

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.**

**Attendance:** Cllrs Cheetham, Goddard, Hugo, Lyon (Chairman), Norman, Parr, Ray and Tindall.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs P & G Wilson – personal commitment, Cllr Bayes – work commitments, Cllr Smith – District Council commitments and County Cllr Hunt.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Goddard declared an interest in Item 15.

3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** having been circulated to all members were taken as read. Cllr Norman raised a query regarding the minutes but it was agreed it was not relevant to the accuracy of them. Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Goddard seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting. Motion carried by a show of 7 hands. Cllr Norman abstained.

4. **MATTERS ARISING (For Information Only)**

a. **CIL workshop:** (See Minutes FC 05/2015 Item 11d) A workshop will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June and several councillors had expressed an interest but spaces may be limited. Cllr Hugo advised that he would be able to attend as a District Councillor if need be. Sally Bonnett would be happy to attend a Parish Council meeting to talk to those who are unable to attend.

b. **Boundary issue at Haddenham Recreation Field:** (See Minutes FC 05/2015 Item 27) The Clerk advised that she had signed and returned the form to Land Registry advising that the Council would not object to the application for adverse possession. She had also written to the owners of 18 Hop Row to advise that the matter is now formally closed. Cllr Norman voiced his opinion on the matter but was advised that the matter would not be discussed further.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr James Morris addressed the Council regarding the issue of the boundary at the Recreation Field and advised that he could understand the concerns of Cllr Norman but could also understand the reasons behind the decision taken by the Council.

6. **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF HILLROW CAUSEWAY**

Joshua Rutherford, Lead Technician for Cambs County Council had attended the meeting in response to concerns regarding the proposed closure of Hillrow Causeway for carriageway repairs. The closure would take place between Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 9.30am to 3.30pm on weekdays. Joshua explained that surface replacement and deeper work is required but due to the width of the road and materials being used it would not be safe to leave the road partially open. A special binder is required that needs sunlight to help it set and therefore it is not possible to do the work during the night. This is additional work to that done last year due to budget funds only now being available. He regretted the inconvenience to residents and businesses and assured the Council that advance-warning signs would be placed at the Stretham and St Ives roundabouts to divert traffic away from the village. If the A14 was also closed for any reason there would be an adequate diversion route via the A141/A142 to gain access to the A10. Joshua advised that due to government law the County Council is not required to compensate any business for lack of income whilst the work is taking place. Cllr Lyon thanked him for attending.

7. **CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

(See Minutes FC 05/2015 Item 22) The Clerk had been advised that when a vacancy occurs following an uncontested election the Council has to attempt to fill it within 35 days (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays) of the date of the election and therefore a notice had been posted immediately after the May meeting to invite applications and one application had been received from Mr James Derick Morris. Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Cheetham seconded that Mr Morris should be co-opted to join the Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr Morris signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was duly witnessed and signed by the Clerk and then joined the table to take part in the remainder of the meeting.

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