

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8th JULY 2010 AT HUNTON PARISH HALL

PRESENT : Cllr R Sawtell in the Chair, Cllrs K Eatwell, L Leonard, R Porter, G Thomas and Mrs V Stancombe, Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO Joanna Watts (until Item 5), Borough Cllr J Wilson (until Item 11), Borough Cllr C Parr and five parishioners were in attendance throughout the meeting.

OPEN SESSION

Prior to the start of the meeting the owner of Gudgeon Oast explained in detail the reasons for the application at Item 11.1.3.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Heaton and Walter and Borough Cllr Mortimer.

2. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

Cllr Eatwell for Item 8.1 being Chairman of the King George's Field Management Committee.

3. MINUTES of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING held on 13th MAY 2010

The Minutes of the meeting had been previously distributed and were unanimously **Agreed** to be an accurate record. The Chairman signed off the official copy.

4. POLICE BUSINESS

PCSO Watts reported the crime figures being one incident of theft and one attempted burglary since the last meeting. PCSO Watts also advised that a bike was found in the village and gave copies of the latest Community Safety leaflet and also a leaflet about "In Touch", a community service organisation.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members considered and approved the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee.

6. DEVOLUTION OF POWERS

Members considered an email received from KALC regarding devolution of powers and **Noted** it is expected that MBC would consult with Parishes in order that agreement could be reached regarding the powers to be devolved.

7. HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY MATTERS

7.1 Footpath – Bensted Close to Village Hall

Following the Chairman's overview of the current position, Members **Noted** that KCC is planning to meet with the landowners to confirm and agree some of the details in order that the necessary Permissive Path Agreements can be signed. KCC has funds available for the bridges that will be required and the surface requirements will be confirmed with the landowners.

8. RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

8.1 King George's Field Charity

Cllr Eatwell reported that a meeting was held last week followed by the AGM. The Committee walked around the playing fields and discussed items that needed attention and there was discussion about co-operating with the Parish Plan, including fund raising; rodent control at the Village Hall; pest control at the Bowls and Football Club and Health and Safety items. At the AGM, the Committee Members were re-elected including Cllr Eatwell as Chairman.

8.2 Parish Plan

Members **Noted** that the Parish Plan Committee is making plans for the Hunton Calling!! Day on Saturday 18th September and the Parish Council has been asked to man a stand or display at the event. Members **Agreed** to support the event and the Clerk will draft some display items for Members approval. Members to discuss further who will man the stand on the day.

ACTION: CLERK/COUNCILLORS

9. MATTERS OF REPORT

Reports were received from:

9.1 County and Borough Councillors

Cllr Stockell was unable to be present.

Cllr Wilson reported that MBC are looking at savings that can be made and the Neighbourhood Forum, that replaced the Local Board, is being held on 29th July at Marden. In response to a question, Cllr Wilson confirmed that with the abolition of the Regional Assembly and responsibility returning to MBC, the number of houses required in Maidstone will revert to the original figure of 8,300. Cllr Wilson updated Members on the KCC freight strategy and the geographic importance of Yalding in the exercise.

Cllr Parr re-iterated that MBC are looking to save £3m each year over the next three years. Cllr Parr also raised the issue of the poor road surface of West Street from the junction with East Street/Lughorse Lane towards the Village Hall.

9.2 Chairman

The Chairman had nothing specific to report.

9.3 Individual Councillors

Cllr Thomas reported attendance at a TRAMP meeting when the progress and future role of the group was discussed. Members considered whether the Council still wishes to be involved with TRAMP and it was **Agreed** that Cllrs Thomas and Walter will be the Council's representatives. ACTION: CLLRS THOMAS/WALTER

9.4 Clerk

9.4.1 Vacation

Members **Noted** the Clerk's vacation dates.

9.4.2 Citizens Advise Maidstone

Members **Noted** that the Trustee Board has requested a representative to be nominated from Hunton Parish Council to attend the Annual Public Meeting of the Bureau on Monday 13th September and Cllr Sawtell was nominated by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Leonard. There being no other nominations and all Members being in agreement, Cllr Sawtell was appointed as the Council's representative.

9.4.3 KALC AGM

Members **Noted** the Annual General Meeting of the Kent Association of Local Councils is to be held on Saturday 13th November at Ditton.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Budget Monitoring Report

The Budget Monitoring Report to 30th June 2010 was **Noted**.

10.2 Income received since the last meeting

Cllr Eatwell perused the records and was satisfied that the balances in hand agreed with the Clerk's records. Actual payments received since the last meeting were:-

MBC – 1 st Half Concurrent Functions	£2690.50
Came & Company – Refund of insurance overpayment	£103.93
NatWest Deposit Account Interest	£0.30

10.3 Confirmation of payments already made

It was proposed by Cllr Leonard, seconded by Cllr Eatwell “**that the following payments made since the last Meeting are approved**”. This was **Agreed**.

S/O - Mrs V Stancombe – Net salary & Office Allowance for May	£390.31
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10.4 Cheques for signature

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Porter “**that the Council approve the following payments**”. This was **Agreed** and the cheques were signed:-

966 – MBC – Litterpicking	£122.20
967 – South East Water – Cricket Water Charges (KGF)	£217.15
968 – Hunton Parish Hall Committee – Village Hall Insurance	£1800.00
969 – V Stancombe – Reimbursement of Expenses	£60.24
970 – Audit Commission – Audit Fee	£158.63
971 – KCPFA – Annual Subscription	£20.00
972 – Craigdene Ltd – Annual Play Area Inspection	£58.75

10.5 Annual Report and Audit 2009/10

Members **Noted** that following their perusal of our Return, the Audit Commission has given us a “clean” certificate and the statutory notice saying that the Audit has been completed is being displayed on the noticeboards.

11. PLANNING

11.1 Planning Applications

The following applications were considered and recommendations made:

11.1.1 Cock House, Lughorse Lane – MA/10/0961

Application to extend the time limit for implementing permission MA/07/1255 (Demolition of existing garage and store, construction of replacement double garage with store and workroom in roof space) (Resubmission of MA/07/0585). Council recommendation: Approve.

11.1.2 The Old Coach House, Barn Hill – MA/10/0907

Erection of a single storey front porch. Council recommendation: Approve.

11.1.3 Gudgeon Oast, West Street - MA/10/1021

Conversion and adaptation of the oast to form a two-bedroom residential dwelling. Council recommendation: Approve.

11.2 Planning Decisions

The following decisions received from MBC were **Noted**:

11.2.1 Land Adjacent to Grafton, East Street – MA/10/0553

Erection of 1no. 4bedroom detached dwelling and 2no 5 bedroom detached dwellings. Council recommendation: No objection. MBC: Refused Planning Permission.

11.2.2 Oakfield, West Street – MA/10/0532

Creation of wider vehicle access and area of hardstanding. Council recommendation: Approve. MBC: Granted Planning Permission.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full Council Meeting is on Thursday 9th September at 8.00 pm at Hunton Parish Hall.

There being no further matters to be discussed, the meeting closed at 9.10pm