

EATHORPE, HUNNINGHAM, OFFCHURCH AND WAPPENBURY

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL,

A meeting of the council, held on Tuesday 5th February 2013, held at Hunningham at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Councillor W Redford (Chairman), Councillors Mrs. M.Weeks, J.Hammon, Mrs. M.Commander, S.Palmer, M.Brooks, Mrs. J.Seaton, Mrs. C.Foyer, and Mrs.M.Green.

Also present County Councillor M.Doody, and District Councillor N.Pratt.

1.APOLOGIES

Received from Councillors M.Burgun and D.Mynors

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

Blocked drains at Eathorpe and the drainage near the Hunningham bus shelter have both been reported.

The waste bin at the bus shelter in Offchurch needs to be re attached to the lamp standard, Mr. Moorcroft to be asked to attend.

5. PLANNING

W121147. St Annes, Wappenbury Porch, although granted by planning department, has been refused by English Heritage.

W121188. Park Farm, Wappenbury	ménage	granted
W121147. Hall Barns, Wappenbury	conversion	granted
W120409. Manor Farm, Offchurch	change of use	granted
W121090. The Cottage, Hunningham	extension	refused
W121483. 20 village st. Offchurch	extension	no objn

The appeal against the enforcement order at The Stag has been upheld and Councillor Doody gave a summary of the position. It began when someone reported, apparently on behalf of the JPC, that the field was being used for parking. In reply to Councillor Palmer

asking why the Planning Department had not advised us either, Councillor Hammon reported that when a breach of planning occurs, there is no need to report back before enforcement. Councillor Doody considered that making use of the field is preferable to roadside parking.

In future, applications received will be forwarded to each individual parish Chairman, for discussion with the relevant parish councillors, with comments returned to the clerk who will then respond to the planning department.

6.HIGHWAYS

The gritting bins at Offchurch have been refilled. Eathorpe asked to arrange for their bins to also be refilled. Councillor Mrs, foye asked for 3 bins to be purchased for Hunningham. Blocked drains on School Hill Offchurch have been reported and those for the whole of Hunningham need jetting and, following work by Severn Trent, verges need clearing. At the Greenway, Offchurch access path from Village St. has worn away.

7.POLICE MATTERS

There have been reports of unsocial behaviour in Baginton and of thefts from cars in various localities. We are warned against leaving valuables in vehicles overnight. There has also been an increase in stealing fuel from cars. A further warning was given re properties being targeted by bogus magazine sellers and from leaflets offering investment in fine wines and for increasing pension plans.

Councillor Doody reported that the new police commissioner has a budget of 0 % increase in council tax.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The next Community Forum will be at Radford on 14th February, when there will be an opportunity to discuss police priorities. There have been 5 speed enforcements in Cubbington, and 15 auto crime patrols. Councillor Redford will be attending the meeting. Councillor Palmer suggested speed checks on the Welsh Road. Councillor Doody noted that there are funds available from the Community Forum, and one project that could be considered is a community bus service.

There is a meeting arranged re flooding at Eathorpe

9 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Doody has a reception at the Shire Hall on 16th March, to which we are all invited along with partners. The clerk to be advised of names and numbers a.s.a.p.

The various booklets and notices were distributed.

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10, HS2

Being unable to attend this evening's meeting, Councillor Burgun had kindly provided a written report, which Councillor Palmer read out as follows:-

1. 27th November 2012 -4th Community Forum meeting,

The main points were.

HS2 gave a general update on design. Basically, no answers will be given to mitigation items until the end of January 2013.

Mitigation items will be assessed under their SIFT criteria which will be a qualitative not quantitative process.

Community Forum members passed a resolution which formerly requested HS2 to show the main items of mitigation alongside the current design in the draft ES, whilst recognising that the mitigation items have not yet been approved.

A Community Forum member gave an excellent presentation on the noise of HS2 which will be followed up with further discussion yet to be arranged.

HS2 gave an initial presentation on Compensation and Safeguarding the land required for the route. There are to be further meetings on this subject- see below.

A Planning Forum meeting took place on 6th November 2012. It repeated many of the same items that were raised in this Community Forum.

2. WCC meeting with HS2 design director, Professor McNaughton.

Generally, a good meeting.

HS2 were heavily criticized for their lack of transparency

HS2 apologized for their failings to date, but advised that they were obtaining more information as the design developed.

HS2 advised that they were assembling a world class team to study the noise aspect of the design.

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3. Future key events.

13 January 2013. Cubbington and Offchurch public meeting- to present and discuss proposed HS2 compensation.

Turn out low at around 65-70 people combined from both villages

As proposed, no properties would receive compensation in the JPC area, or in Cubbington. The views being, that the proposed system caters for limited numbers, whilst the real impact of HS2 will have an impact on a much larger number of residents and business.

The view of the MP Jeremy Wright was that, instead of a tightly defined area, compensation should be via a government property bond. So that residents affected would receive the market price, rather than the blighted price.

Critical that residents respond to the compensation consultation. The deadline to receive the response at HS2 31/01/13.

A response should be sent by Thursday 24th January. JPC and the individual parish councils should respond. A format will be sent as a template.

15th January 2013 – HS2 compensation road show,- Offchurch village.
A marquee on the village field was manned by the action groups.

31st January 2013 . END of the Public consultation on compensation.

1st February 2013 . Next bilateral meeting with HS2.

2nd week February 2013. 5th Community Forum meeting

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11 FINANCE

Received £667.02 VAT re-paid. Payments Chq 056 - £63 subs. 057 - Eon £40.95. 058 - £1000 action group. 059 - £25.14 land reg. 060 – Clerk £240. 061 - Tax £60. 062 - expns £81.80. 063 - playgrounds £78.

Requests for funds from Eathorpe allotments. It was agreed to give a donation of £100 towards their maintenance costs.

Eathorpe village hall requested help towards rates, but it was felt that it may create a precedence for other village halls, and being under financial restraints ourselves, we declined.

Offchurch notice board is in need of attention, and Offchurch councillors will enquire over responsibility and whether replacement is necessary.

The clerk had prepared estimates for the next 18 months, and suggested that a precept of £8500 would be needed. With the District Council cutbacks in mind, a detailed discussion took place, after which it was agreed to trim this to £7200, and that we would need to be cautious with our expenses in the next financial year.

Councillor Mrs. Seaton reported that recent work near the BT Box on Hunningham Hill had left some debris that needs clearing.

Next meeting 26th March at Eathorpe

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.