

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF HALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 2006 AT 7.00PM AT HALBERTON VILLAGE HALL

114. Present

The Chairman (K Browse), Vice-Chairman (B Lane-Smith) Cllrs Constable, Cooper, Gibbs, Radford, Saunders Mesdames Fisher, Jepps and Hull, CCllr Hannon, nineteen Members of the Public

115. Public Forum

Jan Johnstone requested to learn when the Christmas Tree would be in situ. She was informed that the matter was in hand and that Mr Stevens had very kindly offered again to provide the tree which would be erected at the end of November. It was understood that new replacement tree lights were required. These would be obtained by Cllr Cooper. Jan then presented the PC with a bill for photocopying and apologised for the lateness of its submission. It was understood that the slide and the monkeyframe were in a poor state. It was agreed that these items would be removed without delay.

116. Apologies

Cllr Mrs Armstrong

96. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Planning and Ordinary Parish Council Meetings of 10th October 2006 were approved and signed accordingly

97. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i. Cllr Radford advised that as more people were doing their own recycling in the future it was planned that the recycling bins would gradually disappear as the cost would be too prohibitive for them to remain. It was estimated that only 20% of people currently use the bins,
- ii. The Clerk received a cheque in the sum of £250 from the Vice-Chairman in respect of the monies the PC had previously donated to Club 17 and which, because it had ceased operating the Club had agreed to repay.
- iii. MDDC's Chairman's reception would be held at Blundell's school on 1st November, and the PC's nominees would be sent out invitations by MDDC shortly
- iv. Dave Scott from MDDC had advised with regard to the proposals by the PC to develop the Cordwents land as a car park and footpath that as long as the PC could show that the proposals result in improvement to open space or amenity land (and this could include accessibility) then it could be funded through S.106 money. Match funding was not a requirement (although clearly the S.106 money would go further)
- v.

100. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman attended the presentation at Beer Village Hall on 18th October and received the certificate in respect of Halberton's joint second place in the Calor Village of the Year Competition, which he produced. The Clerk advised that the judges report had still not been received and understood that this may have been 'lost'. Sally from the Community Council of Devon hoped to be able to obtain a duplicate report from the judges shortly. The Chairman advised that the Exe Valley Market and Coastal Initiative were proposing to construct a cycle route from the Exe Valley to link the Culm Valley and car park in the area of the Tiverton Road bridge. It was hoped that the PC could work with the Initiative on a joint basis which could assist

with funding. The Chairman would make initial contact with Neil Hamlyn of the Initiative. It was understood that Graham Isaacs had approached Midas Homes who had indicated to him as a gesture of goodwill that it could instruct its architect to draw up the plans for the car park on behalf of the PC with regards to its project (referred to in Minute 97 (iv) on a FOC basis. The Clerk was of the view that this offer should be put before the Standards Officer at MDDC simply to check that it would be in order for the PC to accept this offer. It was understood that DCC had also offered to draw up the plans but this would be in excess of £2,000. DCC was now in agreement for the proposed use by the PC for the area. The Chairman advised that Julia Baker from the Mid Devon Volunteer Service had contacted him to request the inclusion of a notice in the Newsletter, advertising its services and requesting volunteers. It was agreed that this could be carried out and on this occasion there would be no charge.

101. Precept 2006/07

It was proposed and seconded that the Precept should be in the sum of £ which was a rise of 4% from last year's figure. For 2005/06 the precept had been increased by 5% and the previous year 6%. The PC was pleased that it was able to continue to keep the increases to a manageable level

98. Police Matters

It was reported that a number of windows of different properties in the village had been smashed. A party had taken place on 2nd November in the village hall for children from Bradninch. It was alleged that damage in the Hall had been caused by the children. The speed limit in the village had now been legally reduced to 20mph. It was requested that PC Dodd should monitor the speed of traffic between the hours of . He had indicated previously that he was not prepared to carry out this task again. If this was the case CLLR Hannon would try and arrange for a highway patrol officer to visit the area instead. It was agreed that Cllr Radford would place an article in the Newsletter drawing parishioners attention to the reduction in the speed limit in the village.

9. Victim Support

Jeremy Rapson, a volunteer from this organisation gave a very interesting and thought provoking talk. It advised that the organisation had been supporting victims of crime for over 30 years. It assisted victims who have been subjected to all forms of crime. He advised that in the past victims could look to their families and friends for support in times of crisis but as this could no longer be relied upon, Victim Support stepped in to provide the help and assistance that previously friends and families gave. He added that practical advice could be given whereby the practicalities of a victim making a claim to the Criminal Injuries Board could be processed on behalf of the victim. He explained that the organisation very much relied upon donations in order that it could continue with its work. He was warmly thanked for his talk

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102. DCC Matters

i. The following road closures would be taking place:-

- (a) 16th December to 17th December 2006 – u/c road Ash Thomas o/s Village Hall for 195 mts. The alternative route to be via C272 Ash Thomas-Crowgreen-u/c Crosslands-Ash Thomas and vice versa
- (b) 2nd – 26th January 2007 - C420 Crossparks, Halberton. The alternative route to be u/c East Manley – Rowridge – C420 Crossparks and vice versa

(c) 29th January – 16th February 2007 – u/c Pethertons, Halberton. The alternative route to be u/c Boyes Close – C272 Lower Town – u/c Crown Hill

- ii. The Clerk had been advised by the Principal Archivist at Devon Records that the Records Office had received an old receipt and payment book for 1970 – 1981 via the Tiverton Museum
- iii. Details of the Annual Parish Paths Partnership Christmas Workshop 2006 had been received. The Chairman would be attending the event at Kentisbeare Village Hall on 28th November. The Clerk passed him all the details relating to this matter. In addition a P3 survey and grant requirement sheets would need to be completed by the Chairman and returned to DCC by 14th February 2007

77. Mid Devon District Council

- i. MDDC had requested the PC's 2006/07 Precept requirements by 25th January. The Clerk would forward the information as soon as possible.
- ii. Cllr Radford had advised that MDDC's car parking revenue was projected to fall by £90,000. The reason being that more people were using public transport and also Tesco's provided parking for up to three hours.
- iv. Cllr radford explained that the Litter Pick on 28th/29th October had been a great success. He had managed to recruit quite a substantial number of volunteers who had between then collected 8 bags of litter. 1400 people participated in the entire area. IN addition the tools to carry out the litter pick could be kept by the PC so it had the equipment to organise its own litter pick in future
- iii.

88. Bus Shelter

Mr Isaacs had roofing sheets which he would make available to the PC for use in re-roofing the bus shelter. The work would be carried out in the New Year. Mr Isaacs was warmly thanked for this most generous gesture and also the help and materials he supplied in connection with the modernisation of the Voillage Hall.

80. Meetings Attended

- i. 17th October 2006 – Canal Awareness Ctte Meeting
The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Hull and Cllr Radford attended this. It was hoped to get the trail boat Festival running in 2008. CCllr Hannon advised that a funding bid would be submitted shortly to be able to finance this event.
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- ii. 25th October 2006 – Mid Devon Transport Group Stakeholder Event, St George's Hall, Tiverton at 9.45a. to 2.00pm
Cllr Gibbs attended this. One of the matters discussed was the possibility that the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital was trying to persuade people coming into and leaving hospital using public transport, rather than volunteer drivers as a means of reducing costs. He with several other people at the meeting considered this to be a ridiculous idea as people who were unwell would simply be unable to negotiate public transport. Volunteer drivers operate a door to door service to ensure that patients often in fragile states can have the convenience and security of knowing that their transportation needs will be met which will relieve them of the stress of wondering if the local bus will turn up.

8th November – The Opening of DCC's Composting Facility at Broadpath

The Chairman and Cllr Radford attended this. The Chairman explained it was extremely interesting and well worth a visit. He was in the process of organising a return trip for other members of the PC together with members of Sampford Peverell PC. Cllr Hannon indicated he would also like to attend.

81. Future Meetings

- i. 21st November 2006 – Halberton Village Hall AGM
The Chairman would be attending this. He had already notified Jan Johnstone of his attendance
- ii. 25th November 2006 – Climate Change Action Day at County Hall, Exeter
The cost of the Action day would be £25. If any member was interested they would need to contact the Clerk

THE ORDINARY PC MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED AT 8.20PM FOR 10 MINUTES , IN ORDER THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PCLLRS COULD EXAMINE NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS. THE MEETING RESUMED AT 8.30PM FOR PLANNING MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

82. Planning – Public Forum

Planning Applications 06/00971/OUT and 06/00973/CAC

Land between Nos 38, 40, 46 and 48 High Street, Halberton (Canworthy Cottage) Mr C Steele and Mr J B Radford

Approximately 18 members of the public had attended to express their concerns as to the Appeal hearing (date yet to be fixed) regarding the above applications. (MDDC had refused to give planning permission to both applications) After considerable debate and discussion it was agreed that the PC would submit a letter to the Planning Inspectorate reiterating its objections and also in response to Ground 3 of the Appellants Appeal to state that it considered the Appellants response to be untrue as 8 – 9 properties would be affected by the proposed development, not according to the appellants, one property. The Clerk stressed it was very important for objectors to also write to the Inspectorate as objectors to re-inforce the strength of feeling.

83. Planning Applications for consideration

<u>Planning App No</u>	<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Details</u>
06/02126/FULL	Hastoe Housing, Pethertons	Erection of 10 x 2,3,4 bed houses
PC's Decision:- Approved subject to increased parking provision to alleviate possible parking problems in village in the future *Note Cllr Mrs Fisher declared an interest and left the room whilst this application was being discussed		
06/02214/CAT	Mr A Rhodes, The Bungalow, Greenway	Application to fell tree subject to TPO

PC's Decision: No objections

84. Planning Decisions received from MDDC

<u>Planning Ref:</u>	<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>No. of Conditions</u>
06/01591/FULL	Mr A R C Venner, Battens Farm,	Granted	19
06/01967/PNAG	Mr B Oakley, Brithem Bottom	Granted	
06/01972/FULL	E J Mugford, East Manley Fruit Farm	Granted	4
06/02248/PNAG	Mr F Britton, Rowridge Farm	Granted	

85. Miscellaneous Planning Matters

- i. The new shed at Crown Hill did not required planning permission as it was simply replacing an existing shed.
- ii.

86. Committee Reports

i. Amenities and the Cemetery

It was reported that at the Meeting of the Amenities Ctte on 2nd November the subject of planters were discussed and also the car parking (previously referred to in these Minutes). Barry Corden and Rob Stevens would assist the PC with locating funders for their carparking/footpath project. It was resolved that the Clerk contact them to request their help and for them to report back to the PC with the information. The Clerk also provided details of an advisory service which could also locate appropriate sources of funding. The unsafe slide and climbing frame already discussed would be removed at the weekend by members of the PC. There would only be remaining the two sets of swings. The Clerk would inform the PC's insurance company to ensure that the premium was reduced. It was also agreed that another Amenities Ctte Meeting be held on 27th November at 7.30pm. The main item to be included on the Agenda was 'Replacement play equipment'. It was also agreed that this item also needed to go on the agenda for the december PC meeting. It was proposed and seconded that a new lock and chain be purchased for the gate to the Rec.

ii. Communications, Footpaths & Environment

The Chairman reported that he would let the Clerk have a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd November. He asked that if anyone had a camera he would be pleased to receive photographs of paths as at this time of the year the trees abutting the paths were particularly beautiful with all the different autumn colours. The Chairman was also looking at the condition of the paths.

iii. Policy and Finance

There was nothing to report

87. Members Business

- i. Cllr Gibbs asked that Jan and her helpers be thanked for making the luncheon club so successful as it had recently celebrated its 1st birthday.
- ii. It was noted that the footpath adjacent to the entrance of the cemetery was in a poor condition. It was agreed to monitor its condition.

88. Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised that The Parish Council's accounts had now been signed off by the Audit Commission as correct and in accordance with the Commission's requirements.. The Clerk was thanked for keeping such accurate records.

Accounts

RECEIPTS FOR PERIOD 1ST JULY – 31ST AUG 2006:

Bank Interest	62.20
Newsletter	309.61
TOTAL	£371.81

PAYMENTS MADE FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY – 31ST AUG 2006 £1716.33

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Cheque No	Amount	Vat	Total	Details
SO (July)	22.00		22.00	MDDC – Cemetery Rates
SO (Aug)	22.00		22.00	MDDC – Cemetery Rates

1031	11.72		11.72	South West Water – Cemetery Water Charges
1032	170.00		170.00	Halberton Village Hall –room hire
1033	21.48		21.48	Repayment of postage costs
1034	746.00	130.56	876.56	Gardencare – Grass Cutting & Maintenance work – July/Aug
1035	16.94	2.96	19.90	Ottery Office Practice – photocopying costs Jun/July
1036	15.00		15.00	J Austin – Newsletter delivery
1037	214.30	37.50	251.80	Newletter production costs
1038	243.88		243.88	Mrs C McIntyre – Salary June/July
1039	410.63		410.63	Inland Revenue – 6 mths tax deductions
1040	56.00		56.00	Mrs C J McIntyre – Repayment of expenses Broadband Sept- Nov – Tel Calls March – Aug
1041	15.00		15.00	Ash Thomas Village hall – Room Hire
1042	15.00		15.00	DAPC – Delegate Fee AGM

Balance of bank accounts carried forward 21052.25
Plus Receipts for period 1st JULY – 31st Aug 371.81

TOTAL £21424.06

Minus Payments made for the above Period 1716.33

TOTAL £19707.73

Made up as follows:- High Interest A/c 18471.32
Current A/c 1236.41
TOTAL £19707.73

VILLAGE HALL FUNDS	400.00
PARISH PATHS FUND	2128.79
PARISH PLAN FUND	300.00
GENERAL FUNDS	16878.94
TOTAL	£19707.73

Halberton Newsletter: Income for Period 1st April – 31st August = £887.27 less expenditure of £557.37 = £329.90 net profit

89. Miscellaneous Matters

- i. The Clerk now had available a summary, produced by Nalc on the new Local Government White Paper. Any interested member should contact her for a copy.

91. Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, 14th November 2006 at Halberton Village Hall at 7.30pm

The Meeting ended at 10.00pm

DATE

CHAIRMAN

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