

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 8.00pm at Hunton Parish Hall

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr Roger Sawtell	Chairman
	Cllr Les Leonard	
	Cllr David StJohn	
	Cllr Gary Thomas	
	Cllr Moira Walter	
	David Swan	Clerk
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Cllr Paulina Stockell	County Councillor
	Cllr John Williams	Borough Councillor
	Dudley Farman	Web master, Hunton Village website
	Sue and David Heaton	Editors, Hunton Herald
	Michelle Tatton	Clerk, Teston Parish Council
	Mike Nichols	Hon.Treasurer, Hunton Bowls Club
	Margaret Carpenter	Hon.Secretary, Hunton Bowls Club

### 1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies were received from Borough Cllrs Brindle and Mortimer and Cllrs Eatwell and Redfarne.

### 2. REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

The Register was available for public inspection.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record. Matters arising were listed later in the agenda.

### 4. POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Clerk had received the crime figures by email direct from the Police Station. In the period 24<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> March there had been three reported crimes:- A theft from a property in West Street on 24/25<sup>th</sup> March of various metals and fencing, a daytime burglary from a shed in Barnhill on 25<sup>th</sup> January of a petrol angle grinder and a theft of two horse rugs from a barn in Barnhill on 11<sup>th</sup> March. In all cases there were no suspects and no lines of enquiry. It was noted that as before the thefts were from outbuildings.

### 5. FINANCE

#### 5.1 Income & expenditure and bank reconciliation – 2006/7

Members endorsed the Clerk's report which showed carry forward of £12944.76, income of £12912.76, expenditure of £11919.40 and reconciled bank and cash book balances of £13938.12 in the year to date. Members endorsed payments authorised by the Finance Sub-Committee since the last meeting to cheque 779 and noted with pleasure the devolved budget grant from all three Borough Councillors towards the purchase of a mower. The Clerk would write to express the Council's thanks.

ACTION: CLERK

#### 5.2 Concurrent Functions

Members discussed the purchase of the mower for use in the parish. It would remain the property of the Council. The Clerk would circulate details of what could be included in this grant allocation.

ACTION: CLERK

### 6. EXTERNAL CONTACTS

#### 6.1 Community Policing

The Chairman reported on an informal meeting about Community Policing in the parishes he had attended in Coxheath. It had been disappointing.

#### 6.2 Core Strategy

The Chairman and Cllr Thomas had attended a meeting about the Borough Core Strategy. Members felt strongly that the Borough were making mistakes, namely that:-

1. it was wrong to go for one growth point;
2. all developments, like those at Yalding, Linton Hospital and Oldborough should be included;
3. growth should be phased over ten years looking first at the urban/urban fringe and only then if necessary at green field sites;
4. the necessary infrastructure should be in place before any development takes place; and
5. the needs of the existing population should come first.

#### 6.2 Core Strategy (Cont)

The Clerk was asked to draft on these lines on behalf of the Council and some Members would also write individually to emphasise the depth of concern in the parish.

ACTION: CLERK

Cllr Thomas had also attended a meeting of stakeholders at Lenham and Members shared his concern at finding that the developers were present. He would write to Eric Hotson, the Leader of the Borough Council and to David Petford, Chief Executive.

### **6.3 South Maidstone Parishes Group**

The Chairman reported on his attendance at this group which was centred on Linton PC. It was agreed that membership was worthwhile.

### **6.4 TRAMP**

There was a wide-ranging discussion based on this topic including traffic calming schemes in Coxheath, Marden and Boxley and the information that over 60 minor works schemes were held up due to lack of funding. The TRAMP group wanted more to be done. Cllr Thomas and John Wilson, the TRAMP Chairman, and a representative from Kent Highways were to visit Leicestershire to see how their control of HGVs worked. The Core Strategy would worsen conditions on the B2163.

## **7. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS**

### **7.1 Footway between Bensted Close and the Parish Hall**

The path was again discussed, at some length. An additional argument in favour of the path was that it would be two-way in the mornings with village families walking to the Parish Hall to attend the nursery and those with cars parking at the instead of around the school. Although the project was in hand through TRAMP Cllr Stockell advised that the Council write to Peter Rosevere with all the reasons in support of the path with a copy to Keith Ferrin.

ACTION: CLERK

### **7.2 Meeting with Highways Inspector**

The Clerk would obtain possible dates and arrange.

ACTION: CLERK

## **8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S BUSINESS**

Cllr Stockell outlined the position so far as KCC local grants were concerned. The next meeting was on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Loic Flory would be in touch with the Council.

Cllr Williams advised that most of the Borough would transfer to fortnightly refuse collections shortly.

## **9. REPORT ON THE KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD**

On behalf of Cllr Eatwell, the Clerk presented the report on the Field.

The revised Declaration suggested by the Charity Commission and accepted by the Field Trustees was adopted unanimously, the change being proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Thomas. The Clerk would take the matter forward with the Commission and the NPFA.

ACTION: CLERK

## **10. PARISH PLAN**

Cllr Leonard's article in the Hunton Herald had produced some response from residents. It was agreed that the matter could only be advanced if sufficient people in the parish offered their services. All interest groups in Hunton would be invited to say their piece at the Annual Parish Meeting including the PCC, the Club, the Hall and the Sports Clubs.

ACTION: CLERK

Costs of setting up and printing the plan could be covered by grants.

## **11. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS INCLUDING TREES**

### **11.1 The mobile home in Lughorse Lane**

The most recent information about this was discussed in the open session. The outcome of the appeal was awaited. Cllr Williams would ask Cllr Mortimer for copies of the most recent emails for the Council.

ACTION: Cllr WILLIAMS

### **11.2 Planning consultation**

A planning application was considered in Committee and the Clerk would arrange a site meeting and advise MBC of the outcome.

ACTION: CLERK

## **12. PUBLICITY INCLUDING MEMBERS DETAILS AND NOTICE BOARDS**

Members felt that contact by email would be best through a PC email address linked to the Chairman and/or Clerk who would pass on the information. The Clerk would contact Dudley Farman who had suggested this approach.

ACTION: CLERK

The notice boards at the Club and the Hall were in need of replacement and the Clerk would obtain specifications and prices.

ACTION: CLERK

## **13. CONCLUSION INCLUDING DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Meetings in 2007 would be on 24<sup>th</sup> May (AGM), 12<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> November. There being no other business the meeting ended at 9.40pm.