

Headon-cum-Upton, Grove & Stokeham Parish Council

Minutes of 4th Sep 2017 at the Village Hall, Church Street, Headon, Retford, DN22 ORD. The meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

Members Present

Cllr Jonathan Wallwin	Chairman
Cllr David Landon	Vice-Chair
Cllr Beatrice McGlen	
Cllr Eric Briggs	
Cllr Fred Withers	
Cllr Janet Landon	
Cllr John Mosley	
Cllr Julia Harvey	
1 x Vacancy	

Also, present

Clerk Ed Knox,
10 Members of the Public

➤ Pre-Meeting Public Forum

Cllr J Wallwin invited the public to speak. Matters discussed focussed on Attero/Waste to Energy Assets Ltd planning application at Headon Ind Estate. The public complained that the Parish Council had not advertised the application widely enough to alert people around the villages of the parish of the potential concerns which the plans may bring. The Council **noted** the concerns and explained what it had done regards advertising the matter in the village Newsletter and obtaining an extension to the statutory consultation period. The Council was also informed that the abatement notice served on the Attero/Waste to Energy Assets Ltd, by Environmental Health was to be appealed later this week. The Clerk advised he had not been notified of this.

52/2017/18 Apologies for Absence
The Council **noted** the resignation of Cllr Browne and **accepted** the apologies of Cllr Wielgus for work reasons. **Action**, the clerk is to notify Bassetlaw District Council's returning officer.

53/2017/18 Declarations of Interest
None.

54/2017/18 Approval of Minutes
The council accepted the minutes of the previous meeting. The chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

55/2017/18 To Receive an application for the office of Parish Councillor and Co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy
The council discussed an application from Julia Harvey to join the parish council and agreed to co-opt Mrs Harvey. Cllr Harvey signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed the Register of Members' Interest form. **Action**, The Clerk shall notify Bassetlaw District Council's returning officer.

56/2017/18 Matters Arising:

1 To discuss Attero Ltd/Waste to Energy Ltd Recycling Centre planning application F/3696, correspondence and to decide a response
Prior to the meeting, the clerk arranged an extension to the planning application deadline for consultee comments until 11th September 2017 and emailed the members a link to the

planning application, correspondence from Amy Ogden at Environmental Health and a complaint email from Mr Le Flock regards the Parish Council's actions.

After discussion, Cllr Wallwin **proposed** that the Council voted either in favour or against the planning application by a show of hands. The Council was unanimous, all 8 members voted to **object**.

Cllr D Landon **proposed** that the Council suspended the meeting to allow the members of the public to speak to assist with the objection by providing information and evidence against the application on planning grounds. Cllr Wallwin suspended the meeting.

The public asked the Council to write to the consultees who had not responded to the planning application, to encourage a response. The Clerk, agreed to write to County Cllr Ogle. A summary of public's potential reasons to object included:

- Increased Traffic Volume
- Insist the route of lorries avoids Headon, Upton and Nether Headon
- Potential Damage to The Lady Well which is Grade II listed
- Dust caused by waste transference on site
- Health concerns regarding noxious/carcinogenic smoke particles in the atmosphere from processing plastics, textiles and non-virgin wood
- Foul smells,
- Chimney height too low
- Breaches of the 'Abatement' notice, the public have witnessed 11 chimneys operating illegally during the last week of August, which caused smoke to cover the surrounding area including the whole field behind the plant.
- Noise and vibrations from generators, fork lift trucks, plant machinery, lorries and other traffic.
- Disregard to the promise made by Attero/Waste to Energy Ltd to the Parish Council regards route the lorries should take.
- Change of criteria since the original commercial planning permission was granted on plot 1, additional plots taken over which were formally used by metal fabricators.
- Bats witnessed flying around the site and are believed to nest close to the property, a bat survey should be carried out.
- Poor attitude of the applicant to the local residents' concerns and the applicant's refusal to communicate with members of the public.

The Council also **noted** comments from the public relating to the full potential size of the plans, 40 chimneys processing 35,000 tonnes of waste. Several members of the public reasserted their belief that the general public are not aware of how large the proposed operation may become. However, Cllr Wallwin advised he had spoken to several residents in Grove.

Cllr Wallwin thanked the public for their contributions and reconvened the meeting. After discussion, the Council **agreed** the following **Actions** 1) The Clerk is to write to the County Planning Officer to ascertain the date of the planning meeting. 2) The Clerk is to draft a suitable objection letter with the assistance of Cllr Harvey, forward this around the members for final comment/amendment and send to Mike Hankin at County Planning Dept before 11th Sept. 3) The clerk is to contact Amy Ogden at Environmental health to obtain information on the court appeal to the abatement notice.

2 To Discuss Speed Sign Options and Decide whether to Proceed with a purchase

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk emailed each Cllr information Cllr Wielgus produced relating to the lifespan/reliability of the products, maintenance costs and evidence of affectability of speed-signs. Dist Cllr Critchley advised the Council by email that she was to visit the next Rampton Hospital Forum regards possible funding contribution for the signs. The Council **decided** that in the absence of Cllr Wielgus and Dist Cllr Critchley a final decision could not be made and to defer the item to the next meeting.

Cllr Mosley mentioned that he had seen luminous 30mph signs which fit to poles in Doddington, Lincolnshire. **Action**, Cllr Mosley to obtain potential costs and photos of this

kind of signage. Once these have been obtained, the Clerk shall ask Notts County Council permission to display this signage.

3 To progress the advertisement of the Lengthsman Vacancy

The Council agreed to advertise the position at minimum wage, for 4 hours per week. **Action**, the Clerk is to send an advert to Cllr McGlen for final alterations and publish it in Heads-Up newsletter. **Action**, the clerk is to put the advert in the Roundabout newsletter.

4 To receive an update on various Issues at 5 Riseholme, Headon

Cllr J Landon advised that matters had quietened down. The Council **agreed** to continue to notify any future concerns with A1 Housing.

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To Receive Police Report:

PC Bailey was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments and advised there had been no crimes in the parish since the previous meeting. The Council **noted** that upon retirement, PC Bailey is to be replaced by PC Haynes.

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Highways

The clerk advised the following update regards the on-going highways issues with the County Council and from Sarah Hird, Senior Highways Liaison Officer:

- FS-54070099 Upton Finger Post (Pointing to Askham) – Replacement on order and currently being chased with the suppliers.
- FS-6115688 White lines at Yew Tree Road/Main Street/Westfields is due for re-assessment by the Network Inspector to check the road surface for deterioration which may require remedial action prior to the white lining works taking place. The lines are on the list to be actioned, however, all junctions are being prioritised in terms of safety.
- FS-6116072 White lines at Askham Lane/Main Street – As above
- FS-54070847 Various Potholes – Inspection due imminently.
- FS-10812934 Footpath Condition Church St, Headon – Awaiting results of the Network Inspectors visit.
- FS-10812115 Footpath Condition Main St, Upton – As Above.

Cllr Briggs advised that the drains in Stokeham have now been resolved.

Cllr McGlen **reported** a very poor-quality reinstatement of the tarmac had been undertaken at the junction of Yew Tree Rd/Main Street. **Action**, Cllr McGlen to email photos of the reinstatement to the Clerk.

Cllr McGlen raised the possibility of 'Slow' being painted on the road, near the dip in the road at Lady Well Lane, due to fast moving traffic in both directions. The Council **agreed** this sensible idea due to fatalities and accidents in this area. **Action**, Cllr McGlen to email photos to the Clerk to send to Notts County Council.

Cllr J Landon reported that the 'Westfields' Road Sign at Upton, has been damaged by a vehicle and is now bent into the hedge. **Action**, the Clerk to report the road sign to Bassetlaw District Council.

Cllr Wallwin reported that the drains along Main St, Grove, require cleaning out. **Action**, the Clerk to report to Notts County Council.

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To Receive Neighbourhood Plan Report

Cllr Harvey advised that the Character Assessment has been sent to the steering group for amendment and comment. The next public consultation date is 29th October 2017.

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Finance:

The clerk reported that Grant Thornton Ltd, External Auditors passed the accounts for the year ending 31 Mar 2017 with no matters to report and no additional work required. The

external auditor commented that the unrepresented cheque of £359 from 2015-16 means that when the clerk completes the next annual return, the staff costs and balance brought forward boxes shall be 'restated' to a lower amount less the £359. However, as the Council now operates internet banking, there shall be no further complications caused by unrepresented cheques. There is no fee to pay the external auditor because the turnover of the Council was under £10,000.

1. To Approve Payments: after discussion, the Council **approved** the following accounts: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
WHSmith	12 x 2 nd Class Stamps	£6.72
Wilko	Stationery Punch Pockets	£14.00
LAB Planning Ltd	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy	£75.00
Bassetlaw Council	Neighbourhood Plan A3 Booklets	£62.47
E Knox	Sep 2017 Net Salary, Mileage & Expenses	£111.90
HMRC PAYE	E Knox Income Tax Sep	£22.40
Total Payments		<u>£292.49</u>

2. Receipts:

Receipts Received this month:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Notts RTC Fund	Defibrillator Installation Grant	£500.00

Total Receipts **£500.00**

3. Bank Balances

The Current Account Balance today is **£8,790.33**
 The Deposit Account Balance today is **£4,724.44**

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Any Other Business

Cllr Harvey expressed an interest in attending a New Councillor Course organised by NALC at Epperstone Village Hall on 1st November 2017. The Council **agreed** to pay the £30 fee. **Action**, the Clerk to book Cllr Harvey onto the course and arrange payment.

Cllr Harvey mentioned the Land Availability Assessment Housing Paper, a background paper for the Bassetlaw Local Plan. The Clerk provided a paper copy of the plan and the sections relevant to Stokeham for Cllr Briggs. **Action**, the Clerk shall forward the details and link to the on-line report to the Council members.

Cllr D Landon mentioned Section 85 of the Local Govt Act 1972, which states that if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months, from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, the member shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority. The Clerk checked the minute book and Cllr Wielgus last attended a meeting in May 2017. Cllr D Landon advised the Council that if Cllr Wielgus was unable to attend next month, a leave of absence needs to be considered to prevent automatic disqualification. **Action**, the Clerk is to contact Cllr Wielgus.

The Clerk advised that Simon Britt, Principal Conservation Officer at Bassetlaw District Council is undertaking a structural survey of Grove War Memorial, he aims to apply for grant

funding of restoration work on the memorial by the end of the month. Mr Britt is also awaiting a result of a land registry check to ascertain the ownership of memorial land site.

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Date/time of next meeting

Monday 2nd Oct 2017

7.30pm

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Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8:50PM.

Signed _____

Date _____