

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON  
MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB AT 7.45PM**

**Present:** Cllrs Allfrey, Hart, Moffat, Pewter, Philp, Scrivens, Southgate, Worley  
Cllr H Johnson  
**In the Chair:** Cllr Allfrey  
**Clerk:** Claire Waters  
**Also Present:** None

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Higgins for absence, and also from Cllrs Finch, Scattergood and Beavis.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Worley      Seconded: Cllr Scrivens      Signed by the Chairman

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**5. PROGRESS CHECK**

**1078 6.12** Redundant BT poles have now been removed from St James Street

**1089 9.3** The new Head at De Vere Primary has been put in contact with the Dog Warden regarding an educational project to raise awareness of the problems caused by dog fouling.

**1135 10.5** A letter will be sent to the Treasurer of the Memorial Hall confirming the new arrangement for insuring the buildings, and a copy kept with the Memorial Hall lease.

**1131 10** Cllr Scrivens reported that following an application to the Communities Initiative Fund and a commitment of a £1000 donation from the Parish Council, a grant for £3,600 has been awarded to the Memorial Hall for a new sound system.

**6. HIGHWAYS**

**6.1** Feedback on proposals for the 7.5t weight limit was sent to Essex Highways, the limit was requested to start at the exit to Rippers Court in order to give vehicles the chance to turn round if necessary.

**7. REPORTS**

**Police/PCSO:** A written report for 15<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014 was received from PC Carter: 2x road traffic collision, 1x nuisance noise, 1x information, 1x domestic incident, 2x suspicious behaviour, 4x burglary other, 1x attention (to a local person drink-driving). Residents are asked to share information about suspected drink-drivers as their behaviour puts others in danger. Increase in burglaries is across the board, not isolated to Castle Hedingham. People are advised to take as many practical steps as possible to secure their homes, sheds and outbuildings, and also to keep a detailed record of items including models/serial numbers.

**ECC report:** none

**BDC report:** Cllr Johnson will follow up the recent request for the 40mph flashing speed indicator sign on the A1124 approaching Nunnery Street, following another accident there on June 15<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that recent police helicopter activity was concerning stolen cars which were being stored in Sible Hedingham. Cllr Johnson continues to monitor local footpaths and make repairs where he is able.

## **10. MAINTENANCE OF PLANTED AREA AT FORGE GREEN**

An estimate of £300 has been given by Mortimers for clearing and replanting in the autumn.

**RESOLVED:** To consult the Gardening Club and Hedingham School with a proposal to design a garden for this area, possibly with a Magna Carta theme.

Proposed: Cllr Southgate    Seconded: Cllr Scrivens    Agreed unanimously

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE**

**Essex Highways:** Invitation to participate in the Winter Salt Bag Partnership Scheme, closing date 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014. The clerk will respond to say Castle Hedingham wishes to participate but does not require salt this year as none of last year's supply has been used.

**BT Payphones:** Confirmation that the application to adopt the telephone kiosk in Nunnery Street has been cancelled. This kiosk is on a schedule for removal by BT.

**Essex Highways:** Proposed diversion of Footpaths 11 and 15. Maps have been received and comments requested from the Parish Council. There were no objections to the diversion of either footpath, but the Parish Council will request that residents of Nunnery Street whose back gardens are adjacent to the new proposed route be consulted.

**Sudbury Hill Footpath:** A letter has been received a resident of Rosemary Lane, requesting a footpath along Sudbury Hill to make it safer to walk to the village. The clerk will request an assessment from Essex Highways. Cllr Johnson is in support of this request.

**Playsafety Limited:** The annual playground safety report has been received and was circulated to members of the Playing Field group.

## **12. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS**

**12.1 Magna Carta 2015:** A grant application is being submitted for the end of July. Kieron King has been asked to be treasurer of the Committee.

**12.2 War Memorial:** A specialist opinion has been obtained confirming the likely presence of burials beneath the War Memorial being the cause of the subsidence. Two quotes have been received from contractors, and a third expected in time for a War Memorials Trust Grant application by the next deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**12.3 High Speed Broadband:** County Broadband confirms that the first stage faculty approval has been granted to progress the Castle Hedingham project. Their wireless technology remains the only option for high speed broadband in the parish, since BT and the Superfast Essex project have no plans to deploy fibre in the village in the foreseeable future.

## **18. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Playing Field - work required
- Financial support for Open Gardens/Chancel Roof repair
- County Broadband – options for Parish Council involvement

## **19. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

Normal Parish Council

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

Normal Parish Council

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

Normal Parish Council

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**The meeting closed at 9.20pm**

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATE