

GREEN HAMMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Green Hammerton Parish Council held on Monday 18th September 2017 at Green Hammerton Village Hall, Harrogate Road, Green Hammerton at 19:30

PRESENT: Cllrs I Bailes (Chairman), I Andrew, D Copley, C Greenwood, A Tegerdine.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk: Louise Pink. Brian Cooper & 11 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Andrew Paroskos & Ash Teague.

2. Declaration of interest and dispensations

None declared.

3. Public Participation

A number of residents asked questions relating to Item 6.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 25th July 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2017 were accepted as a true record. The chairman signed the minutes.

5. Co Option of Parish Councillors for current vacancies (2)

RESOLVED to co-opt John Lambert and Sean Harland into the two current parish councillor vacancies. Clerk to arrange for the necessary paperwork to be completed.

6. Presentation by Brian Cooper from the Sugar Beet campaign group.

Brian advised that he is part of a working group that has been put together by representatives from various villages within the area. He advised that the proposal is to seek planning permission for a Sugar Beet factory on the A168. This factory would operate 24 hours per day, 7 days a week and would generate 2,500-3,000 HGV movements per day. He expressed major concerns regarding increased traffic, odour & smells, damage to the landscape and environmental issues. Brian advised that he believes that the proposal brings no positives to Harrogate. He advised that a website has been set up – www.stopthebeetfactory.co.uk. Brian hoped that the Parish Council would help to highlight to Harrogate Borough Council the need to decide against the factory. The Chairman advised that at present, as no planning application has been submitted the Parish Council is unable to make any comments regarding the proposal. Chairman advised that in order to object to a planning application valid planning reasons must be given.

7. Feedback & update from Cllr Copley on the Local Plan following her attendance at a meeting with CEG.

Cllr Copley advised that CEG have prepared their latest vision document for the renamed Hammerton, and a copy of this was supplied for councillors and is available online for viewing also.

8. Feedback & update from Cllr Copley as representative on the Sugar Beet Working Group.

Covered under item 6.

9. Planning

No new planning applications were discussed.

10. Discussion regarding the complaints received relating to the working times at the Linden site.

It was discussed that a number of complaints had been received relating to the starting of work earlier than permitted and the use of Bernard Lane excessively and for large vehicles. Chairman advised residents to address any concerns to either Cllr Copley or the Clerk, including photographs, were possible.

11. Grass cutting within the village.

Chairman advised that he has held a meeting with the grass cutting contractor and has taken him around the village to highlight the areas that require cutting.

12. Overhanging gardens on the highway.

RESOLVED for the Clerk to write to a property on Boroughbridge Road to advise the owners that complaints have been received and to ask them to resolve the situation.

13. Dog fouling within the village.

A complaint has been received of dog fouling near the playing fields. It was discussed the Parish Council have already requested an additional bin to be placed on the exit of the playing fields.

14. To agree & allocate a new representative for GHRC.

It was agreed to carry this item over until the Parish Council is at full capacity.

15. Discussion regarding the 2018 election.

It was requested for the Clerk to try and obtain further information from Harrogate Borough Council as to how this election will affect the Parish Council.

16. Future meeting dates.

Suitable dates for the remaining parish council meetings of the year were discussed. Clerk to check village hall availability.

17. Reports from District and County Councillors.

None present at the meeting.

18. Report from the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Nothing new noted.

19. Approval of payments

Cheque		
100968	L Pink Salary and allowance September 2017	£297.09
100969	HMRC – Tax & NI	£214.20

20. Invoices after production of agenda.

No invoices were received after production of agenda.

21. To note the completed Annual Return for financial accounts, year ended 31st March 2017.

Clerk advised that she is now in receipt of the completed Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2017. The external auditors PKF Littlejohn advised that on the basis of their review of the annual return, in their opinion the information in the annual return is in

accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. Clerk advised that the relevant notice has now been displayed in the notice board and on the website, along with copies of the certified Annual Return.

22. Internet Banking.

It was RESOLVED to approve the use of online banking and for the Clerk to complete and submit the necessary paperwork. RESOLVED for Councillor Tergerdine to be the nominated representative to approve the payments.

23. Clerk's Contract of Employment.

Minor queries raised by the Chairman. To be discussed between the Chairman and the Clerk prior to signing.

24. Correspondence.

Letter of resignation received from Cllr Greenwood. Clerk to advise Harrogate Borough Council and organise the necessary paperwork to start advertising the vacancy.

25. Reports from Representatives.

Councillor Andrew spoke of the local Neighbourhood Watch and it was discussed that the role of co-ordinator has been taken over. Clerk to obtain contact details for the new co-ordinator.

It was advised that welcome packs are required for new residents in St Thomas's Way. Councillor Greenwood advised that she would still be happy to organise these.

26. Items for the next agenda.

Nothing noted.

27. Next meeting date.

The next meeting date was agreed for Monday 30th October 2017 @ 8.00pm.

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm.