

EATHORPE, HUNNINGHAM, OFFCHURCH AND WAPPENBURY
JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the council held on Tuesday 18th September 2012, at Eathorpe at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Councillor W.Redford, chairman, councillors M.Burgun, S.Palmer, Mrs M.Green, J.Hammon, Mrs J.seaton, Mrs M.Weeks, Mrs R.Commander and D.Mynors.

Also present, Councillor M.Kinson, chairman of th District Council

Councillor Redford welcomed Councillor Kinson, who would be addressing the meeting later.

1.APOLOGIES

Received from Councillors M.Brooks, Mrs C.Foyer, M.Doody and N.Pratt.

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 ARISING

No progress yet with regard to the pot hole at Hunningham, other than it being fenced. Hedging at Hunningham and Offchurch, along with the foliage at Offchurch bridge has been reported and acknowledged.

No further information on the flooding report, in which HS2 also have an involvement. The water hydrant plate needs replacing on Corner House Hunningham.

5.DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Councillor Kinson noted that this is his first visit to this area.,and the 10th council visit. He mentioned forthcoming HS2 meetings, and that any of our members would be welcome to attend planning meetings to express any points they may have.

He spoke of the new system of advising planning applications electronically, at which followed a brief discussion. . invitations to his November dinner will be sent to the chairman and clerk, but if unable to attend, could be passed to councillors

6.PLANNING.

W121045. Wisteria Cottage Offchurch. Porch No objection

W121049. Offchurch Bury Access

The present access near the lodge is not in use, and the proposed new one is in an area of unrestricted speed limits. Perhaps a mirror could be used, alongside caution of a concealed entrance. There is clearly a road safety issue involved. There are already 3 different entrances to the estate. A further consideration is show traffic.

A response to be sent incorporating these points .

7.HIGHWAYS

Highway matters dealt with under Matters Arising.

8 & 9 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT &POLICE MATTERS

Car number plates have been stolen locally, and the police are providing kits to try and make it more difficult. The contact is PC Towle on Leamington 684471.

Next Community Forum is on 18th October, main priorities being speed monitors at Weston, and high visibility patrols at Radford and Cubbington recreation grounds.

There have been thefts from outbuildings and sheds, and also plant and machinery has been taken. Also thefts of power cables on the Welsh Road.

10.CORRESPONDENCE

The various notices etc. were distributed.

11.CODE OF CONDUCT

This is still being circulated.

12HS2

Councillor Burgun gave a further update on the position, and kindly provided the following summary.

The visit by HS2 staff to Offchurch and Cubbington took place satisfactorily on 7th August 2012.

They toured the area with members of both action groups and met and talked with 4 farmers, over a total visit period of more than 4 hours.

The first Bi lateral meeting with HS2 was held on 13th September.

All the mitigation points were presented to HS2 who gave little response at this stage.

The third HS2 Community Forum is to be held on Thursday 20 September 2012.

We will formalize our concerns ref. HS2 project process at that meeting.

WCC are being very supportive of both our mitigation proposals and our concerns regarding HS2 lack of progress, and lack of responses.

HS2 have refused to discuss Sound, Noise and vibration directly with ourselves.

They will ONLY discuss this subject with Head of Environment of each District Council.

Therefore we formally request that the District Councils arrange to meet with the Action Groups to discuss the situation and the way forward.

The revised E.I.A. has been produced by HS2, however, the programme of work to arrive at a draft Environmental Statement by spring 2013 is too short.

We, therefore, anticipate an unsatisfactory result will be produced, increasing the Public Consultation effort required in the following 3 month period.

We await further information regarding the late Compensation Consultation.

The JPC formerly record our thanks to Councillor Burgun for the work that he is doing on our behalf, and in producing the verbal and written reports,

13.FINANCE

The Annual Audit has been completed without comment, and the Certificate received.

The grant of £1500 re play equipment has been received.

Payments;- Chq. 34 mowing £192. 35 play equipment £2305.27, 36 audit £162. 37 room hire £20. 38 repairs £226.. 39. Room hire £20. 40. Mowing £192. 41 moles £40. 42 clerk £240. 43 expns £91.50. 44 tax £60.

ANNUAL DINNER

Suggested that we approach Hill Top, for a Friday in early December.

15 A.O.B.

We understand that Weston Council have placed a restrictive covenant on the deeds of Offchurch playing field. The clerk to investigate.

Broadband champion for Offchurch has a Mr.O'Brian listed and not Richard Seaton as requested. We are to register Mr Seaton.

Agreed that we obtain a larger waste bin for Offchurch playing field.

The lamp near Gable house is not working.

Next meeting 20th November at Offchurch.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm