

A meeting of the council held on Tuesday 24th July 2013, at Hunningham at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillor W.Redford, chairman, councillors M.Burgun, S.Palmer, M.Brookes, Mrs.C.Foyer, Mrs.M.Green. Mrs.J.Seaton, J.Hammon and Mrs.M.Weeks.

1.APOLOGIES

Received from Councillor Mrs. Commander, District Councillor N.Pratt and County Councillor M.Doody

2.CO OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Mrs. Melicia Weeks was co opted to fill the vacancy for Eathorpe, and completed the required acceptance form

3.DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None

4. MINUTES

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

5 MATTERS ARISING.

Some progress has been made with regard to the speed limits in Offchurch, in that they are to be extended. It is to be 50mph along the Welsh Road from Cubbington towards the bridge, and then 30mph throughout the village to the Fosse, and also a little along the Hunningham Road. Whilst not being ideal, it will be an improvement.

6. PLANNING

W120271.Fosseway Barns conversion refused

The Stag at Offchurch has received enforcement orders to stop using the overflow car park, and to re instate the surface. Councillor Palmer questioned why we were not advised of this beforehand. Councillor Hammon will make enquiries, and Councillor Palmer will also speak To Gary Stephens at planning, as there is a concern that it may result in street parking.

7. HIGHWAYS

A weight restriction notice has been erected on the Long Itchington Road, but it is badly cited.

Councillor Mrs Green reported a large pot hole in the main street at Hunningham, and a blocked drain. It has been marked for attention, but not yet dealt with.

8.POLICE MATTERS

Our area has escaped pretty well recently, but some break ins are reported at Baginton, and we are again warned over security of garden sheds etc.

We are also reminded that November 15th is the date for voting re a police commissioner

9.CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There has been a recent meeting with District Council officers re flood prevention, at Eathorpe. They are to re assess the situation as far as the Learn and Avon junction. A major problem is the lack of height of the bridge arches. Various options are being considered

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The various notices etc. received. Were circulated

11. CODE OF CONDUCT

The new standards will be circulated along with a form that needs to be completed by each councillor, and returned to the clerk

12. HS2

Councillor Burgun gave a detailed update on the present situation, and subsequently provided the following synopsis.

The second community forum meeting on 18th June was poor, due to the lack of commitment by HS2 to answer mitigation issues and commit to bi-lateral meetings.

Two actions taken, firstly, the centre for all action groups advised and asked to consider legal action due to the failure of HS2 to follow their consultation process and secondly-a formal letter-of complaint sent by Cubbington and Offchurch action groups

An answer is awaited on the first action, however, HS2 have now agreed to hold bi-lateral meetings with us in August.

A successful meeting held with local landowners 18th July with generally common views expressed on the major mitigation proposals.

Meeting held with WCC engineers 19 July who advised that they saw no fundamental flaws in our mitigation proposals and provided useful advice on how to present further detail to support our case.

There will be a visit to Cubbington and Offchurch by HS2 on 7 August where we point out our peaceful environment and the damage to it that HS2 will cause, hence our case for maximum mitigation to be duly considered and acted upon by HS2.

A consultation on compensation is due to commence in September.

HS2 intend freezing the design in November in order to produce the environmental statement which will itself be the subject of public consultation in the spring of 2013.

We have been very critical of the short timescale and completeness of this exercise which is not satisfactory at this time.

High level contact with government/local MP's are being made where appropriate.

The JPC. Record their thanks to Councillor Burgun for the for the hard work put in, for regularly updating us on the position.

13. FINANCE

Payments; chq 027 f192 mowing, 028 f105 hedging. 029 f40 inspection. 030 f 240 clerk. 031 f 60 tax 032 f 213 play repairs. 033 f 113 10 clerk expns.

Eathorpe are to receive a grant of f1500 from the Community Fund, towards play equipment.

14 A.O.B.

Councillor Brooks noted that the hedge in the village field at Offchurch needs attention, and it was agreed he contact Andrew Farquarson to attend;

Hedge opposite Corner House Hunningham. Needs trimming. Agreed to write to Tom Mannion re responsibility.

Parish land at Eathorpe needs cutting.
Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting 18' September