

# Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 held at 7.30pm

at Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall

## Present:

Cllr: Cllr.J.Wallwin chairman

Cllrs: E.Briggs, C.Holliland, D.Landon, J.Landon, B.McGlen, J.Mosley, B.Wielgus, F.Withers

Clerk: K. de Torre

### 1. **Public Forum**

Members of the public were invited to attend the forum session to talk about parish issues.

### 2. **Parish Council Vacancy / Co-option of New Member**

Mr Frederick Withers of Stokeham was introduced to everyone and was co-opted onto the parish council. We now have full membership.

Clerk to inform Bassetlaw DC of the co-option and to send the signed paperwork.

### 3. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Cllr. A.McKiernon.

### 4. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 5. **Minutes of meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015**

These were signed by Cllr.J.Wallwin on behalf of the council as a true record of events.

### 6. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

#### a) **Bridge on Brigg Lane, Headon**

As no progress is being made at the moment, it was decided to remove this item from the agenda until there is further news.

#### b) **High Speed Broadband**

Cllr. B.Wielgus reported that there is news of the possibility of a third round of funding for the rollout project. He also reported that the road in Grove has been dug ready for the installation of cabling.

#### c) **Tree Cutting**

Bassetlaw DC Environmental Health were contacted regarding the state of the dead sycamore tree at Grange Farm, Grove. Cllr. J.Wallwin has met with Hannah Bigden, Environmental Health Officer at BDC, who will now speak to the Tree Officer as the tree is considered dangerous.

#### d) **Dog Fouling**

**Signs** - The BDC Dog Warden, Nigel Barton confirmed that he was to visit to put up signs on Thorpe Street and Yew Tree Road, Headon/Upton.

**Bins** - They do not provide dog fouling bins but they can place black council litter bins at particular locations and put signs on them that 'bagged dog waste can be deposited in this bin'.

The district council will empty any bins that have been approved and installed by their environment services department, but we would need to submit a request first. They will only consider a location if there are no other bins nearby so we would need to check first where bins are presently located in the villages.

#### e) **Tree Preservation Orders**

Ian Kennedy, Consulting Tree Preservation Officer at BDC has responded that there is no intention to make changes to the process for revoking TPOs. Bassetlaw DC and Notts CC have been making TPOs since the 1950s and there are over 350 TPOs throughout the District. Only around 20 have been revoked over that period and there are no new plans at this time to revoke any more TPOs.

It was agreed to remove this from the next agenda.

7. **Police**

PC Bailey did not attend the meeting and did not provide a report.

8. **Highways**

- a) Cllr. J.Mosley reported that the roadside potholes along Westfields are now repaired.  
Noted.
- b) Cllr. B.McGlen reported that parts of the grass verge along Westfields which are notifiable road verge due to the botanical interest, have been cut.  
Clerk to write to Notts CC Highways with our concerns
- c) Cllr. J.Wallwin reported that the Grove/Treswell sign at Holly Bush Corner is broken.  
Clerk to report this using the Notts CC Highways online reporting.
- d) Cllr. J.Landon reported that some signs have not been removed following the cycle race.  
Noted.
- e) Cllr. E.Briggs reported that the village name signs may require some maintenance, ie a coat of preservative.  
Cllr. J.Mosley to check the condition of the signs.
- f) Cllr. B.Wielgus reported that heavy trucks are using Main Street, Grove and are possibly en route to Alpha Feeds Ltd at Cowsland Hill Farm, South Leverton. If so, a condition of planning was that their heavy traffic should use Leverton Road.  
Clerk to write to the company to request that their heavy traffic be asked to use Leverton Road to access the site.

9. **Planning**

a) **To discuss a previous Planning Application granted with conditions**

Ref 12/01654/FUL - Grange Farm, Main Street, Upton, DN22 0RA

3 years ago planning permission was granted for the construction of a General Purpose Agricultural Storage Unit. One of the conditions was that the applicant had to submit a scheme for tree planting and have it agreed in writing by the District Planning Authority before work started on the development and to implement the agreed scheme within 9 months of the commencement of use of the building. - There is no sign of any trees having been planted.

Clerk to ask Bassetlaw DC planning department whether a scheme has yet been submitted.

b) **Applications: -**

- i) Ref: 15/00735/HDG - Remove hedgerow to make two agricultural fields into one - Land North West Of Grange Farm, Main Street, Upton, DN22 0RA  
It was agreed to object to this application with the following comments (submitted 22.6.2015)

We OBJECT to the planning application with the following observations:

- The reason given for removing it is that access to one of the fields is difficult. They are therefore proposing to remove the entire hedge and use the entrance to the other field. The same result could be achieved by making a gateway in the hedge of approximately 4m so that there is access from one field to the other. The loss of this 4m would be compensated by planting new hedge in the obsolete entrance.
- This is a very old hedge - it appears on the 1884 map, so it is a minimum of 130 years old.
- The map is not properly labelled so only by comparing to another map is it possible to work out which hedge they are referring to.
- The length of the hedge is written in such a way that it is very unclear how long it is, we estimate it is about 350m.
- A condition on a previous application (ref: 12/01654/FUL) regarding a planting scheme has not yet been met; whilst this is a separate issue, it emphasises the need for woodland, trees and hedges, and to follow up on conditions of previous planning applications prior to considering a new one.

c) **Decision Notices:** None

d) **Any other Planning Matters:** None

10. **East Midlands Ambulance Service**

Cllr. J.Wallwin reported poor response times and an unreliable service from the ambulances in this area, some drivers travelling great distances to reach the point of call. It was noted that an ambulance recently came all the way from Newark.

Clerk to raise concerns and request clarification of response times and to invite one of their representatives to our next parish council meeting (7<sup>th</sup> September).

11. **Grove War Memorial / Poppy Wreath**

The war memorial is now a grade 2 listed structure and Michael Tagg, Conservation Officer Bassetlaw DC has submitted a pre-application enquiry for funding to the War Memorials Trust.

An email from Mr Rob Goulden of Grove informs us that a group of residents have been working on the area around the memorial, tidying and clearing weeds away. He says that although there are no inscriptions, they have discovered the names of two soldiers born in Grove who were killed in action during the First World War. According to the local British Legion a wreath can be placed on the memorial on Armistice Day and they ask that the Parish Council purchase one.

It was agreed to purchase a wreath for delivery to Mr Goulden who can then place it at the memorial on Remembrance Day.

12. **Car Parking in Headon**

The need for public car parking at Headon has once again been highlighted. This follows questions raised by a gentleman who had parked in the village hall car park presuming it was a public parking area. It is confirmed that the village hall car park is owned by the village hall for use by those attending the village hall.

The Church Street car park opposite the church is a public car park but several enquiries to the district council have resulted in no progress being made with regards making improvements to the area to accommodate more vehicles.

It was agreed that the BDCllr.T.Critchley be asked to intervene in requesting improvements to the parking area. A lease is not considered necessary but improvements would be welcomed. Cllr. D.Landon to pursue with BDCllr. T.Critchley.

13. **Village Plan**

A village plan is designed to bring together the views of residents in how they wish future developments to take shape with regards design etc. It gives residents a voice in future planning in their communities. The process involves many stages of consultation and design, until finalised and adopted by the parish and district council. It was noted that the local plan shows no proposed allocation of development areas in our parish so a village plan may not be needed. Separate plans would need to be developed for each of the 3 villages.

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting to discuss it with BDCllr. T.Critchley.

14. **To consider Items for next year's Budget**

Consultation with residents would highlight the areas in which they would like to see parish funds spent and feedback as to whether the precept should be increased to fund future projects. The impact of the precept on residents has remained at a level for several years but consideration will be given in the next budget as to whether or not to increase this.

It was thought that it would be useful for a public meeting to be arranged inviting residents to come along and consider/offer suggestions.

It was decided that members would give this some thought over the summer break and if a public meeting was to be arranged it could be advertised in the (end of) September village newsletter.

15. **Finance**

a) **Payments**

The following amounts were paid:

None

**Chq No.**

**Amount**

£ 0.00

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£ 0.00

b) **Receipts**

The following funds were received:

None

**Amount**

£ 0.00

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£ 0.00

**c) Bank balances**

After the above movements the balances in the bank accounts will be:

TSB	<b>£ 4,029.69</b>
Nottingham Building Society	<b>£ 4,693.88</b>
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TOTAL	<b>£ 8,723.57</b>

**16. Correspondence and Publications**

**Correspondence:**

- Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Nottinghamshire

**Publications:**

- Clerks & Councils Direct

**17. Any Other Business**

- a) Cllr D.Landon – The rubbish pile on the Upton to East Drayton road is still there.  
Clerk to report this to the Environmental Health Officer at BDC, Hannah Bigden.
- b) Cllr. J.Mosley – Requested an update to the level crossing closure proposal at Grove.  
Clerk to request an update from Hamer Associates.
- c) Cllr. D.Landon – It is rumoured that the owner of the water tower at Headon Camp has made enquiries into making improvements. It was noted that there is also speculation that the tower may be turned into a residential dwelling.  
Members will monitor this and await a planning application.

**18. Confidential Item**

To clarify public involvement at parish council meetings.

It was resolved that, in accordance with section 12 of the parish council's standing orders:

*12. Right of Members of the Public to Speak*

The first item on the agenda will be Public Forum, lasting for a maximum of ten minutes, to allow members of the public to speak. No individual member of the public shall speak for more than 5 minutes. A question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. At the conclusion of the Public Forum members of the public shall remain silent except that the Council may, by resolution, agree to close the meeting to allow a member(s) of the public to comment.

**19. Proposed date of next meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed .....

Date .....7<sup>th</sup> September 2015.....