

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HEYDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Venue: 71 Fowlmere Road, Heydon

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013

Time: 6:30

Chairman: Diana MacFadyen  
Parish Councillors: Livingstone, Smith, Carroll  
District Councillors: Barrett  
Clerk: Sarah Scott

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### **1. Opportunity for Public Questions (if required)**

There were no members of public present.

### **2. Apologies for Absences and Reasons**

Marie Janson Jones - a business meeting

Jose Hales - previous commitment

Susan van de Ven - previous commitment

These were all accepted by the Council

### **3. To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests of Councillors**

There were none received.

### **4. To Approve the minutes of the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September**

It was resolved that these were a true record of events and were signed by the chairman.

### **5. Planning**

Cllr Smith reported that he had an update on the Unilateral Undertaking.

- Traffic going to the digester will not be allowed to travel through Heydon and will have to use the A505 and Lane Farm to access the plant.
- All other villages will not be exempt, except maybe Fowlmere which is still under discussion.
- To police that no digester traffic comes through Heydon, will rely on the trust of the farmer and he will be expected to keep a log of traffic movements at the digester site.
- Stephen Reid (Legal at Planning) suggest we write endorsing the above proposal. This was agreed by the Council.
- In the original proposal the only crops used were sugar beet, maize and grass. It was proposed and resolved that we write and ask that if any other crops will be used, this is part of an additional planning application and permissions should be sought for other crops to be used.
- Cllr Smith spoke about the inclusion of Heydon Lane relating to transport, it was unanimously agreed that this was too narrow.
- Cllr Smith spoke about thinking what will happen in bad weather and if

vehicles servicing the digester might be allowed through the village. It unanimously decided that this should not be allowed as it could set a precedent.

**Clerk**

- Other points on the Digester are that Scott and Scott will still be the partners with Hallwick Energy.
- Hallwick Energy had said that cabling across the Bran Ditch will not be a problem.

Other planning discussed were that permission was granted for a shed door to be widened at Heydonbury.

Obscured glass windows had been added to a bathroom window at Heydon Farm House.

### **6. Chalk Pit**

The Chairman had reported that the nettles had been sprayed.

The clerk had obtained some costings for a commemorative sign and a replacement bench. She had looked into recycled plastic benches as well as hardwood ones. She will prepare a comprehensive report for the next meeting.

**Clerk**

### **7. No 31 Bus Meeting**

The Clerk gave an overview of the meeting she had attended in November. There is still a subsidy available, but we are being consulted about possible solutions to suit our areas. The Clerk had suggested (as an idea) that we take the villages this side of the A505 (Barley, Chishill, Heydon, Chrishall and Elmdon) as a bus route that runs into the Park and Ride at Trumpington using smaller buses but a more frequent service to entice others to use it.

There is a questionnaire being produced and the Clerk will circulate it to all of our neighbouring parishes. She encouraged the importance of taking part in the survey.

**Clerk**

### **8. A505 Cycleway Submission**

Cllr Livingstone to follow this up.

**Cllr Livingstone**

### **9. Finance**

The Clerk took the Parish Council through the latest finance sheets, which were approved. She gave an approximate year end figure. She urged the Council to think about the Precept for the next meeting, as this will need to be set.

## **10. Rave**

Cllr Livingstone said his letter had been printed in the local newspaper relating to issues that the rave had caused locally. Ie Emergency Services Route closed etc. The Chairman read out a report from the police which Cllr Hales had obtained on our behalf. Inspector Sutherland has offered to meet with us to discuss our concerns. Cllr Livingstone raised concerns about pre intelligence information. Cllr Barrett asked to attend the meeting. The meeting to be arranged after the court case relating to the possible instigator of the rave.

## **11. Heydon Lane**

The first batch of beet has been harvested without too much disruption. There had been verge damage outside Heydonbury and the farmer is aware of this. There is a more serious problem with rocks from the footpath opposite Spring Pond that are now all over the road. Cllr Smith said that a parishioner had this evening contacted him about this as he had hit a flint and split a car tyre. The Chairman will contact the farmer.

Water run-off – highways had been liaising with the landowner and they are working at reducing or stopping the water run-off. A broken pipe had been discovered at the top of Heydon Lane and a ditch running down the field on Heydon Lane will be reinstated. If the landowner does not do this, then highways will undertake the work and recharge it to the landowner.

**Clerk to monitor**

## **12. Footpaths / Trees**

The sugar beet harvest has affected some footpaths. Cllr Carroll has spoken to Peter Gaskin, who has inspected the footpaths. There is a fine line between willful damage (an offence) and agricultural damage.

The cross field footpath where winter wheat is sown has been sprayed off to reinstate the cross field path.

The footpath opposite Spring Pond needs to be rolled or embedded as dogs cannot walk on it (nor can their owners) safely due to the new surface.

Icknield Way – as Peter Gaskin is dealing with all of the above at present, Cllr Carroll will talk to him about this at a later date.

Trees – the Chairman commented that there had been a number of tree applications in the last few months that had been passed to Cllr Carroll and the Clerk had not heard back from him. Cllr Carroll said he had not seen them (Heydonbury, 10 Fowlemere Road, and Hill Farm House) or if he had, had no comment to make.

### **13. District and County Councillors Written Report**

Cllr Barret commented on the fact an announcement is due to be made about scrapping the proposed toll on the new A14.

The Hub will be officially opened in January and Cllr Hales has worked hard on this, all were invited to visit.

Cllr Barrett commented that all ipads used by SCDC Cllrs were in fact bought by themselves and not funded by SCDC.

Cllr van de Ven's report is below.

### **14. Minor Highways Improvement**

The Clerk had submitted for a 'Deer' warning sign to be erected near the Chalk Pit as previously discussed. The Parish Council, if successful, will have to pay 10% of the costs.

### **15. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda**

Precept

Newsletter

Internal performance review – Cllr Carroll

Risk assessment forms

Duxford Neighbours scheme

### **16. Date and Venue for Next Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Livingstone for his hospitality and there being no further business to transact the meeting closed at 8:17.

## **Heydon Parish Council**

**December 2013**

### **County Councillor Report**

1. Rationalizing county council services including some trends toward de facto unitary model for City, South Cambs and County

#### Children's Services

As previously reported all services are becoming far more targeted and amalgamated and this trend will continue. For children's centres the council is now looking at a hub and spoke model. Transport to rural children's centres has long been an issue so the new provision will involve an outreach approach. For our area Cambourne would be the lead centre due to the highest concentration of need.

#### Housing Support for Older People

Changes are to be made to the support offered to elderly people living in their own or sheltered housing. The services for most of Cambridgeshire are going out to tender, but South Cambs and the City are being consulted to see if they can deliver this support themselves. The rationale behind the reorganisation is that traditionally support was only offered to elderly people living in local authority sheltered housing but as this is only 5% of our elderly population in the county, it stands that many people who may benefit from support are not

getting it. The new service aims to provide support to all elderly people assessed as needing it regardless of where they live, and to target those who need it most. Much of this support has been assessed as being short term or one-off so the fundamental ethos is that a preventative service is designed that will keep people in their own homes, avoiding hospital and care service admissions. So, all good in theory – let's see how it goes in practice.

### Sources of transport infrastructure funding

Looking to the future, the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) which is administered by business and council leaders, will play a decision-making role on funding allocations. There are questions on democratic accountability but we have to work with what's there. The LEP reaches across county borders and so a more coordinated approach becomes more feasible where a transport corridor links employment centres.

The other prospect on the horizon is the City Deal, about which we should know more, one way or the other, very soon. Without the City Deal the Local Plan becomes largely unviable, and this puts large-scale planned growth into question but also removes protections offered by the Plan. With the City Deal comes what is referred to as unlocking of transport infrastructure funding and in many ways a de facto unitary authority comprising South Cambs, Cambridge City and Cambs County Council.

### 2. Localization of some public services:

South Cambs Services at Melbourn Hub: The Hub is opening soon, and will be in a position to offer a local access point for a number of public and social services not just to Melbourn residents but residents from surrounding villages, hopefully enhancing accessibility. The Hub itself is funded by Melbourn Parish Council.

South Cambs Housing and Planning services will have a presence at the Hub as will the Citizen's Advice Bureau. (The Library Access Point will of course be incorporated.) A further possibility is Relate, which provides counselling on relationship issues. CAB queries are primarily around debt, however relationship breakdown often runs directly alongside debt and can have a very significant impact on children, including performance in school.

Last year Relate saw over 100 people from villages in the Melbourn area at their Brooklands Avenue office and all of these came on Relate's open door policy whereby clients are asked to make a contribution, the balance being made up by Relate. While SCDC has kept its funding going to CAB, it has cut all funding to Related and now Related is making an application for grant funding from Melbourn Parish Council to allow a three-hour per week presence at the Hub, on the same basis as at Brooklands Avenue – an open door but the client offering a contribution.

Relate contributes to Allyance, the children's counselling service spearheaded by Foxton primary school for the cluster of schools feeding in to Melbourn Village College; MVC actively supports the programme because of its preventive work in supporting children who arrive at secondary school in stronger form than they might otherwise do. At the Hub, Relate would be aiming to meet a broader profile.

### 3. Statement of Community Involvement – consultation

The parish council will have received this exhaustive document outlining all the ways in which the county council currently engages with the public, mainly around all aspects of

planning. This is a required exercise on the County Council's part. I'm working with other parish councils on responding to this.

4. 31 Bus and consultation phase to assess transport needs: the parish clerk and I have been coordinating on this – thanks to Sarah for coordinating with neighbouring villages.

5. Would the parish council like a briefing from Chris Malyon, County Council chief finance officer? This could be done together with Chishill (again, coordinating with the parish clerk).

6. County enforcement officer has been keep us posted on works to mitigate water run-off onto Heydon Lane – things are looking more hopeful with a more pro-active approach from County.