

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 15th July 2014 at Hunningham at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillor W.Redford, chairman, councillors Mrs.M.Green, M.Burgun, S.Palmer, and Mrs.S.Goddard

Also present District Councillor M.Doody

1.APOLOGIES

Received from councillors Mrs. C. Foyer , D.Mcdaid

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3. MINUTES

Having been circulated beforehand the minutes were taken as read.

Councillor Burgun noted that a leaflet, re HS2 that he circulated, had been omitted from the minutes, which was as follows.

1.It is expedient for the JPC of Eathorpe, Hunningham, Offchurch and Wappenbury to oppose the High Speed Rail (London West Midlands) bill deposited in the session of parliament 2013-14

2. The clerk to the JPC, in conjunction with the chairman (and/or others as determined by the chairman) be authorized to determine the content of any petition that they deem should be presented to a Select Committee of either House of Parliament and to take all other such steps as they consider necessary to carry the foregoing resolution into effect, including the authorization of Sharpe Pritchard (Parliamentary Agents) to act as Roll Agents on behalf of the JPC

3 The chairman, or any person that the chairman may appoint to act in his stead, be authorized to present to parliament in support of any petition presented to parliament pursuant to the foregoing resolution, to represent the JPC in any negotiations pertinent to the petition that the promoter of the Bill may offer and to be authorized, on behalf of the JPC, to agree any changes that may result from any such negotiations.

This amendment having been noted, the chairman then signed the minutes

4. MATTERS ARISING

An application form for the community forum has been obtained.

The matter of the vehicles in Eathorpe has been taken up, but we are advised that they have every right to be there, and that the fault is with the parking. No restriction notices are therefore needed.

Further details re defibrillators are awaited, and also Councillor Palmer is trying to obtain details of where they may be sited. Discussion to be on the next agenda.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

6. PLANNING

W121146.St Annes Presbytery	porch	granted
W140005 Bury Lodge Offchurch	access	granted
W140717.Plum Tree Cottage Hunningham	Extension	withdrawn
W140510. The Coppice Hunningham	do	granted

7.HIGHWAYS

Councillor Redford advised that funds are available for the repair of pot holes. Notice of those needing attention must be reported without delay

The Welsh Road nameplate has still not yet been replaced, and Councillor Doody will make enquiries.

It was agreed that we ask for passing places to be installed along the Hunningham/Offchurch road.

8. POLICE MATTERS

Councillor Burgun noted suspicious characters in Offchurch who were challenged breaking into a vehicle. It was reported, with descriptions, and they were arrested. They were subsequently unable to be identified due to poor police pictures. Nothing should be left on display

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A white transit van was noted driving slowly round Eathorpe, and thought to be looking for travellers possible sites. The farmer was advised, and blocked off a field entrance.

The Chairman had attended the Community Forum meeting, and reported that some funds are still available. Various leaflets were distributed.

10. CORRESPONDENCE Booklets etc were distributed

11. PARISH MEETINGS

Offchurch was well attended but there is nothing of note to report.

Hunningham also held their meeting attended by only 2 public. Nothing to report

12. HS2

We are again indebted to Councillor Burgun for his full report, and for providing the following summary

1. The main subject during this period has been the petitioning of Parliament to reduce the impact of HS2 on the environment, and therefore, ourselves.
2. A total of 1924 petitions have been lodged, 5 of these from Offchurch, Cubbington and Weston.
3. HS2 have challenged the right of some petitions to be heard (ours have all been accepted)
4. The government select committee has listened to both parties and (post meeting note) has decided crucially to allow both stop HS2 and HS2AA to be heard on route wide issues.
5. Our A agents, Sharpe Pritchard have received payment of circa £3000 for their first invoice for preparing and lodging the 5 petitions. The share of costs is being dealt with by the parish clerks and Action Group treasurers.
6. The ongoing timescales are necessarily fluid at this time.
7. Locus Standi hearings are being heard during July. Reconvening in September, the hearings proceed generally from the north of phase 1 down to London.
8. We will not be heard until post September and it could be sometime in the new year.

9. The overall timescale for all nomilly 1900 petitions could be circa 2 years.

10. HS2 have prepared additional provisions which will lodged in parliament on 9th September 2014. These may affect this area and, if so, could give rise to further petitioning. We will receive this information on 10-12 september and make it available for public view.

11. Under the Hybrid Bill arrangements, provisions exist for further "Land Grab" if a development emerges during the construction of HS2. A potential example in the press is the "Garden City" in the Meriden Gap proposed by Solihull Council.

12. Sharpe Pritchard briefed WCC yesterday in a very sensible presentation which covered all the essential points of petitioning.

13. Currently WCC petition does not align with our petitions , and arrangements are in hand to seek resolution to this situation. (WDC petition is more aligned to our petition)

14. The next steps are .

To produce a file of proof

of evidence

To produce visual evidence /explanation

To produce a large box of supporting evidence

Work has already commenced on the first of these requirements

15. Long Itchington support our petition

16 new property compensation consultation has commenced for those within 1km of the line and will close on 30th September 2014.

13. DEFIBULATORS Further details needed, to be discussed on next agenda.

14. LOCAL CHARTER

Councillor Redford has received comprehensive information, still to be examined, but we appear to be doing things correctly. Discuss at the next meeting.

15 FINANCE

154 mowing £197. 155 mowing £412. 156 clerk £240. 157 tax £60. 158 expns £74.85. 159. Moles £60. 160. J.goode £40. 161 repairs £381. 162 playground inspection £40.

FINANCE continued....

The clerk explained the payment to Mrs J.Goode. HMRC have altered their requirements several times recently, and parish council returns monthly, and annually. He had contacted

Other clerks, including Weston, and is advised that they employ a specialist to do this for them, noting that Weston was fined £ 100 last year for being late. He has therefore asked Mrs. Goode of Ettington to do the same for us, the cost being about £10 per month.

This was unanimously agreed.

A letter has been received from the village hall at Offchurch increasing their room hire to £25. This too was accepted.

16. PLAYGROUNDS

Continue to be inspected regularly.

17. AO.B.

Weston have recorded an apology to Offchurch residents re the village field, and the matter is now resolved.

Councillor Palmer noted that the waste bin at the end of Village Street needs to be emptied, also that the bus shelter has signs of woodworm.

Next meeting 16th September at Offchurch

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.