

Minutes of the Hulcote & Salford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022 held in Mary Agate Hall, Salford starting at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs K Butten - Chairman, M Drew, P Harris, R Harrison, M Majoor, J Martin, Mrs Lyn Lyman (Clerk) and 3 residents.

Death of Her Majesty the Queen, Elizabeth II

Buckingham Palace has confirmed that Her Majesty the Queen, Elizabeth II, passed away at Balmoral Castle on Thursday 8 September 2022.

Following this announcement there is now a national period of mourning until midnight on the day of the State Funeral.

Due to the national period of mourning, the September Parish Council meeting was delayed until this evening.



514 To accept Apologies:

Apologies were received from CB Cllrs S Clark, K Matthews & R Morris.

It is with sadness that Cllr J Abbey passed away on Friday 30th September. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time. John worked tirelessly for the benefit of residents, particularly on matters relating to Highways and Footpaths, throughout his tenure and will be sorely missed.

515. Specific Declarations of Interest:

a) Declaration of member's interest of a non-pecuniary nature:

(Having membership of a club, charity etc or a close relationship). None

b) Declaration of member's interest of a pecuniary nature: None

(Having a financial bearing on a member or their spouse/partner). None

516. Open Forum:

Bad littering has occurred lately which has been reported.

Dog fouling going on. It is being bagged and left. If those responsible cannot be encouraged to change their ways, the PC will issue a letter to all residents alongside the next community notice.

517. To accept Minutes from previous meeting:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th July 2022 be accepted as a true record and they were duly signed.

518. To Consider Matters Arising:

471a Hedge planting at Willowford Hotel: CBC says it is not their land, but it is so it was agreed to go back to CBC yet again. CB Cllr Morris will follow this up with Kevin Collins – Asset Department at CBC. This needs doing as a matter of urgency. It should not wait until the next meeting.

Action: RM

519a. Reports:

Village Hall: The Harvest Supper well attended as was MacMillan on Friday. Village hall has a website now and Wi-Fi has been ordered.

Games afternoon has taken place.
Christmas Lunch will be the next major effort.

There was a call for the defibrillator although in the end it wasn't used.

Highways:

The original speed indicator devices have been taken away and the new ones are awaited.

There are now a few unaccompanied school children who need to cross the roads to catch the school bus outside the Mary Agate Hall. We were advised previously that we would not get any crossing. There are also no dropped kerbs in order for wheelchair users or prams etc to be able to get to the Mary Agate Hall safely. It was agreed to ask CBC Cllr Clark to point us in the right direction to see if we could take this further. **Action: LL**

Following the passing of Cllr Abby, Cllr Majoor was asked to take over Highways/Footpaths Portfolio. He will need to follow up the SIDS (Speeding Signs) that have been promised and Michelle Flynn re footpaths. **Action: MM**

Planning:

CB/22/02608/Full Bramble Cottage, 2 Brittens Lane. Erection of two storey oak frame garage with three parking bays and habitable living space above. This an ongoing saga with no clear design input of what was envisaged for the site from the start. The three car garage sits uncomfortably on the site and with the room in the roof will dominate the existing and extended bungalow. There are no elevations or detailed plans to support how it will sit in the landscape and relate with the current building. It was not thought to be acceptable. *

CB/22/03189/LDCE Bryon Lodge Farm, Lawful development certificate existing: occupation of mobile home as a single residential unit. No comment.

CB/22/03505/Full Water Hall Farm. Demolition of existing light industrial units. Erection of four new detached dwellings with associated garages, including renovations. Extensions to existing farmhouse. Cllr Harris will have a further look at this. Cllr Butten had spoken to the owner raising various issues. Concerns about poor quality employment facilities. Do we support the application or leave it to be agreed by CBC. There is a difference in professional views.

Nothing further has come forward about Willowford.

It was agreed to ask CBC Cllr Clark what is happening about the bund on Salford Road. Is it going to be re-instated? **Action: LL/SC**

Toureen: Cllr Butten gave an update on the situation:

The concrete application to keep the concrete has been refused by CBC. Toureen have appealed the decision on the concrete, so there is no enforcement at present.

Cllrs Butten & Harris held a meeting with Toureen, its purpose was for Toureens in house developer to put forward their proposals to take on development rather than the PCs preferred developer. However, it quickly transpired that Toureen still wants to develop a commercial scheme on the site despite all the time and energy put into finding a use that residents may support (the PC was considering 8 residential units subject to sufficient benefits being created for residents and residents support through the emerging Neighbourhood Plan). Toureen also suggested a temporary commercial use that residents would accept, with CBC permission but only for a certain time. The PC cannot agree to this as supporting any temporary commercial

use will change the planning / use status of the site and make it more likely that Toureens original, unacceptable, use will return.

At the end of the meeting, Toureen indicated that they wanted to talk to the PCs preferred developer without the PC being involved. But that is not right. Therefore, Cllr Butten e.mailed Toureen to offer a 3 way meeting to progress matters however Toureen have subsequently responded by stating incorrect facts and seeking to progress the commercial scheme they prefer without any willingness to work with the PC on a scheme that residents may accept. These emails have been circulated to all Cllrs.

If the PC were to support Toureens commercial scheme aspirations, Toureen have offered a significant financial incentive.

Toureen are now saying they are going to pull out of any deal with the PC. They have offered significant funding of the mill as an olive branch if the PC supports their commercial use ambitions and are now saying they will move forward with other plans for the site whether supported by PC or not.

Whilst we are working on Toureen, we are not working on the Neighbourhood Plan! The neighbourhood plan is now going to go forward to consultation stage without a scheme for the Mill Lane site.

Security are on the Toureen site 24/7 possibly without permission.

The situation was discussed further by Cllrs. Do we need to get further planning advice? Find out more about the enforcement appeal. Can enforcement insist that concrete that is not part of Appeal be removed now?

Charity: Cllr Harrison said a full trustees meeting is to take place next week. Christmas distributions will obviously be appreciated this year.

The hedge in the alley needs cutting back on the footpath side.

Hulcote: Waiting eagerly to what is happening at The Round House. The modified roof must be no higher than the existing round house roof.

3 houses for sale, two have been sold.

Churches : no further comments. Further funding to go to the new screen. It has been suggested that it will be called the Queen Elizabeth screen. The screen will be energy saving too. Bat Boxes will be expensive too. Arch Deacon is fully in support. The bats in situ are not a protected species.

519b. **To consider Correspondence:**

Bedfordshire Police: Priority Setting Meetings – The Police are no longer going to hold these meetings. The Police will act on priorities requested. New priorities and updating the outcome will be 10th October, 10th January 2023, 10th April and 10th August.

Road safety, thefts. Children crossing to school bus. Thefts from Outbuilding.

Husborne Crawley Lower School are consulting on proposals to convert to become an academy and join the Kingsbridge Educational Trust. Andy reported on the situation.

Originally it had been suggested that Ridgmont, Husborne Crawley and Woburn would merge but Woburn didn't want to merge.

The Duke and CBC could also block if they wanted to. Parents would be free to choose ongoing schools depending on ages. Max pupils for HC L School is 60.

Duke is in favour of smaller schools. The school are supportive of the proposal.

520. **To accept Finance:**

Approx Balances as at 29th July 2022: Current A/C £1,789.47 BS A/C £25,222.24 (which includes the £6,550.00 Neighbourhood Grant)

Expenditure:

HMRC 2nd ¼ PAYE	175.80	100533	
Mrs Lyman Clerks Allowance - Aug	20.00	s/o	
Mrs Lyman Clerks Allowance - Sept	20.00	s/o	
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – Aug	224.60	s/o	now 234.80
Mrs Lyman Clerks Salary – Sept	224.60	s/o	now 234.80
	665.00		

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the above invoices be paid.

As requested, The Clerk had been to the Metro Bank regarding switching bank accounts from Barclays.

Requirements:

In order for a community account and a business savings account to be opened and for them to be serviced entirely by The Clerk who is also the Responsible Financial Officer, The Chairman and The Clerk need to visit Metro Bank so that they can be identified and the accounts be opened and the switching to begin.

Clerks Salary Increase for April 2021 has been agreed but not April 2022 as yet, that is still under discussion/agreement with SLCC / NALC. This is an increase of £12.80 per month - £153.60. Will need to alter the standing order.

521. **To consider Budget/Precept for November decision:**

Cllr Butten has proposed that we do not alter the precept figure. Hold at current level. This is to be finalised at the next meeting.

522. **Neighbourhood Plan Update:**

We wanted to get the final document (draft form) ready for a final consultation.

In terms of moving ahead, as we cant move Toureen forward, we need to progress forward now. Everything relating to Toureen needs removing from the document. Get Chris to do the edits and go forward to the public consultation. All agreed to push on with NP.

Cllr Butten will contact Chris so he can remove Toureen bits and arrange public consultation.

Action: KB

523. **Section 106 Funding:**

(Through Section 106 funding we have £3,158.48 allocated to our parish but it can only be spent on Recreation Ground equipment).

Subsequently The Clerk has been advised that we would not qualify for a sound system equipment but it may now be possible to purchase a bench and a bbq. Laura has forwarded the relevant form which requires costings. Once this has been completed and returned, Laura will take it further. The clerk had forwarded the form to Cllr Butten. *Action: KB / LCL*

Need charity permission to put bbq and bench on The Green (charity) which Cllr Harrison agreed to do. He will also price up a bbq. *Action: BH*

Cllr Butten said if we can get a price for a Commemorative plaque for the Queens platinum jubilee, the Lotto will fund it. Cllr Majoor agreed to research this. The plaque could be put on the Agate Hall. *Action: MM*

524. **Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 14th December 2022 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.