

HOLWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2019

IN THE BOWLS CLUB AT 7.15 P.M.

Present:

Ms Yvonne Hart (chairperson)

Mrs Rosemary Gainsford

Mrs Keeley Sparrow

Mr Colin Everett

Mr Ken Jordan

Mrs Ann Warner (Clerk)

North Hertfordshire District Councillor Mr Harry Spencer-Smith

Michael Goddard –standing for Conservative candidate for Cadwell Ward

Sam North – standing for Liberal Democrats for Cadwell Ward

David De Smet-standing for Labour candidate for Cadwell Ward

John Burden HACT committee member

Mick Kelly HACT committee member

1. Apologies:

Apologies received from PCSO Heather Burrows.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous Parish council meeting which have been circulated to all Parish Councillors were agreed to be a true record and were duly signed by the chairperson Ms Yvonne Hart.

3. Matters to report

3.1 Police report: There was no representative at the meeting and no report received.

3.2 District Councillors report: Mr Harry Spencer-Smith reported that there had been some trouble recently regarding motor bikes and quad bikes on recreation grounds in the area and suggested that the Parish Council keep a look out for any movement in this area. The Police are aware of the problem. The 27th June is the next meeting for the Southern Rural Committee and grant applications should be put in by 5th May.

Ms Hart opened the meeting for an update regarding the Cala Homes Development in Pirton and the impact this has on Holwell village.

A discussion commenced regarding the proposed holding bays and marshals in two locations in Holwell to monitor the construction traffic and to ease congestion along Holwell/Pirton Road and Waterloo Lane which is proposed by Cala Homes.

A Construction letter Update by Cala Homes was sent to some residents in Holwell but not received by those that will be affected most i.e. the two farms in Holwell Road and homes in Pirton Road. The

letter advised dates when Cala were intending to install holding bays in Holwell Road. This would give interested parties the opportunity to review and comment upon the proposals.

Concerns were raised regarding the long term presence of the holding bays, with possible residents and others using them to park and/or fly tipping etc.

Mr John Burden suggested that Mr Brian Clamp, our Civil Engineer should take a look at this proposal and to get his observations. It was agreed that this should be done.

Parish Councillor Mr Ken Jordan, proposed that the Parish Council should not object to the holding bays, providing certain proviso was met. These included removal at the end of the Pirton site works, that the raised footpath should be maintained, consultation with adjacent farms, installation of signage to prevent unauthorised parking and that the effectiveness of the bays be monitored. It was further agreed that HPC would state its support for a one-way route. The Paris Council agreed unanimously with the proposal.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to Mr Youngman at Highways copying in to County Councillor David Barnard, Phil Bibby Highways, Minjinder Sehmi at Hertfordshire County Council and NM. North, at Hertfordshire County Council setting out the concerns that Holwell Parish Council have.

3.3. Recreation Ground Issues:

It was reported that a tree has uprooted behind the Pavilion and is resting on the roof; this was probably caused by the weight of ivy on it. The clerk was instructed to arrange for the removal of the tree.

Mr Kelly reported that the gang mowers were in need of sharpening and he had received a quote of £1,000.00 for the work. It was suggested that the tractor and the gang mower be sold due to the age of them and a mower purchased which would incorporate both jobs. This would be expensive in the short term approximately £5,000.00 but in the long term more economical to maintain. The Parish Council asked Mr Kelly to look into this and the Parish Council would look at obtaining grants. Mr Kelly also reported that there was a leak in the ladies toilets and agreed to arrange for this to be done.

Rob from the Cricket club has been painting the Pavilion and it was agreed that the Parish Council should reimburse him for the paint he had purchased.

It was reported that there are some individuals who are not picking up their dog faeces again on the recreation ground. Mrs Sparrow agreed to place a notice on the face book page regarding this.

3.4. Children's Play Area:

The clerk reported that she had sent the Play Inspection report and the Parish Council's summary of the work which needs to be done to Hags the company which carries out the maintenance for SMP Playgrounds who installed the play equipment. The first reply did not contain all the work which was highlighted and so the clerk sent the full Play inspection report. The first quote for the work to be carried out was £2,000.83. The Parish Council are now waiting for their reply.

It was suggested that the Parish Council apply to The John Rands Foundation for a grant for this work to be done.

3.5. Rights of Way: access from Holwell Road to Children's play area

The clerk reported that after numerous attempts at contacting the Rights of Way Officer Helen Denton who was dealing with this matter she was informed that Ms Denton had left and now Mr Simon Bell has taken over. Mr Bell informed the clerk that the final paperwork had not been sent by Ms Denton and he was in the process of becoming familiar with the matter and predicted that this matter will not be settled before 2020. He hopes to do this through correspondence without the need for public representation but does not rule this out.

3.6 Speeding/Cala traffic: Speeding is still a concern of the Parish Council and the HACT committee who are still actively pursuing the 20 mph through the village.

4. Finance:

It was agreed to sign the following cheques:

British Telecommunications	£1.00	Adopt a kiosk to house the defibrillator
Came & Company	£1,001.40	Annual insurance premium
HAPTC	£183.34	Annual Subscription
E-on	£189.55	Electricity supply

5. Correspondence:

Paul and Lyn Bowen- Parris – leaves from Trees on the recreation ground boundary
Scouts – permission granted for them to use the recreation ground and pavilion

6. Matters for special consideration:-

Planning Applications – none

Standing Orders updated – these will be approved at the next Parish Council meeting

Village Hall – There has been some interest in forming a new village hall committee and Martin Thurlow has volunteered to help.

Defibrillator – It was agreed that the defibrillator should be housed in the Public telephone kiosk where there is an electricity supply. This is one of the conditions of approving the installation. The clerk has received the forms for purchasing the kiosk and they have been signed by the chair Ms Yvonne Hart.

Neighbourhood Plan – this would need a committed group of residents to bring this to fruition as there would be a great deal of work involved. Any residents interested should contact a Parish Councillor.

Notice boards- pending

Village Fete/scarecrow event –this will be held on Saturday/Sunday 6th and 7th July which will include community stalls and refreshments.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Bowls Club on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

