

EATHORPE, HUNNINGHAM, OFFCHURCH AND WAPPENBURY

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held on Tuesday 21st may 2013, at Offchurch at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Councillor W.Redford chairman, councillors S.Palmer, M.Brooks, M.burgun, J.Hammon, and Mrs.R.Commander

1.APOLOGIES

Received from Mrs.M.Green, Mrs.J Seaton, D.Mynors and Mrs M.Weeks

2.ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor J.Hammon proposed Councill Redford for a further year, and seconded by Councillor Burgun. There being no further nominations, Councillor Redford was elected unanimously as Chairman.

Councillor Hammon proposed Councillor Mynors as vice chairman, seconded by councillor Palmer, and there being no further nominations, Councillor Mynors was elected vice chairman for a further year.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

4,MINUTES

Having been circulated beforehand, the minutes were taken as read. It was noted that Councillor Doody had been omitted from those present. This having be amended, the minutes were signed by the chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

A new litter bin has been ordered for the Offchurch bus shelter.

No further information re the Hunningham drains.

Winter grit will be ordered in September, but t he new Hunningham bins will need to be in place beforehand.

There have been no proposals yet for gipsy sites , which makes illegal sites vulnerable.

The Offchurch village nameplate has still not been replaced, clerk to follow this up.

6. PLANNING

W130455. Highfield Offchurch	extension	granted
W130447.Newhaven Hunningham	extension	no objection

W130604, Hill Top Farm	solar panels	no objection
W130575. Offchurch Lodge	door and gate	no objection

We have heard nothing further about the application for Offchurch Bury, and the clerk is asked to enquire of the present position.

7. HIGHWAYS

Request received from a resident at Eathorpe Park that speed checks be carried out on the Fosse near the Eathorpe junction, where visibility is poor. Councillor Redford will raise this at the next Community Forum.

Proposed discussion to take place over the possible closure of the Long Itchington Road by HS2, Offchurch being against the closure.

The bollard at Offchurch bridge has again been damaged, something more substantial being needed.

Water is running off the field near Glebe House Offchurch, The land is owned by the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance. We are to ask Highways to examine , as it is more than just surface water.

Hunningham bridge has again been damaged. Councillor Palmer will advise the clerk of a letter he has regarding this.

8. PARISH MEETINGS

About 8 people present, and Councillor Brooks demonstrated the new web site for the village.

9. POLICE MATTERS

Very little locally to report., although two men, one of whom was drunk, were seen loitering near the church, and along village street at Offchurch. They were arrested by police. It seems that they were from Walsall and maps were found in their van, indicating they were after stealing gates from churches and farms.

10 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Redford reported on the first meeting of the new County Council, which has no overall control. He advised of the numbers of the different parties, and that the chairmanship of committees will be shared. The chair of the Council will alternate between the major parties.

11,CORRESPONDENCE

Notice received that details previously submitted on Disposable pecuniary interest forms are to now be made available on line, and councillors are asked to formerly agree to this. It was agreed that there is no objection to this, and the clerk will advise accordingly.

Copy of a solicitor's letter to Weston Parish received, relating to the field alongside Offchurch village hall. Although not entirely clear, it appears that we have little to worry about, . We know that most Weston Councillors are against any restriction being placed on this, and we await their further research.

12.HS2.

We are again indebted to councillor Burgun for his report on the latest situation with HS2, and for the following summary.

1. Bilateral meeting 23 april 2013.

HS2 have reviewed their design, however, their drawings are work in progress , and as such have not been released.

This unpublished status is being used by HS2 to produce the draft environmental statement which, in it's final form must be presented to parliament together with the Hybrid Bill.

HS2 are not prepared to recommend ANY of the 3 main mitigation proposals we have placed before them, based on their perception of cost/benefit.

It will be june/july before HS2 produce the next issue of drawings and provide us the reasoning behind their design.

HS2 are seeking a Paving Bill (NOW included together with the Hybrid Bill) in the Queen's speech to finance the HS2 project during the period that the Hybrid Bill passes through parliament.

Overview.

It has emerged that the Community Forums and bilateral groups are facing similar problems with HS2 .

A most unsatisfactory situation which requires resolution.

2. Offchurch P.C. Annual open meeting 123 My 2013.

Full resume given ref HS2

3. Future dates/actions.

3.1 Draft environmental statement Public Roadshow will be held in Cubbington Village Hall on Tuesday 28th may 2013, between 12.00 and 20.00 hours

HS2 will be present to answer YOUR questions.

3.2 On Sunday 16th June 2013 there will be a drop in session in OffchurchVillage Hall between 16.30 and 18.30 hours

This is designed for the Offchurch Action Group to hear your views and assist with any response to HS2 that you wish to make.

3.3 The closing date for your response to HS2 on their Draft Environmental Statement is Thursday 11th July 2013.

3.4 The final Environmental Statement and the Hybrid Bill are planned to be lodged with Parliament by end 2013

3.5 The date for the required re run of the compensation consultation has yet to be advised.

Following discussion it was agreed that a joint response to the draft Environmental Statement would be prepared and sent to HS2 covering this JPC together with Cubbington PC and the action groups of Cubbington and Offchurch.

The JPC again register their thanks to Councillor Burgun.

13.FINANCE

Received W.D.C. £6818. Payments; chq081.£174/ subs; 082.£1062.42 insurance: 083.£40.95 eon. 084.£130 playgrounds: 085. £197 mowing;086.£20 room hire: 087.£20 nroom hire; 088 £240 CLERK. 089.£60 HMRC: 090. £34.20 Web site. 091. £91.05 Clerk.

The end of year accounts were produced and circulated.

The clerk gave a brief report on the figures, which showed a reduction in our balances held, of £7200 due to a reduction in our precept of £8000 to compensate for the previous years unused Election provision. Most of the normal running costs were well in line with previous years, but we had provided grants of £2800 and play equipment of £1700

Councillor Hammon proposed that the accounts be accepted
And seconded by councillor Palmer this was agreed unanimously.

14 A.O.B.

Councillor Palmer recommended that councillors should make a brief playground safety inspection on a monthly basis. To record this being done, an item to be on each agenda.

Mr. Moorcroft to be asked to trim the grass by the Millpool at Eathorpe, twice before the autumn

Meeting closed at 9.10. Next meeting July 16 at Hunningham