

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th March 2014 at Offchurch, at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

1.APOLOGIES

Received from councillors D.Mynors, Mrs R.Commander, Mrs M.Weeks, N.Pratt and M.Doody

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3. MINUTES

Having been circulated beforehand, the minutes were taken as read.

An amendment to section 11 Finance was agreed to the affect that the first proposal was to allow for HS2 out of a £5k increase in the precept.

This having been amended, the chairman signed the minutes.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Hammon offered to contact Councillor Doody re the Offchurch Bury application, to ask if the Environmental Survey has been completed, and to reiterate our original objections which remain unchanged.

Highways have not responded to the matters reported last meeting, and Councillor Redford will take this up with them.

Agreed that each parish would discuss their requirements over obtaining defibrilators, to be discussed at our next meeting. Meanwhile, Councillor Redford will obtain application forms for a grant from the Community Forum.

5.SPEAKERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

6.PLANNING

W131739. The Cottage Fosseyway Hunningham Extension.

7. HIGHWAYS

Our regular hedgecutter at Offchurch is no longer able continue, and we will approach Mr. wagstaff for an estimate.

8. POLICE MATTERS

Increasing thefts from motor vehicles are reported, and police have again issued warnings, that are mostly common sense.

The mobile police station is still operative, although some recent ones had to be cancelled.

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The County Council chairman's reception is to be held at the Shire Hall, and Councillor Redford has the details for those wishing to attend.

The County Council is reviewing the Divisional Boundaries, and is looking to reduce the number of councillors from 62 to 57.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

Advice received that our representative on the Offchurch village hall committee is due for review. Councillor Brooks is willing to continue, and this was agreed.

The various booklets etc were circulated.

11. LOCAL COUNCIL CHARTER

Previously circulated without further comment. The contents have been noted and Councillor Redford will peruse the example received, to see if there are any benefits.

12. HS2

We again thank Councillor Burgun for updating the JPC with the progress to date, and for the following summary.

1. 18th February 2014. Met with the civil consultants to discuss suitable expert support for petitioning.

Recommendations included environmental, quantity survey consultation and tunnelling expertise which they would research to find suitable contacts for us to pursue.

2. 25th February 2014. Environmental survey consultation response submitted on behalf of the JPC (cc , A.Winterburn)

3. 14th march 2014. Environmental expert Antonia Glyde provided an overview of our e.s. response document, stating that it was very thorough and that she had no further comments or suggestions to make.

4. 14 march , Sir David Higgins, HS2, submits report (number 6) entitled HS2 PLUS review of budget and scope.

He recommends building phase 2 earlier.

Phase 1 to be extended to Crewe.

Drops HS2 –HS1 link

Euston Station to be fully developed.

No reduction in budget.

5. 15th and 27 february 2014. Two “A” agents interviewed , namely Dyson Bell and Sharp Pritchard.

There is a need to sign up with an “A” agent as soon as possible whilst they have capacity available.

Petitioning

6., It has already been agreed that the JPC will lead the petitioning against HS2 to reduce the Environmental effect of the current incomplete design.

7. HS2 Ltd acknowledge that there will be a "significant effect" on our locality due to HS2 which our mitigation proposals, currently rejected, would reduce but will cost more than HS2 Ltd's current incomplete design.

8. To petition Parliament, a Parish Council must comply with section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972 1.e.

Place notice of intent to oppose the High Speed 2 bill in the local press 10 working days prior to the Parish Council meeting to seek resolution to oppose the bill

Hold the meeting after placing of the above notice and seek formal resolution to oppose the bill, which must be approved by a majority of the Parish Council.

Set aside funds to permit the parish Council to carry out its petitioning activities as may be agreed if the resolution is passed.

Current position and matters arising

It is agreed that;-

9. The JPC will lead the petition to oppose HS2 bill in its current format.

10, The JPC will place suitable notice of the next meeting, where it will seek resolution to oppose the High Speed 2 bill in the local press.

11. The JPC will discuss and seek to agree a resolution to oppose the High Speed bill2 at its next meeting

12. If the JPC approves the resolution, then the JPC will discuss and seek to agree the funds to be set aside to permit the JPC to carry out its petitioning activities.

13. The JPC acknowledges the call for a sum of up to £ 3000 to be set aside, subject to the formal passing of the resolution above, at the next meeting.

13. FINANCE

Receipts. £882 vat Repaid. Payments. Chq 128 Play inspn £40.129 Playgrnds £48. 130 -133 Churchyards 4 x £250. 134 Room Hire £20.135 post/stnry £44.24.136 clerk tax £60. 137 clerk £240. 138. Expns £76.35. 139 Room Hire £20.

A proposal to set aside funds in connection with HS2 to be placed on the next agenda.

14. PLAYGROUNDS Nothing further to report.

15. AO.B. None Next meeting 20th May at Eathorpe