

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 20th may 2014 at Eathorpe at 7,30pm

PRESENT

Councillor W.Redford chairman, Councillors J.Hammon, Mrs.C.Foyer, Mrs. M.Green, M.Burgun, S.Palmer. and M.Brooks

Also present Councillor M.Doody and 1 member of the public

1.APOLOGIES Received from Councillors Mrs. J.Seaton and D.Mynors

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN AND PARISH VACANCIES

Councillor Palmer proposed Councillor Redfod continue as chairman for a further year, and seconded by Councillor Burgun, this was agreed unanimously.

Councillor Mrs. Green proposed Councillor Palmer as vice chairman, and seconded by Councillor Hammon, this too was agreed unanimously.

Mrs. S Goddard had applied to represent Eathorpe, and Mr. D. Mcdaid to represent Wappenbury on the JPC. It was agreed that both be co opted to the council, and acceptance forms will be provided, with an invitation to our next meeting.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

NONE

4.MINUTES

Having been circulated beforehand, the minutes were taken as read, It was noted that Councillor Brooks had been omitted from those attending. This amended, the minutes were .agreed and signed by the chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Redford had contacted Highways over items previously reported, The pot hole at Hunningham Hill is to be repaired, and a new nameplate installed at Welsh Rd Offchurch.

Application forms to the Community Forum to be obtained

It was agreed to ask Mr. Wagstaff to take over the hedgecutting at Offchurch.

Councillor Redford has studied the Local Charter and noted a section on receiving complaints. The options to be discussed at the next meeting

6. PUBLICSPEAKERS

Mr.C.Goddard from Eathorpe raised the matter of large vehicles trying to pass through the village recently, giving examples of the chaos caused. He asked if some restriction notices could be erected, possibly near the bus shelter and Orchard House. Councillor Redford offered to take the matter up. Councillor Doody noted that it was probably a problem with Sat Navs. Maybe bollards could be installed.

7.PLANNING

W131739.The cottage, Fosseyway Hunningham	extension	granted
W140519.The Coppice Hunningham	do	
W140094.Fouracres Hunningham	roof	granted

8.HIGHWAYS

Vehicles turning near the church at Wappenbury have caused a large hole. Paint has been sprayed, indicating some attention,

Chippings have appeared in several places along the Hunningham/Offchurch road where traffic has eroded the verge.

9.POLICE MATTERS

Nothing major to report, but a break in at Offchurch, and equipment stolen at Hunningham, were reported.

10.CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nothing to report

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The application re Offchurch Bury is going to committee next week. Councillor Doody outlined the regulations should anyone wish to address the meeting.

12.PARISH MEETINGS

Eathorpe arranged for 29th may

Offchurch “ 2 June

Hunningham “ 30 may

13.HS2 UPDATE.REPORT ON PROGRESS

The period since the last JPC meeting on 18th march 2014 has been primarily involved with preparing the petition opposing High Speed Bill 2 which passed it's 2nd reading in parliament on 28 april 2014.

2. The advert in the local press, advising the JPC intention to seek a resolution to oppose the above bill, was duly placed in the 2nd may edition of the courier.

3. In order to be able to present an appropriate petition to parliament on time, it has been essential to engage an A agent who is authorized to present petitions to parliament, assist with their presentation and any negotiations arising.

Mr. R.Inman is dealing with the contract for this work and will involve all parties who resolve to proceed, for invoicing and payment purposes.

4. Cubbington Action Group have taken the lead in initially engaging Sharp Pritchard for this work.

5. Those who are involved in the overall process include;-

Weston Parish Council----- all resolutions passed 9 april 2014

Cubbington Action Group all resolutions passed 28 april 2014

Offchurch Action Group all resolutions passed 29 april 2014

Cubbington Parish Council meeting to discuss/agree resolutions to be held 13 may 2014

Joint Parish Council meeting to discuss/agree resolutions to be held 20may 2014

6. Landowners and some householders are preparing to petition in their own right in some cases.

7. The committee of 6 MP's,who will hear petitions have been named, however when the hearings will commence has yet to be advised.

Councillor Doody asked for confirmation that if the finance proposed in the forthcoming resolution is agreed, it will be used for Sharp Pritchard to present the petition, as we must make sure we are acting correctly.

14. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AS FOLLOWS;-

1. Councillor Burgun proposed that we resolve to oppose the High Speed 2 Bill, and seconded by Councillor Hammon, this was agreed unanimously by the 7 councillors present, namely, Councillors W.Redford, M.Burgun, J.Hammon, M.Brooks, S.Palmer Mrs. M.Green and Mrs C.Foyer.

2.Councillor Burgun proposed that we grant a sum of up to £3000 for the petitioning process, explaining how this figure is arrived at. Seconded by Councillor Brooks, this too was agreed unanimously by the same 7 councillors.

15. ACTIONS ARISING

To finalize the petition.

Present evidence to the select committee

Call witnesses as/if necessary

Represent the JPC in any negotiations that the promoter of the bill may offer.

Agree any changes that may result from such negotiations if necessary.

These actions have already been agreed in the 2 action groups above, with named individuals empowered to act for and on behalf of their organisation.

Councillor Burgun is prepared to continue his lead role for the JPC.

The JPC recorded their thanks to Councillor Burgun, both for his considerable work on our behalf, and for his regular comprehensive update reports.

16 DEFIBULATORS

It was agreed that before any decision is made , we need details of costs, before we can apply for a grant, and the matter would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

17.FINANCE

Received precept/con services £7319.50

Payments chq141 mowing £197. 142 Subs £177, 143Eon £40.95. 144 insurance £1085.61
145 playgrounds £167. 146 courier advert £194.76. 147 mowing £295. 148room hire £20.
149 clerk £240, 150 tax £60. 152 room hire £20. 151 expenses £92.70

Annual accounts; The clerk reported that the balances are better than previously feared .

Referring to the current account , we had ended with an increase of almost £2k inspite of having reduced the precept. This was because there had been no further capital expenditure on play equipment, and in addition, previous expenses meant an increase of £700 in reclaimed VAT. All other expenses remained within a few pounds of the previous year, leaving us with a balance of £5413.

Councillor Mrs green proposed the accounts be adopted, and seconded by Councillor Mr. Foyer this was agreed unanimously.

The forms for the audit were then completed.

18. PLAYGROUNDS In good order, nothing to report.

19, A.O.B.

Councillor Doody , drew attention to the Local Plan, a copy of which is provided for each parish, noting that there is confusion over gypsy sites.

Councillor Hammon advised us of the death of John Sharlot, a former chairman of the JPC, when it included Weston.

Next meeting 15th july at Hunningham.

Meeting ended at 9pm.

