

# Hauxton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 23 May 2017

Present: Jane Ward (JW) - Chair, Richard Geyman – Vice Chair, Sue Cook, Janet Lockwood (JL), Gary Page, Jill Down, William Reverchon, Owen Patman, Roger Hickford – County Councillor, Kevin Cuffley – County Councillor, Hazel Hammond – RFO and John Hammond – Clerk and 40 members of the public.

### 1. Introduction

The Chair welcomed residents. A one minute silence was then held in respect of the victims of the terrorist bombing in Manchester the previous day.

### 2. Apologies

Claire Geyman, Tony Allison, Rev. Brigid Hadfield and Dee Mallabone had sent their apologies.

### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2016

Copies of these were made available to the meeting.

A resident gave a statement objecting to these, stating that he did not think they accurately reflected what happened during his presentation, and that he had submitted a formal complaint to South Cambs DC. A copy of his statement was handed to the Clerk for filing with the official copy of the minutes.

The minutes were approved.

### 4. Parish Accounts (report appended)

A Financial Statement had been circulated to the meeting. The RFO explained that the finances were in a healthy position. She explained that in 2016/17 the council spent less than the Precept (Parish Council Tax) but that £2,500 was taken from reserves to pay for chafer beetle control on the recreation ground early in 2016.

The RFO reported that the Parish Council had once again decided not to increase the level of Precept for each household for 2017/18.

### 5. Chair's Report (report appended)

The Chair commented that because of the increased workload the Parish Council had met 16 times during the past year. JW then introduced the two Parish Councillors new since the last Annual Parish Assembly – Jill Down and William Revechon.

The Chair also thanked Tony Orgee and Gail Kenny, the two County Councillors who had supported the Parish Council over the past 12 years, and welcomed Roger Hickford and Kevin Cuffley, who had both recently been elected to replace them.

Items of particular note in the Chair's report were the trial to permit dog

walkers to exercise their dogs on leads on the Rec, the adoption of the now disconnected BT phone box outside the village hall (and a request for more ideas for its use), the introduction of the 40mph speed restriction between Hauxton and Little Shelford, the intention to install radar speed cameras on Church Road as a reminder to drivers and the efforts to improve the sequencing of the new traffic lights on the A10 to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

The Chair advised that 102 homes were now occupied on Hauxton Meadows. JW also thanked residents for their support in achieving the revised parish boundary to incorporate land beside the A10 up to the M11 junction into the Hauxton parish.

*Questions:*

*A resident commented that we should no longer refer to Hauxton Meadows as 'new' residents, in an effort to bring together the enlarged village.*

6. Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors  
County Councillors Roger Hickford and Kevin Cuffley introduced themselves to the residents, and commented on the long period of service that Tony Orgee in particular had given the community.

The Clerk read out a report provided by Tony Orgeee, which included comments on the County Council budget, the Parish Boundary Review and Cambridge Sporting Village.

7. Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor  
Janet Lockwood commented on the potential new Park & Ride on the Hauxton side of the M11 – and mentioned an upcoming public meeting on this at Hauxton Primary School on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

JL advised that the remediation of the Bayer Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) site was being discussed as part of the planning process for further development, and that this was a different type of process to that used for the main site. JL commented that arrangements were being made between the developer and the agencies, to inform residents when remediation activity would take place.

JL reported that arrangements for the Shuttle Bus between Hauxton and the Trumpington Park & Ride, were progressing following the survey undertaken earlier in the year.

*Questions:*

*A resident raised the possibility of the shuttle bus route going through Great Shelford to improve uptake. The meeting was advised this had been considered and discounted due to the congestion on Church Street in Great Shelford near the school.*

*A resident asked if there were plans for a shop on Hauxton Meadows. It was reported that a small basic shop is planned for the Extracare apartments*

*building and that the PC are lobbying for additional facilities on the commercial and retail part of the site.*

8. Reports from Village Organisations (all reports appended)

- 8.1 St Edmund's church
- 8.2 Hauxton Pre-school
- 8.3 Hauxton Primary School
- 8.4 Women's Institute
- 8.5 Village Hall Management Committee
- 8.6 Coffee mornings
- 8.7 Neighbourhood Watch
- 8.8 Community swimming pool
- 8.9 Little Acorns
- 8.10 Tree warden report
- 8.11 Allotments
- 8.12 Community Lunch Club
- 8.13 Bird Group
- 8.14 U3A Arts Group

9. Update on major projects

9.1 Sports Ground

It was reported that the cricket square is about to be installed thanks to a grant from Sport England. Options on tennis reintroduction are being reviewed. The sports pavilion has received planning permission but funding is still required.

9.2 Play area

The equipment has been ordered and will be installed when the location of the village hall is decided.

9.3 Village Hall

It was confirmed that the process to sell the old village hall had been commenced and plans to build the new hall on the Recreation ground had been submitted.

The planning application had been withdrawn because the planners would not support it in the proposed location. A discussion with the planners was now necessary to establish a different location on the Rec more suitable to them, before a resubmission was made.

*Questions:*

*A discussion took place concerning why the application to extend the old village hall was not progressed (JL commented that it was a requirement of the planners to test that as an option before green belt alternatives would be considered), and the issues around the new build on the Rec. The Chair advised that more information will be made available in due course, following the ongoing discussions.*

Meeting closed at 9:30pm