

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

## Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 held at 7.30pm at Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall

### Present:

Cllr: Cllr.J.Wallwin chairman  
Cllrs: E.Briggs, D.Landon, J.Landon, B.McGlen, J.Mosley, B.Wielgus  
Clerk: K. de Torre

### 1. East Midlands Ambulance Service

Annie Palmer attended the meeting to offer a presentation of the EMAS. Whilst some emergency service times are planned, ie New Years Eve, other are unexpected, ie disasters or hot weather. Many different challenges are presented to the emergency services. 999 calls are categorised as Red 1,2 or Green 1,2,3,4 (prioritising the calls as life-threatening or non). Following basic questions from the 999 phone operator, a team of paramedics and nurses will respond to the caller. Decisions are made as to whether the patient is treated in the home or taken to a hospital. 42-44% of patients in the last 2 years were treated in the home. Initiatives are being put in place to deal with specific issues, ie falls, mental health, cardiac.

The service is being developed and improved and they are fully aware of the NHS failings in waiting times and treatment times as patients are transferred to hospital. An ambulance response time target is 8 minutes, recent figures show 75% have been on target. In our parish during the last 2 years, there have been 4 Red and 6 Green ambulance responses.

Questions were invited and answered and Ms Palmer was thanked for her attendance.

### 2. Public Forum

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

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs. C.Holliland, F.Withers, T.Critchley and PC Bailey.

### 4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 5. Minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 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) High Speed Broadband

Cllr. B.Wielgus reported that Headon and Upton are live and residents can sign up for broadband. Grove and Stokeham will follow shortly.

#### b) Tree Cutting – Bracken Lane Farm

Bassetlaw DC Environmental Health were contacted regarding the state of the dead sycamore tree at Grange Farm, Grove. Cllr. J.Wallwin met with Hannah Bigden, Environmental Health Officer at BDC and a response is now awaited from the Tree Officer.

#### c) Dog Fouling – To consider locations where extra litter bins could be useful

The district council will empty general waste bins containing bagged dog waste so consideration was given as to whether more litter bins would be useful to help resolve the dog fouling issue. No further bins were considered necessary.

- Agreed to request that dog fouling stickers be placed on existing bins.

### 7. Police

PC Bailey gave apologies for the meeting and provided a report:

29<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – Theft of vehicle and equipment from a barn at Westfields, Upton  
Members reported their knowledge of two other crimes over the summer period.

8. **Highways**

- a) Cllr. J.Wallwin – following a meeting with Jonny Davis, the hedges will be attended to from the level crossing to Headon and Dog Kennel Hill. It was noted that some hedges have been cut elsewhere and are significantly improved as a result.
- Agreed to request that the hedges on Askham Road, Upton (on the bends) also be highlighted for cutting.
- b) Cllr. J.Wallwin – the 30 signs on the roadways are still not done.  
Noted.

9. **Planning**

a) **Correspondence and Communications**

None

b) **Applications: -**

1. 15/01023/FUL - Kalulushi, 19 Main Street, Grove  
Demolition of Existing Garages, Erect New Detached Single Storey Garage, Erect Two Storey Rear Extension and External Improvements  
No Objection.
2. 5/01014/HSE - The Old Rectory, Main Street, Grove  
Erect detached single storey timber garden room  
No Objection.
3. 15/01041/FUL - Land North East Of Mill Hill, Off Lady Well Lane, Headon  
Install a Ground Mounted 50Kw Solar Panel Array  
It was agreed to OBJECT to the application with the following comments in support of our objection:
  - It will have a negative impact on the environment and the wildlife.
  - Not in keeping with the character of the area, mainly as a rural countryside focussed on arable and pastoral, not power generation.
  - The carbon savings from ground based solar are very likely to be negated by the food miles involved in shipping in food from elsewhere.
  - Reflection of the sun on the panels could be a nuisance to the local microlight pilots and to local residents, a health and safety concern.
  - Reduction in viable farm land for next 25 years, use of fertile agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes, flat factory roofs make for more acceptable PV sites.
  - Glare to drivers on busy road.
4. 15/01091/FUL - Mill Hill Farm, Greenspotts Lane, Headon  
Proposed Grain Store  
No Objection.
5. 15/01126/HSE – Longacres, Main Street, Upton  
Erect Single Storey Rear Extension  
No Objection, but it was agreed to submit the following observations as comments:
  - The application is made by a minor, is this permitted?
  - The application includes a snooker room, not all the facilities are for a disabled child.
  - The size of the extension seems excessive.
  - Could there be a drainage problem due to the roof design?
  - Is drainage dealt with on the plans?
  - Is the application within the village development envelope?
6. 15/01071/HSE - Oregon House, Drayton Road, Upton  
Two Storey Extensions to Existing Dwelling House  
No objection, but it was agreed to submit the following observation as a comment:
  - Is the application within the village development envelope?

c) **Decision Notices:**

12/01654/FUL - The Grange Farm, Main Street, Upton

Construction of general purpose agricultural storage unit – GRANTED

- It was agreed to once again ask BDC planning whether the planting scheme condition has been adhered to.

d) **Any other Planning Matters:**

There is a large 2-storey extension currently being built at Hilltop Farm in Upton and no planning application has been received. The parish council has received an indirect complaint from a resident in Upton about this.

- It was agreed to remind BDC planning to investigate to check whether planning permission is necessary or enlighten us if a permission has been granted in the past that we have maybe forgotten.

**10. 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.

**11. Speedwatch**

Cllr. J.Wallwin attended a community speedwatch presentation at which ISS were presented and training on use given - using 4 signs handled by 2 people. Nothing is reported to the police but it was suggested that the scheme is effective in slowing traffic. The operators are responsible for setting up the equipment, carrying out the work and assessing the speeds. The proposed scheme is being trialled.

Cllr. J.Wallwin took the opportunity to speak to the police in attendance raising the concerns of speeds of traffic to and from Rampton Hospital and the Power Stations. Rampton Hospital had refused to take part in a speed reduction scheme offered by the police.

- Agreed to express our disappointment that Rampton Hospital were unwilling to co-operate in the scheme. They have however, already offered a grant towards an ISS.
- Agreed to request a grant from West Burton power station for a contribution towards an ISS.

**12. Village Plan / Neighbourhood 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. If a plan was formulated, it could encompass all the villages of the parish in one plan.

Neighbourhood Plans are designed to influence future developments and could possibly help to determine where wind turbines and other electricity generating equipment can or cannot be installed. This would need the co-operation and views of all the landowners and residents in the parish.

- It was agreed to ask Cllr. Teresa Critchley to arrange for BDC to come and talk to us about the benefits of Neighbourhood Plans and the process of producing one.

**13. 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 suggested that village groups or groups of residents could be encouraged to come forward with suggestions for making improvements to the villages.

A brief funding request/application form could be drafted up allowing residents to apply to the parish council for funding of small projects.

- Cllr. B.Wielgus offered to circulate letters to residents to ask for ideas.

14. **Finance**

**a) Closure of Audit**

The signed off paperwork is now received back from the external auditor with no issues raised.

**b) Payments**

The following amounts were paid:

	<b>Chq No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Royal British Legion (poppy wreath & donation)	545	£ 50.00
K.de Torre - Clerks Salary & Expenses (July to Sept 2015)	546	£ 364.88
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		£ 414.88

**b) Receipts**

The following funds were received:

	<b>Amount</b>
VAT refund	£ 36.33
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	£ 36.33

**c) Bank balances**

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

TSB	<b>£ 3,651.14</b>
Nottingham Building Society	<b>£ 4,693.88</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 8,345.02</b>

15. **Correspondence and Publications**

**Correspondence:**

- **Level Crossing Closures** - Hamer Associates have confirmed that following the feasibility study, Network Rail have decided that the level crossing closures will not take place.

**Publications:**

- Clerks & Councils Direct
- Countryside Voice & Fieldwork newsletters from CPRE

16. **Any Other Business**

- a) Cllr J. Landon has put together a history of the trees in Headon with a view to reinstating the TPOs. Noted.
- b) Cllr. B.Wielgus has produced a map of Grove identifying the location of all the properties by name, for the notice board. Noted.
- c) Cllr. J.Mosley suggested that a new notice board is needed for Headon and perhaps a new location nearer to the road. He will make some enquiries for the next meeting.
  - To consider this on the next agenda.

17. Proposed date of next meeting: **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed .....

Date .....12<sup>th</sup> October 2015.....