

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 5.00PM AT HUXLEY VILLAGE HALL

In Attendance – Cllr J Windsor - Chairman
Cllr S Martin
Cllr M Pilkington
Cllr M Roscoe
Cllr S Hyden

Cllr R Bird
Cllr L Sackett
Cllr S Ratledge
Members of the Public: 3

APOLOGIES – Apologies were received from Cllr O de Braekeleer due to family illness.

DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS – No declarations of interests were received.

PUBLIC SESSION -

A resident representing the PTFA for Huxley Primary School was pleased to report that there had been 40 pupils present on census day at the Primary School.

Stephen Harrison from Duddon reported upon recent work he had undertaken to improve the Broadband facilities within Duddon, Clotton, Hoofield, Burton & a couple of residents in Huxley. He had knocked on 400 doors and got a total of 289 properties to sign up to the government scheme which means that fibre broadband will be installed free of charge in these areas. He explained that DCMS is a government scheme holding the money to upgrade facilities in rural communities. He is now in discussion with Open Reach and local residents to collect their vouchers. The vouchers are £1,500 per resident and businesses are eligible to claim £3,500 worth of vouchers. He would be happy to discuss this further with Hargrave and Huxley if they felt it could be a beneficial scheme to them.

A resident reported that he had contacted the local MP, due to Open Reach telling him that they were not prepared to speak to local residents about such an initiative. He has since received a letter stating that Open Reach has no intention in bringing fibre broadband to Hargrave due to the cost being in excess of £350,000 and there are not sufficient houses in the village to fund this.

Stephen Harrison confirmed that residents can check online if they are eligible for the scheme.

Stephen Harrison undertook to look at some postcodes in Hargrave and also see if a price can be sought for a similar project in Hargrave & Huxley.

Stephen Harrison left the meeting.

MINUTES

RESOLVED 21/025 that the Chair signs, as a true and correct record, the minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September 2021 proposed by Cllr Hyden and seconded by Cllr Martin.

Subject to the wording under PCSO report being changed to:-

The PCSO reported that he welcomed the news that the Village Gate was proceeding in Huxley as it would enforce the 20mph in that area with road users.

BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Huxley Primary School –

Mrs Williams reported via email that very little had changed since the last meeting, except that one morning the school found itself without water, and had to close the school for the day. They are happy to report that the children have settled well, the school is buzzing - and already several of the 3-day flexi-schoolers are attending for 4 days.

Mrs Williams requested that a special mention should be made about the fantastic 'Evening with Bond' which has been organised by the PTA, 2 Governors (Sarah Hampton and Jo Copping, helped by Trustee Board member, Anne Smart). An enormous amount of work has gone into preparing the evening - and the response has been tremendous.

Footpaths – Cllr Pilkington confirmed that she has not received any update on the footpaths in the area.

ACTION: Cllr Pilkington to continue to chase.

Village Gates – The quote of £2,921.00 + VAT had been received from CWaC for the installation of 2 x Glasdon gates. It was **RESOLVED 21/026** to proceed with this project.

ACTION: Contact Stuart Bateman to see if the 40mph sign needs to be relocated further from the 20 mph sign before the village gates are installed as it was felt to be a legal obligation of CWaC to give road users enough notice of a change of speed.

Litter Picking – It was reported that the community litter picking event had taken place on 9th October for Hargrave and 16th October for Huxley, It was felt that there was a reduced level of litter found on the verges at the time. The Parish Council thanked everyone involved with the litter picking.

It was suggested that a further litter picking event should be organised for Spring 2022.

The Parish Council thanked Mr Randle Cooke for cutting the grass at the bottom of Huxley Lane.

Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Windsor reported that potentially we need to look at adding to the Neighbourhood Plan some design recommendations to keep new buildings in keeping with the surrounding areas. Cllr Sackett to arrange a meeting with Carolyn Nichols.

ACTION: seek CWaC guidance to how the Parish Council can amend the Neighbourhood Plan to add a design element.

Review of Condition and Safety of Assets – Outstanding actions required for assets:-

Village Sign in Huxley – it was confirmed that this would need to be done in situ due to the sign being set in concrete – therefore we will look to having this done in Spring.

Tarporley Cottage Hospital – Cllr Windsor brought to the Parish Council for noting that Tarporley Cottage Hospital had served redundancy notices on their staff following a decision made by the Trustees. The hospital has suspended inpatient services at this time. The Parish Council confirmed that this was a sad loss to the local community.

Highways – A report on the current highways issues was circulated and actions since the last meeting were noted. If any members of the public report any highways issues and share the report number with the clerk of the parish council they can be added to the spreadsheet and monitored.

PLANNING

The Planning Register dated 25/10/2021 was accepted and changes to the planning register from last meeting were noted.

The following planning applications had been concluded since the last meeting:-

20/04806/FUL – Meadow Croft Hoofield Lane Huxley CH3 9BR - approved

21/01706/FUL – Hollythorn Cottage, Old Hall Lane, Foulk Stapleford CH3 7RT – refused

The following planning applications that has been received since the last meeting:-

21/03374/FUL – Mill Lane Farm, Mill Lane, Huxley CH3 7RQ – Single Storey Front Extension, First Floor Side Extension – the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

21/03728/FUL – Lake House, Whitchurch Road, Saighton CH3 9AU – Construction of balcony and staircase to side elevation and new door access – the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

21/03855/FUL – High Croft, Mill Lane, Huxley -Two Storey Rear Extension – the Parish Council had no objections to this application but would like to see the materials being used in keeping with the existing dwelling.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Accounts for payment

RESOLVED 21/027 Year to date cashbook dated 25/10/2021 was approved as a true and correct record.

Bank Reconciliation against Cashbook YTD – **RESOLVED 21/028** – that the Chair signs the Bank Reconciliation against the Cashbook YTD

Income – it was reported that since the last meeting the following had been received:-
£0.13 & £0.13 from Bank Interest

Payments made/received since last meeting:-

Clerk Pay	Tax Point 7	£234.17
Clerk Pay	Tax Point 8	£234.17
Clerk's Expenses		£90.60
Beeston & Tarporley Station Reopening	Grant	£500
Mike Roscoe	Replacement Defib Pads - Defib Warehouse	£49.14

RESOLVED 21/029 to accept the income and payments since the last meeting for approval.

Budget for 2022-23 The Clerk requested any items the Parish Council wished to consider for inclusion in the budget planning for 2022-23 to be submitted as soon as possible. Items discussed at the meeting for inclusion in the budget were:-

£60.00 - Defib Pads in April for Huxley
£1,500 for Noticeboard for Huxley
£350 - Clerk's Training (CiLCA)

Salary Review 2022-23

RESOLVED 21/030 that the Clerk's Salary will increase by one SCP to SCP 21 from 1st April 2022 in line with her contract.

Training for Clerk – **RESOLVED 21/031** – that the Parish Council support the Clerk in undertaking the following training:-

Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration Course (FiLCA) at a cost of £120 + VAT to be split between 4 Parish Councils.

ITEMS REQUESTS FOR NEXT AGENDA – please email any agenda items two weeks prior to the next meeting.

- Broadband Update

NEXT MEETING

Sunday 9th January 2022 at 5pm at Hargrave Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 17:55

Signed:.....

Dated:.....