

Headon-cum-Upton, Grove & Stokeham Parish Council
Minutes of annual meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 4 February 2019
at Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall

Members Present Cllr B Wielgus Chairman
 Cllr J Askew
 Cllr E Briggs
 Cllr J Harvey
 Cllr S Whelan
 Cllr V Le Floch
 DCllr T Critchley
 CCllr J Ogle

Also present 7 Members of the Public

1 Public Forum

- a. Representatives from planning application 18/01446 asked to speak to the community with regard to the amended plans and proposed application. A set of drawings were made available to the Council. Other members of the public raised concerns that Upton is a hamlet with no church, shops or school and is not considered sustainable. Others added, in relation to the HUGS plan, green field sites should be preserved and only brown field sites should be built on. Concern was also expressed regarding the traffic on the roads as there are already cars parked on the road. Applicant stated that there would be parking on the proposed site.
- b. DCllr Critchley stated that the situation is very different now due to land supply. Last year there was less than 5 years' land supply, now planning applications are being refused and there is an issue with villages. She said that it would be most likely that planning would be refused where the village is deemed unsustainable in the current plan.
- c. Further discussion in place with regard to the proposed 2 new garden villages at Bevercotes and Gamston and that development on greenfield sites was an issue.

2 Apologies for Absence – Cllr F Withers provided apologies.

3 Update on Councillor Vacancies – Mr N Greenhalgh proposed himself as a Councillor. He explained that he is a farmer in Headon and is aware of rural and agricultural affairs. A motion was raised to coopt Mr Greenhalgh as a Councillor. This was seconded. A vote was held and all councillors agreed.

Action - The clerk to forward all paperwork to Mr Greenhalgh.

4 Identify any Declarations of Interest – None

5 Agree and sign minutes of the meeting held on 17 December – Minutes were agreed by all to be a true and fair record of the meeting. They were signed by the Chair

6 Address matters arising from previous minutes

a) Update on Bank Account and HMRC

The bank account is up and running. The clerk reported that the balances of the bank accounts are as follows:

Current Account: £11,191.17

Savings Account: £4,743.97

- Payment is required to Mr S Bowman for training services. It was explained that Mr Bowman was an ex-clerk who had assisted the Chair by providing a one-day training session last year. *Action – Cllr Wielgus to chase amount.*
 - Snow Plough. *Action – Cllr Harvey to chase John Mosley for the cost.*
 - Payment is required to C McGlen for printing costs totalling £187.49. *Action – Clerk to check back on previous costs and check budget provided for this.*
 - Payment is required to NALC (National Association for Local Councils) for the annual subscription of £90.75.
- It was **agreed** for the above payments to be made.

Cllr Askew raised the changing of the bank account to a new bank due to the problems gaining access to the account with Santander. Cllr Harvey said that she would prefer things to stay with Santander. She felt she had gained an understanding how Santander work.

b) Update on Lengthsman activities and payment

Jack to be advised that his reports are not necessary. *Action - Clerk.*
Action - Cllr Harvey to forward Jack's itinerary to DCllr Critchley.

c) Confirm defibrillator checks have been conducted

Headon, Grove, Upton and Stokeham confirmed all checks had been conducted.

7 Opportunity for District Councillor to speak

Cllr Critchley advised that there had been a U-turn on planning due to land supply and councils need to take note. There is an emerging local plan and councils need to take part in the consultation.

Has concerns that the proposed significant development of homes at Gamston will cost jobs as the business there will be lost

Consultations have taken place with villages but there's a feeling of a lack of communication. Bassetlaw have been told they have to build homes by central government and so feel they have to go ahead with a 10% allowance for homes in all communities as well as the new town.

DCllr Critchley said that a new head of planning is to be appointed.

8 Opportunity for County Councillor to speak

CCllr Ogle attended a consultation with regard to the Bassetlaw Plan and the proposed developments on Gamston Airfield and Bevercotes Colliery site. The meeting was held in Retford Town Hall. Cllr stated that the highest building demand is on villages and the proposals are not so much for a 'garden village' but a town. The concurrent grant has been stopped.

County Councillor Ogle advised that consultations need to be attended and the council should write to Bassetlaw with regard to lack of communication.

Jobs will be lost at Gamston Airfield due to the proposals and there will also be job losses at the power stations due to their upcoming closures. Bassetlaw has been asked to take the planning requirement from Sheffield and support the proposals. However, Cllr states that not enough information is provided. Section 106 states agreement with planners to put areas of play/schools, etc within the new building areas. New legislation allows neighbouring districts, if not enough land themselves, to build in our area. CCllr Ogle confirmed that it is easier to build on land here than in Sheffield. DCllr said that the Neighbourhood Plan should hold but may need updating once new area plan comes out.

CCllr advised of an issue with cable quality of broadband going onto green box in Headon. This has now been resolved.

- 9 Police report provided by PC Gareth Mitchell by email to Cllr Harvey** – It was reported by the council that there had been 3 x poaching incidents, 3 x burglaries, 3 x criminal damage and 1 x theft. This information was provided from the village newsletter.

10 Discuss any updates to Headon Camp

DCllr Critchley advised that there has been a new head of planning and the council and there was an opportunity to meet them to progress our concerns about the plant. CCllr Ogle recommended going to the Chief Executive with a Stage 1 complaint, outlining the dates that enforcement was requested. If no response, a Stage 2 complaint is required. The Ombudsman will look at whether Bassetlaw District Council have actioned.

Action - DCllr Critchley to arrange a meeting with the Council's new head of planning

Action – Decide whether to escalate depending on whether we get a meeting with the Council. If not progress after 14 days, upgrade action.

11 Discuss and action any footpaths/highways issues

Concern was expressed regarding the state of the highway between Headon and Upton and also a stretch near Oregon House, Upton. It was advised that the road, since being resurfaced, is now raised and there is a 6 inch drop at the edge. The road is also crumbling away.

CCllr Ogle advised that the side crumbles where excess tarmac is used.

This is a safety concern.

An incident of fly tipping has been reported in Grove.

12 Update and discuss current planning applications and Council's response

- **18/01321/FUL Erect Agricultural Storage Building – Land South of Drayton Road, Upton**

This is an old application and will be removed from the agenda.

- **18/01446/FUL Erect 3 dwellings – land at Hilltop Farm, Upton**

A new application will be submitted and the council will respond accordingly. Cllr Whelan reinforced that the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be followed. Cllr Askew advised that 3 x residents had expressed concerns to her and she had told them their concerns would be passed to the Parish Council but she had suggested they also register their own complaints with Bassetlaw Council.

Cllr Wielgus advised that the Neighbourhood Plan is recognised and, if the application is to build smaller affordable homes, then this may be preferred to large executive homes. The Neighbourhood Plan states brown field sites should be used unless applicants may demonstrate they are building on green field in accordance with requirements/needs.

DCllr Critchley raised concern that the land was not named within the Plan.

- **19/00006/FUL** This was an old planning application where the removal had been approved.
- **PP-07455274** – Discharge of conditions 6,7,8 of planning permission 18/00809/FUL – Change of use and extension and alteration of agricultural building to form new dwelling. Application validated 11/12/18 – land adjacent to Blacksmiths Cottage, Main St, Grove
Cllr Wielgus expressed support for this application

13 Discuss and decide on how the council may better eliminate speeding

Cllr Harvey has applied for grants – outcome, as yet, unknown. Discussions have been made with PC Gareth Mitchell with regard to a speed camera. He suggested making a log of complaints from residents. There is currently a speed notification on a lamp post on the Headon to Upton road. However, this is not effective – it needs to be moved. Louise Bussell suggested putting something in the Rampton staff magazine to reinforce speed awareness through villages

14 Moving the Parish Council Forward

Cllr Wielgus to include on next agenda.

15 Update on the Clerk Position – The clerk expressed concern that it is becoming increasingly difficult to carry out clerking duties due to now working full-time.

16 New Councillor Training

The Council voted, at the previous meeting, to approve spending of £50 per Councillor for training. **Action – Clerk to look at NALC website for training opportunities for Cllrs Le Floch, Whelan and Greenhalgh**

17 Any other business items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

- Cllr Whelan requested that unusable fire hydrant on Askham Road be reported to the Fire Authority.
- CCllr Ogle suggested that a letter to be sent to highways requested that they write to the landowner of the high hedges from Grove to Headon with a view for them to be trimmed back. The landowner should then action the request.

18 Date of next meeting and setting dates for 2019 year

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 4 March 2019 at 7.30 pm. April meeting is 1st April at 7.30pm.

It was also confirmed that the meeting in May be held on Monday 20 May 2019.

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Chairman Date