

EATHORPE, HUNNINGHAM, OFFCHURCH AND WAPPENBURY

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2012, at Offchurch at 7,30pm

PRESENT

Councillor W.Redford, chairman, councillors Mrs M.Weeks, J.Hammon, Mrs R.Commander.

S.Palmer, M.Burgun, and Mrs.M.Green

1.APOLOGIES

Received from councillors Mrs J.Seaton, D.Mynors, Mrs C.Foyer, M.Brooks and District Councillor N.Pratt.

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

The clerk has been advised of the locations of the gritting bins and Hunningham have asked for an additional one, which was agreed.

The Hunningham drains have not yet been jetted, councillor Mrs. Green will enquire.

The drains on School Hill Offchurch have been cleared, but the other matters reported for Offchurch are still outstanding.

Councillor Palmer provided a copy of a letter sent re the gypsy sites and awaits a response.

5.PLANNING

W130832. Plum Tree Cottage, Hunningham	extension	granted
W130678. Eathorpe Allotments	shed	do

PLANNING Continued;-

Councillor Hammon noted that he has no interest in the allotment application

W130664. The Haven, Offchurch

withdrawn

6. HIGHWAYS

The stile at Hunningham has been repaired.

The condition of the hedge at Offchurch/Radford Road is now dangerous, and needs cutting back.

The lack of communication over Highway matters is a concern of many parishes and the clerk will provide a list of our outstanding items.

The clerk has obtained 100 sand bags, which are being kept by councillor Redford.

7.POLICE MATTERS

It is reported that gates have been stolen at Wappenbury and a car broken into at Bubbenhall.

8.CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The County Council budget has to be reduced by £92 million over the next 4 years and will result in a loss of jobs and reduction of services. They need to identify the services that they are required by law to provide, and then establish a list of priorities. The total reduction will be 27% of their annual budget, whilst trying not to increase council tax.

Councillor Redford also noted that Weston are about to again discuss the restrictive covenant on the Offchurch field.

The Warwickshire community fund has money available, but it is understood that applications will need to be supported by audited accounts.

He has circulated other parishes about forming an emergency flooding group, and has had a good response.

Coal gas extraction notices have been circulated, that are not fracking, although drilling is needed, and Councillor Redford briefly described the system.

9.CORRESPONDENCE

An invitation to councillors to attend the District Council chairman's evening received.

Letter received from Warwickshire Rural Community Council re obtaining cheaper oil for heating.

It was agreed that this should be advertised in the magazines, and the clerk will provide copies for parish chairmen.

10. HS2

Councillor Burgun once again gave a comprehensive report to the meeting, and subsequently provided the following report, and was again thanked for his expertise, time and effort on our behalf.

1, HS2 has now stopped further Community Forum meetings. This is being done now with no mitigation being either finalized, discussed or agreed. In addition, 31 out of 63 minuted action points remain open.

2, HS2 intend setting up Petition Management meetings. The format, content, constitution communicated by HS2. representatives and timings of these meetings has not yet been concluded

3. To proceed in this manner when “engaging with the community” demonstrates managerial ineptitude by HS2

4 Bilateral meetings are to continue, when and how many has yet to be advised.

5, The report on the DES will be handed to the secretary of state on 18th October 2013.

6. It is understood that the Paving Bill will fund future work until/if the Hybrid Bill is passed.

7. The design will be “fixed” by the end of October, and that status will be that which goes into the Hybrid Bill package of documents/information. HS2 intend depositing the Hybrid Bill by the end of December 2013. Given that HS2’s design is quoted by HS2 to be 25% complete at time now, this illustrates that the “fixed” design will be far short of completion. Not a package on which to judge the environmental effect of HS2 . This indicates a project that is not under control.

8. This status in item 7 will give rise to items agreed. Items not agreed , which can only be considered under the Petitioning Process.

9. Since NONE of our items of mitigation have been agreed, the potential petitioning workload will be considerable.

10. HS2 timetable is to have the Hybrid Bill processed ready for Royal Assent by summer 2015.

11. The construction activity was discussed with the clear requirement being for HS2 to agree with WCC as to who is responsible for what.

12. Once that is established, then HS2 /WCC and Community Representatives must arrive at a comprehensive Local Environmental Management Plan.

13. It is not clear at this time how a process to achieve item 12 will be formulated.

14, The re run of the public consultation on compensation will take place in Offchurch on 18th October 2013. The consultation will end on 4th December 2013.

15, Accordingly, we will be required to comment on the Compensation consultation PRIOR to any mitigation being agreed

16. One may consider that the greater the mitigation , potentially the lesser the need for compensation.

17. Conversely, with NO agreed mitigation having been agreed, the Community can only assume the worst case and press for the MAXIMUM compensation.

An outline of the Hybrid Bill was also presented.

The need to receive Hybrid Bill documents and make the available to view by the community was discussed and the way forward established.

11.FINANCE

Payments;-chq 102 gritting bins £338.52. 103 mowing £197. 104 mowing £197. 105 repairs £221.

106.room hire £20. 107 clerk £240, 108.tax £60. 109 expenses £94,05.

Eathorpe village hall 10th anniversary celebrations, a donation requested. It was agreed to defer a response until a reply is received from the Community Forum application.

12.PLAYGROUNDS

Inspected and no obvious problems noted.

13.A.O.B.

No progress over the repair of the Offchurch notice board, and Councillor Palmer will contact Mr. Moorcroft.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next meeting 19th November at Eathorpe.