

**Minutes of the meeting of
HAWKWELL PARISH COUNCIL
held on
Monday, 9th February 2009 in the Committee Room,
Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford
at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present: Chairman V Leach, Mrs J Barney, Mrs T Bateman, Mrs E Chippette, Mrs C Cunningham, Mrs J Fern, Mrs H Glynn, Mrs A Heath, K Holmes, A James, R Patient, Mrs M Weir, Mr D Weir and District Cllr M Starke.

1. **Presentation by Andrew Woodley of Wyvern Community Transport:**
Andrew Woodley did not attend, therefore the presentation was postponed.
2. **To receive apologies for non attendance at meeting:**
Cllrs J Dickson (Royal British Legion Meeting), R Mitchell (holiday) and D Eade (work). Also District Councillor D Stansby apologised as he had a meeting at RDC. Members noted and accepted the apologies tendered.
3. **Declarations of Interest:**
There were no declarations of interest.
4. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of Hawkwell Parish Council held on 12th January 2009 and to approve the destruction of the manuscript notes in respect of that meeting:** Members approved the Minutes of 12th January 2009 as a true record and agreed to the destruction of the manuscript notes.
5. **Action points – progress report:**
The Clerk went through the progress report.
Youth Project – the Clerk had since received an email from Scott Irvine regarding decorating and this would be passed to the General Purposes Committee. Cllr Mrs Glynn notified that chipped bark had been put down until the weather improves.
Massive Project – The Chairman felt it would be sensible to remove this item from the action list and bring it back on in November 2009. Members agreed.
Parish Plan - restart - The Clerk advised he had received 2 responses so far.
CIF Bid - No further response from owners of Jewson building.
Clerk to write to Independent Remuneration Panel re. method of determination - The Clerk informed Members he had a copy of the letter if Members wished to read it.
Newsletter – Cllr Mrs Glynn showed Members newsletters dating back to 1991; most Newsletters took up 2 A4 sheets and periodically published a footpath map. Cllr Mrs Glynn proposed that the newsletter be reverted back to 2 A4 pages and the footpath map be reintroduced and published at least once per year. Cllr Weir felt strongly that HPC should put out a decent newsletter, the recent issues were very poor. Cllr Mrs Bateman volunteered to have a look

at the layout and improve the format, with Members approval. Cllr Mrs Fern said she was involved in writing a 12 page newsletter and emphasised the content needed to be interesting. Cllr Mrs Weir agreed that the footpath map should be reintroduced enabling residents to see the shape of the Parish. The Chairman reiterated that Quality Council Status maintained HPC were obliged to produce 4 newsletters per year and HPC had formally agreed to publish issues May, August, November & February. He went on to say that the A5 size was an experiment that had to take place but did not work out. He wished to return a degree of flexibility within the Editorial Committee with regard to how many pages. Cllr Mrs Glynn said there was a group that was set up involving the Chairman of each Committee however that group did not meet and she had put together the last two issues. The Chairman stated the group needed to be called. He thanked Members for their comments and assured them that the Editorial Committee would be called in plenty of time for the next newsletter and at Council meeting in April it would liaise with Cllr Mrs Bateman to look at the current format.

Letter to Arriva re bus route 7 & 8 – Cllrs Mrs Heath and A James attended a meeting between RDC, ECC and Arriva. They reported that Arriva were stating that Hawkwell would only get an hourly service. Cllr Mrs Heath raised the issue of splitting the routes on the evening service which would provide both sides of Hawkwell with an evening service. Arriva responded that they would look at it but it would have to be proven that there was a need.

Members accepted the progress report.

6. **Financial Report:**

The Clerk went through the Financial Report which Members agreed and accepted.

7. **Wallasea Island – Proposal to create a new coastal nature reserve:**

The Clerk advised that the matter had been included as a perceived problem the potential thousands of visitors on the access roads in Hawkwell.

Cllr Mrs Glynn drew Members attention to the closing date. The Chairman said the information was ‘effectively for note at this stage’.

District Cllr Starke gave an account of the project having being briefed in his District Council capacity. He advised that it was a County Council matter; the letter had come before the District Council for their comments. The road structure was being taken up very strenuously by the County. To put Members minds at rest there will be only minimal road transport for the setting up or the building of the wetlands. Everything will be coming in by the sea, 99% by sea and it will be taken away by sea. The road infrastructure will purely be for visitors. Most of the spoil will be brought in from the cross rail tunnel diggings. District Council is concerned that there was to be a certain amount of soil that comes from dredging of the container port and there is a nasty contaminant known as ‘TBT’. The antifouling on the bottom of ships contains the ‘TBT’, not a problem at sea but in port this antifouling sinks to the bottom and is deadly to marine life. RDC is taking it up very seriously as it’s of great concern. No one was aware of this until they started to dig into it. District was very concerned that there should be plenty of consultation with the crouch harbour and residents. Residents in Canewdon are particularly

worried about this. RSPB are giving presentations and I have been assured by the RSBP if anyone wants a presentation they will be happy to come down and give a presentation.'

Cllr Mrs Weir felt the wetland was a lovely idea and not all the visitors predicted would come by road, she felt it was feasible that some would come by ferry from across the water.

Cllr Mrs Glynn added that it was not envisaged to be completed until 2016 to 2019, there were 5 stages of work and a 2 hour debate had taken place with all the Parishes.

RD Cllr Starke finalised that he was very supportive of it, 'it's a superb benefit to the District which will cost the residents very little and residents are supportive in principle.'

The Chairman thanked Councillors for their comments.

Cllr Mrs Glynn asked if it could be put as the Council's subject for HPC's Annual Meeting in May. The Chairman asked Members if they thought it was a good idea, they did and he asked the Clerk to make a note.

8. **Correspondence:**

1. **Letter from Stobart Group – Re Invitation to attend Stakeholder event (4th February):** Cllr James attended and gave an account of the presentation, short film, and PowerPoint display. 'They are hoping to supply more jobs in the area, Stobart are probably going to build the station and new tower themselves, they have removed the old terminal. The questions asked were about traffic on the B1013, they were not going to use the terminal for freight, in respect of A127 additional traffic – indication that they may put some money towards that. The possibility of working with Southend University. They dismissed the 'Boris Johnson' type airport, they confirmed that they have taken over the land they needed for the runway. Eastwoodbury Lane – no decisions but it would either be re-routed or a tunnel built. They categorically stated they would not be doing anything with the church.' District Cllr Starke added that at the moment there was lots of capacity for night flights, RDC were looking to put restrictions to cut night flights down between 11pm-6am. They are working to forestall the obvious criticisms.' The Chairman thanked them for their comments.
2. **Essex Police – Letter from new Divisional Commander, South Eastern Division:** Members noted.
3. **RDC – Opportunities to Learn and Develop: A Programme for Members 2008/9:** Cllr Mrs Glynn attended the Emergency Planning meeting and commented on the flooding issue, the Officer's presentation was excellent. She notified she is meeting the County Officer to go over issues of flooding. Cllr Mrs Glynn asked Members to look at the other dates and urged Members to go along to them. The Chairman asked Members to look at the other dates for Planning and Freedom of Information 11th and 24th March 2009, he felt they would be a useful tool and Members interested should get in touch with the Council.
4. **ECC Highways Dept – Letter re. Proposed Zebra Crossing & Removal of existing Zebra Crossing, Ashingdon Road, Rochford:** Cllr Mrs Glynn notified that the final decision would not be made until

after this week. Cllr Mrs Weir commented that they cost so much to install. Cllr Patient commented on the danger of children crossing to reach the Golden Cross shops. Cllr James reported residents had complained about children crossing dangerously and the feedback from the residents association he was involved in supported the move. Cllr Weir commented that County Council decided to put it there and he hoped they carry out more realistic research before installing crossings in the future.

5. **Invitation to attend 'The Probation Experience' – 21.2.09:** Members noted.
6. **ECC – Invitation to attend Chelmsford Cathedral Civic Service – 26.3.09:** The Chairman recommended with the permission of Council that Vice Chairman, Cllr Dickson be asked to attend. Members agreed.
7. **Communities and Local Government – Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – A consultation (available in office):** Members noted.
8. **Email from Chair of Rochford District Youth Council:** The Chairman asked Members if they would like to invite Natasha Reynolds to a future meeting, Members agreed and he asked the Clerk to note.
9. **NHS South East Essex – Draft Strategic Plan – 'The Next Five Years':** Members noted this was available in the office. Cllr James notified that he and Cllr Mrs Heath attended the meetings with the Hospital Service, one in January and another in June and he suggested they could relay the points. Cllr Leach thanked them for the offer and asked them to feed the information via the Clerk.
10. **ECC – Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Public Consultation January to March 2009 – (Available in office):** Members noted.

The Chairman read through the list of information available in the office and Members noted.

9. **Receive Committee/Working Party Reports since last meeting:**
Parks Committee:
Cllr Holmes as Chairman of Parks moved that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2009 be accepted, this was agreed.
10. **Representative Reports:**
Hockley & Hawkwell Old Peoples Welfare committee – Cllr Mrs Weir was unable to attend as the meeting clashed with the Hawkwell Village Hall AGM on the same evening.
Rochford Old Peoples Welfare committee – Cllr Dickson had given his apologies therefore no update was available.
Rochford Hundred Assn of Local Councils – Cllr Mrs Dorrell was unable to attend and Cllr Dickson had given his apologies therefore no update was available.
Hawkwell Village Hall – Cllr Mrs Weir attended the AGM. She reported there was a new Chairman, Mr Giles, a new constitution for which there were

28 days to raise any queries on it, the annual accounts and 2 more heating units were to be installed.

Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall MC – Cllr Mrs Chippette attended a meeting, she reported usual vandalism and a donation request was made to Ashingdon Parish Council. Ashingdon Parish Council and HPC would look at helping them but nothing could be done without the accounts and the treasurer was having problems with getting the accounts finalised.

Public Transport Liaison Group – Cllr Mrs Weir – no meeting.

Partnership to Success: Crime & Disorder – Cllr James reported a meeting on the 16th February 2009.

Parish Plan: Moribund.

Neighbourhood Action Panel – Cllr Mrs Heath attended meeting and reported they were keeping an eye on vehicles being parked on verges. Date of next meeting - 10th February 2009.

Central Area Committee – Cllr Mrs Weir reported there would be a meeting next week.

School Governing Bodies:

Holt Farm Infants School – Cllr Mrs Chippette had attended subcommittees and there was nothing to report.

Holt Farm Junior School – Cllr Mrs Dorrell reported the meeting scheduled the previous week had been cancelled.

11. **Payment of Accounts:**

Members accepted and agreed the Payment of Accounts.

12. **Summary of Decisions Taken:**

- **Youth Project** - Email from Scott Irvine regarding decorating to be passed to General Purposes.
- **Massive** – Item to be removed from action list and brought back on in November 2009.
- **Newsletter** - Editorial Committee to be called in time for the next newsletter and at Council meeting in April it would liaise with Cllr Mrs Bateman to look at the format.
- **Wallasea Island - Proposal to create a new coastal nature reserve** – The Clerk to note the above to be put forward as the subject for HPC’s Annual Meeting in May.
- **ECC – Invitation to attend Chelmsford Cathedral Civic Service – 26.3.09:** Vice Chairman, Cllr Dickson to be asked to attend.
- **Email from Chair of Rochford District Youth Council:** To be invited to a future meeting, Clerk to note.

Chairman