

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HUTTON HENRY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2019**

Present: Councillor Mrs M Lightowler (Chair)
Councillor K Knight, Mrs M Farry, K Lawson, J Manchester and Mrs N Wood

Also Present: 2 residents

The residents attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding the installation of the memorial bench on the Common Land opposite to Laburnum Cottage. They explained that they had maintained the land for 15 years and had placed half barrels on the land to enhance the area. There were two benches in the village on the main road that were not sited in close proximity to houses or near the Plough public house. They felt that the bench would be near their property, away from the main road and in close proximity to the public house and were concerned that the bench could lead to noise, litter and anti social behaviour. They suggested that the bench be located within the allotment grounds as it was commemorating the allotment holders that had recently passed away. Further concerns were raised that the ground had been prepared for the bench to be installed as close to their house as possible before they had been able to express their concerns to the meeting.

The Clerk explained that advise was taken from DCC in response to concerns raised regarding the placing of the half barrels on the land. DCC had confirmed that the land was in unknown ownership but was protected by Section 45 of the Commons Act 2006. The Act gave DCC the power but not a duty to take such enforcement action as would be open to the owner of the land. The power was discretionary to be exercised if it was in the public interest to do so. As the planters did not prevent public access on foot to the land, nor did they look unsightly then it would not be in the public interest to secure removal. However, should anything be done to impede or prevent public access then they would revisit this. This information was relayed to the residents in October 2019.

At the last meeting, following the advise from DCC regarding the land, the Council agreed to place a memorial bench on the common land as this would be for the enjoyment of the residents in the village and would commemorate the allotment holders that had recently passed away. The bench could not be placed in the allotments as there was no space nor was it accessible for all residents.

Further concerns had been received from residents regarding recent works that had taken place by the adjacent residents. Trees and shrubs had been removed, a skip placed on the land and cordoned off so as to prevent the public from accessing the land. DCC had been contacted and they had advised that they would be writing to the residents to request them to remove the offending items and reinstate the land to its previous state.

The Clerk requested that the residents refrain from any further unauthorised works on the land.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs J Thomas, Mr & Mrs Drake and J Grieves.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **POLICE REPORT**

In the last 4-6 weeks there had been a number of problems on Millbank Terrace, one address had been identified and the tenants had moved from the area. Crime had increased by 38% with the incidents in Millbank Terrace being a major contributor. In Hutton Henry, there had been 1 theft and 1 incident of ASB.

Councillor Farry asked if the police could be requested to attend to discuss the rise in ASB in Station Town. The Clerk explained that PCSO historically routinely attending the meetings but had been advised by their superior officers not to attend due to the lack of resources available. A monthly report was now submitted instead of their attendance. It was advised that all residents should ring 101 and report any incidents. Resources are allocated according to the intelligence from calls from the public.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **11 NOVEMBER 2019**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING

Proposals to Change the Name of the Parish Council

The Clerk explained that advise had been received from DCC regarding the procedure for changing the name. A community governance review was not required. The Council would be required to consult with residents and relevant bodies/associations and if satisfied with the responses pass a resolution to request that DCC considers the change of name. A report would be presented to DCC full council meeting and if approved, they would notify the Secretary of State of the change of name and publish the notice.

RESOLVED that a consultation on the name change be commenced in the new year.

Dog Bags

It was reported that the Plough public house was in agreement to store and distribute the dog bags. There would also be a supply in the parish hall.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Land adjacent Station Town Former Community Centre

A request had been made to DCC to purchase the land from DCC to extend the building and add more office space.

RESOLVED that no objections be made.

6. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

There were no planning applications to consider.

7. **CEMETERY REPORT**

The cemetery was clean and tidy, however there had been reports of a large amount of dog fouling within the cemetery. Signs were on the building to advise that owners were required to clean up after their dogs.

RESOLVED that if times of offences were noted then the Enforcement Team would be requested to patrol the area.

8. **COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS**

Clarification had been sought on what details should be made available for members of the public. It was suggested that Councillors create an email address solely for the purpose of Parish Council business. The Clerk had made enquires to the website provider for individual emails to be created.

RESOLVED that emails be created once the website provider responds to the enquiry.

9. **PARISH ISSUES**

Forest School, Wingate

Wingate Nursery would be creating a forest school adjacent to the play area in Wingate and had made informal inquiries as to whether the Parish Council could offer a donation.

RESOLVED that a donation be considered once received formally.

10. **FINANCE**

Invoices for Endorsement of Payment

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Amount	CHEQUE NO
J Dent	Skip hire	£264.00	104067
N Power	Utilities	£70.60	104068
J Collins	Expenses	£38.54	104069
J Mullkay	Xmas tree	£120.00	104070

Bank Balances as at 18 November 2019

Bank Statements were viewed by the Chair

Bank Balances were as follows:

Tracker Account £34,750.21

Current Account £123,187.96