025 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Kemp reported that he is hopeful of making progress re Parsons' Walk; a final confirmation from the builder is currently awaited. The invoice provided by the resident of 14 The Row re the work carried out to remove the steps and provide a better footpath had been received by the Clerk. A request for more locality funding, if possible (in view of the significant expenditure in this regard and the benefit to all residents of The Row) had been received and is to be sent to Co Cllr Kemp. Cllr Kemp's full monthly report is attached. Clerk
- 15/026 District Councillor's Report: In Cllr Long's absence, no report was available. Members agreed to send Dist Cllr Long a letter advising him that they were sorry to hear he is to resign as Chair of BDC and look forward to continuing to work with him as our District Councillor. Clerk
- 15/027 Finance & Administration
Bank Balances as at 29.5.15: Current: £1,584.44 Savings: £22,608.74
(a) Receipts: None
(b) Payments: None
(c) 2014/15 Accounts: These year end accounts had been circulated and were approved by Members. Cllr Browning signed both the accounts and the Annual Return, which were to be passed to the PC's Internal Auditor for consideration. Clerk
(d) The new 2015/16 finance spreadsheet had been issued (along with the corrected 2014/15) spreadsheet.
(e) Recruitment: Advertisements seeking co-option of three new Councillors had been placed on the Web Site (including the Neighbourhood Plan section), in 'Contact' and on the web site).
- 15/028 Planning
(a) Decisions Received: Permission granted: B/15/00528/TCA: Bell House, The Row: Crown reduction to 1 no. Holly (T1) tree to similar height of hedge line, crown thinning by 25-30% for better shape and shading to 1 no. non-native deciduous tree (T2); crown reduction to 1 no. Yew tree (T3) to match other trees in hedge line.
(b) Withdrawn Applications: None
(c) New Planning Application: B/101543/FHA: Costa Nostra, The Row: Installation of external wall thermal insulation. Members were happy to support this application provided that the finish to the treated part of the building is in keeping with the Clerk

remainder of the building.

(d) Tree Preservation Order/Tree Conservation Area applications:

None

(e) Appeals: None

Other Planning Matters

Storage of Filing Cabinets: Following the Parish Council's request to Rev Prigg to permit storage of one further filing cabinet in the Church, the PCC's response was that there was no further room. Cllr Pask suggested that she would have a word with Rev Prigg about swapping the current 3 drawer cabinet for a 4 drawer cabinet, which, it was felt, would be sufficient to hold the remaining records.

JP

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Pask reported that a Harfest is to be held in the Crown on the 19/20/21 June at which the Neighbourhood Plan will be putting on an exhibition.

Affordable Housing: Cllr Chapple advised that there was nothing to report at present except that Ian Poole, who is assisting with the NP, is pursuing housing needs in the Parish.

S106 Money: Nick Elliott of BDC had confirmed that there is a total of £10.5k available; some £4k to be spent by 2017 and the remainder by 2027. It was agreed the PC would write to Mrs Mary Burr as to how plans are progressing re the possible use of the land to the rear of the School and the possible application of s106 money. Cllr Pask suggested the reinstatement of a water pump on the Green. In this regard, Cllr Pask is to speak to BDC as to planning requirements.

Clerk

Cllr Pask also advised that, following receipt of s106 money for much needed insulation work in the Institute, the Committee had decided to undertake an annual inspection of its fabric in an effort to maintain it in good order.

JP

15/029

Green, Cemetery and Churchyard

(a) Cemetery

Extension Layout

Cllr Pask advised that she had written to Oliver Cornish, who said that he hopes to pre-seed the area in mid August. Cllr Pask is to obtain 0.5kg organic slug pellets to mix with the seed.

JP

(b) The Green

Ditch/Drainage

Ditch near Parsons' Walk

See Min 024 above.

Telephone Kiosk

BT has confirmed that this work will be done between March and October each year.

15/030

Highways and Footpaths

Footpaths/Highways

Cllr Pask asked when the proposed road markings by the bridge are to be carried out. The Clerk confirmed that, as previously agreed, SCC had been asked to refrain from any road marking works until a traffic management plan is determined.

JP

"Jack's Bench", Hartest Hill: Cllr Pask advised that she will be meeting Paul Gant of SCC re the possible installation of a concrete kerb here.

Post Box – Hartest Hill: This is being repaired by Royal Mail and will be reinstated by the end of June.

15/031

15/032 Correspondence: None

15/033 Matters of Report Only: None

15/034 Matters for Consideration at the next meeting: None

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 1 July at 7 p.m.

Signed: 1 July 2015

