

EATHORPE HUNNINGHAM, OFFCHURCH AND WAPPENBURY
JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the council, held on Tuesday 20th November 2012, at Offchurch at 7,30pm.

PRESENT

Councillor W.Redford, chairman, councillors J. Hammon, Mrs. R.Commander, Mrs. C.Foyer, Mrs. M.Green, M.Brooks and M.Burgun.

Also present, County Councillor M.Doody and District Councillor N.Pratt

1. APOLOGIES

Received from councillor S.Palmer, Mrs. J.Seaton, D.Mynors and Mrs. M.Weeks

2.DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3. MINUTES

Having been circulated beforehand, the minutes were taken as read, agreed and signed by the chairman.

4. MATTERS AGRISING

The pot hole at Hunningham has finally been repaired.

The missing fire hydrant plaque has been reported, but nothing further heard.

The Code of Conduct information circulated earlier. It was agreed to adopt the local authority format, and the outstanding DPI forms were completed.

The clerk is to proceed with a Land Registry search of the Offchurch field.

The street lamp near Gable House, Offchurch is now working

5 PLANNING

W12196 Bunkers Hill Farm	storage	no objn
W121045 Wisteria Cottage, Offchurch	porch	granted
W201189 Wappenbury Hall	barn	no objn
W121188 Park Farm, Wappenbury	ménage	do
W121090 The Cottage, Hunningham Hill	Extension	do
W121007 Old Bakehouse, Hunningham	do	granted
W120722 Newhaven, Hunningham	do	response sent
W120409 Manor Farm, Offchurch	change of use	

Appeal to the enforcement notice at the Stag received.

A projector and screen has been provided in connection with large scale applications and is held by Councillor Palmer.

7. HIGHWAYS

Damaged kerbing towards the foot of School Hill, Offchurch has been reported.

Councillor Mrs Seaton has noted that the Offchurch bus shelter is looking rather shabby and is in need of attention. Ask for a photo and to check for any repairs also.

The waste bin has been removed and placed in the shelter, resulting in it not being emptied, could need either re-citing or a new bin.

An additional street lamp between the village Hall and Merryhill House is also requested.

Councillor Burgun notes that the high banks on the Welsh Road are being eroded by traffic, and will provide photo's to assist in pursuing this.

Water is not draining near the bus shelter at Hunningham due to a blocked culvert.

Councillor Doody detailed the proposals to switch off street lighting between midnight and 5am. The problem being financial. No date has yet been given for this. Councillor Burgun expressed a concern over rural areas, which he felt is rather different than the rural areas with regard to their lighting from traffic and other sources.

Councillor Doody noted that although there has been a reduction in police officers and pcso's, there has also been a reduction in crime.

There has been fly tipping in Back Lane Hunningham and on Hunningham Hill. Councillor Doody will report this for us.

It was also observed that the speed of traffic has increased since 50mph limits were imposed.

8. POLICE MATTERS

Councillor Redford continues to receive the Rural Watch updates. In our area, a trailer was broken into on the Fosse and at Wappenbury, strangers were challenged but escaped, breaking 2 farm posts in doing so.

We are reminded to beware of door to door salesmen who can be over persuasive. They should always provide suitable identification. Any doubts and the police should be advised straight away. Many are harassed by those selling dusters.

Councillor Doody clarified the role of the new Police Commissioners who will have a party of 10 advisers to keep a political balance. The immediate concern is the police budget being worked after the precept is announced.

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Redford reported having attended the District Council Chairman's supper.

The flood report is still awaited from the Environment Agency, so this will be followed up. Councillor Doody noted that a change in the people producing it has caused a delay.

The Eathorpe lights will be switched on December 8th.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Draft recommendations of the Boundary Commission received. Councillor Doody advised that 2 councillors per ward are suggested, but not agreed. He considered that Cubbington would be more suited in joining with Stoneleigh and Baginton, than with Radford, Offchurch and Hunningham.

Various leaflets etc were distributed.

11. HS2

We are indebted to Councillor Burgun for again giving a comprehensive update to the meeting and for subsequently providing the following summary.

1. 3rd Community Forum meeting was held on 20th September 2012. The key points were:-

Presentation on noise given.

The last Planning Forum had been a poor meeting and WCC were planning to write to HS2 executive to complain.

The progress update was very sketchy.

All Cubbington and Offchurch issues were summarised again.

Robust statement to HS2 regarding their lack of answers and poor approach to the public.

2. 2nd bi-lateral meeting held 1st November 2012. Key points were;-

General design review of the line height across both Cubbington and Offchurch. Leam flood plain to be discussed between Environmental Agency and HS2 but little progress to date.

HS2 will take a first camera shot of the project to prepare the draft E.S. at the end of November 2012. This camera shot will be effectively the Post Consultation Route published in January and therefore the draft E.S. will be less complete than it should be. HS2 advised they were well advanced on the rights of way study. The SIFT process that HS2 use to evaluate mitigation items was discussed, with HS2 needing to clarify the whole process.

Land access letters were discussed, these are now being revised.

There was a general discussion regarding the local roads around the Fosse, including the HS2 proposal to close part of the Long Itchington road. HS2 were advised that, at the level of principle, we did not agree to the closure of ANY road, right of way etc.

3. WCC meeting with Action Group Heads, 8th November 2012.

Key points were.

General feedback from all Action Groups present, showed that all of them were facing the same frustration at lack of information and progress,

HS2 senior staff had advised at a separate meeting, that there was NO separate budget for mitigation. The agreed mitigation items would be built into the design for the contractors to construct.

There is to be a WCC meeting with HS2 Engineering Director on 30th November 2012 at which several key questions will be asked regarding the conduct and transparency of the project.

4. FUTURE KEY EVENTS.

27th November, 4th Community Forum meeting.

30th November WCC meeting with HS2 Engineering Director

30th November HS2 to take first camera shot in order to prepare draft E.S.

15th January 2013 Compensation Roadshow in Offchurch Village Hall 1-8pm

31st January END of compensation consultation period.

1st February 3rd bilateral meeting with HS2

Spring 2013 Draft Environmental Statement produced for 3 month public consultation period

12 FINANCE

Received final precept £2450. Payments;-CHQ.045 £758.16, Insurance. 046 £192 mowing. 047 £99.84 printing. 048 £330 hedging. 049 £120 play repairs. 050 £2305.26 play equip. 051 £192 mowing, 052 £240 clerk sal. 053 £60 tax. 054 £114.75 expns. 055 £20 room hire.

A request was received from the allotment association for assistance towards their insurance costs. It was agreed to ask for sight of their accounts in order to consider.

13 A.O.B.

Confirmed that Eathorpe received warnings of recent flooding.

Councillor Doody advised that he will not be standing at the next County Council elections, but will continue with the District. Councillor .

Councillor Pratt will not be standing for the District Council.

Next meeting to be at Hunningham on January 22.

Meeting closed at 9pm