

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2014, at Eathorpe at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Councillor W.Redford chairman, councillors Mrs. S Goddard, D.Mcdaid, J.Hammon, Mrs. M.Green, Mrs C.Foyer, M.Burgun, M.Brooks and Mrs. J.Seaton

Also present District Councillor M.Doody

1.APOLOGIES

Received from councillor. S.Palmer, D.Mynors and N.Pratt

2.DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3. MINUTES

Councillor Mynors name had been omitted from the apologies. This alteration having been made, the minutes were agreed and signed by the chairman.

4.MATTERS ARISING

The dog waste bin at Offchurch has still not been emptied. To contact Roger Hoof at the District Council.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

6.PLANNING

W141346.Hollyberry House Offchurch	extension	granted
W141045.Plum Tree Cottage Hunningham	rooflight	do
W141420.Elms Farm, Hunningham	cattleshed	refused
W141576.Highfield Offchurch	extension	

7.HIGHWAYS

Councillor Mrs. Green, had advised the clerk of various matters in need of attention at Hunningham, and these had been passed to Highways.

Mr Johnson had responded over hedge trimming to the affect that he would be prepared to meet local councillors on site, to discuss the matter. Clerk to make arrangements.

The walkway at Offchurch bridge is overgrown and gullies are silted up.

The pavement in School Hill Offchurch is moss covered and very slippy.

It is noted that a previously tarmac area near the church at Wappenbury has been re seeded which is inadequate, Councillor Redford to contact Tom Mannion.

The approach towards Leamington From Wappenbury near The Bull has overgrown hedges obscuring the view for traffic.

Overtaking vehicles on Welsh Road are causing dangers and Councillor Redford will ask for a site visit.

8.POLICE MATTERS

Councillor Doody reported an oak bench stolen from St Gregory's. He asks Offchurch councillors to contact Blackdown Growers who have offered a replacement in teak or mahogany

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Redford gave an update on defibrillators.

The response from councillors to the recent email indicated a preference to take up the offer of the Air Ambulance service. It is not possible to use 2 different suppliers.

3 defibrillators and 1 cabinet have been ordered so far, delivery awaited. Councillor Redford is to arrange training. Suitable sites to be decided.

The clerk has applied for a grant from Warwick Rural Community Council and awaits a decision.

Two other suggestions for grants were mentioned, the clerk to be advised of details for application.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk confirmed that Valerie Graham and Greta Sollett will continue to be our representatives on the Aylesford and Haddon Charity

11.HS2

Councillor Burgun gave an update on the current position, and kindly provided the following summary.

1 The HS2 notes in the 7th October 2014 JPC meeting ended with a summary of the Government Select Committee visit that afternoon to Cubbington and Offchurch.

Since then, it is vital that the various petitioning groups present a united front to the Select Committee and HS2 Ltd.

2. The Offchurch Action Group chair had written on October 5 2014 , to the JPC expressing concern ref the WCC petition not covering major points in the JPC petition and urging a common approach be adopted for the area to avoid the risk of a lack of consistency in front of the Select Committee.

3. On 21st October 2014 full instructions were given to a barrister, C.Parry of Winkworth Sherwood, to represent us when our 5 petitions are presented to the Select Committee.

4. On 27/28 October 2014 WCC had 2 days of hearings with the Select Committee.

5. On 7th November 2014 WCC held a meeting with Action Group chairs. At that meeting concern was expressed that WCC had negotiated and reached some level of understanding with HS2 in front of the Select Committee without involving petitioners in the same localities eg parish councils and action groups. This is of particular concern since the WCC petition is not aligned to parish councils/action groups on some important aspects of our petition.

6. The subject raised in item 5 above, is the subject of rising concern and the issue is to be raised at the next WCC action meeting.

7. Accordingly, WCC were specifically requested to ensure that they avoided the same situation occurring again.

8. WDC, whose position is closely aligned to that of the parish councils/action groups readily agreed to this request and recommended 2 distinct actions are carried out, namely -

8.1 A list of key points be sent to them before their meeting with their legal team on 24th November 2014.

8.2 A meeting be held between WDC/Parish Council reps/Action Group chairs prior to WDC presentation to the Select Committee on 7th January 2015.

These two actions were agreed and WDC thanked for this proactive approach.

9. On 14th November 2014, the Promoter Response Documents (PRD) were received. As expected, HS2 Ltd maintained their position that nothing further was required, a stance that will be robustly challenged when we meet with the Select Committee.

10. The date for that meeting is not yet known, but is expected to be no earlier than mid/late January 2015

12.FINANCE

Eathorpe may eventually need a new notice board if the bus shelter is used for a defibrillator, we may also receive a request for repairs to steps at Offchurch Village Hall.

Request for village hall insurance declined because of other commitments.

Payments:- Chq 1180 £20 room hire. 1181 £240 clerk. 1182 £60 tax. 1183 £64,35 expns

13.PLAYGROUNDS Annual and quarterly inspections carried out.

14. A.O.B. None

Next meeting 20th January 2015 at Hunningham

Meeting closed at 8.25pm