

EXTON AND HORN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of **EXTON & HORN Parish Council** held on **Wednesday 2nd October 2019** in the Village Hall at 7 pm

1. **Present:** Derek Palmer [Chairman], John Pitts [Vice Chairman], Harry Campden, Tommy Cooper, Terry Connolly, Lynne Cundy Jones, David Healey, Paul Taylor
2. **Apologies:** Paul Dadford
3. **In attendance :** Annette Oliver, Clerk, June Fox RCC Councillor
4. **Declarations of Interest:** Harry Campden Item 8 D, Item 14
5. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held 4th September 2019 **confirmed**
6. **Matters arising from Minutes not on agenda:** Chairman and Vice Chairman attended function Kendrew Barracks welcoming Desert Rats 7th Infantry Brigade and HQ East
7. **Correspondence:** **a]** Citizens Advice AGM 7th October **b]** Home Instead leaflets: Whats on Guide activities clubs for older adults- noticeboard **c]** reminder received from Better Care Together, no take up **d]** Neighbourhood Watch recommending free Rutland NHW Smartphone App, concerns falling level of police support, noted no longer representative in Exton since Mr Goodey's retirement, funding required. Suggest £100 donation in line with usual Citizens Advice donation **e]** Bus Users group meeting 8th October – noted in Newsletter **f]** RCC Annual report 2018/19 www.rutland.gov.uk/annualreport **g]**Footpath Assoc Guide/news **h]**Mobile Library new schedule-noticeboard, **i]** Action notes from Quarterly Parish Clerk Operational Meeting included reference to LCC action :*List of 'assets' for each Parish/Town to be reviewed with each Parish, please note this will take time to work through....* Also Climate Change Emergency: next meeting to include talk including re Ash Die Back – action plan www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment **j]** Lincolnshire CC invitation, input into ' Road Safety on the A1' workshop 8th October **k]** Clr T Cooper produced information/plan etc. received regarding amendment to Anglian Water boundaries for Rutland Water, Clerk had not been advised. Cllr Fox to remind RCC Barnsdale part of Exton & Horn parish and should have been notified.
8. **Highways:**

A]Report from J Fox, regarding meeting with Lucy Stephenson [Uppingham CC representing RCC Highways], as nobody from department available to monitor damage to local roads, verges, as a result of A606 works. Vehicles using the Drift and other narrow Exton roads at speed and with undue care. Ms Stephenson will report back to RCC. Chairman raised parking near school and had hoped to meet with Cllr Stephenson re this and other issues. J Fox suggested 'walking bus' method; Also Coach Road which last advised from Robyn Green, RCC was feasibility study September. Opportunity taken to include during the visit other items of concern: flooding Cottesmore Road near Bakery, flooding at bridge The Brooks. It appears residents have received letters from Shaun Field of RCC who has inspected the village for overgrown hedges etc. Mrs Veasey 3 Campden Close had very abrasive conversation with writer; as her hedge cut only 6 weeks ago, seen by Chairman and Clerk who both felt hedge completely fine. Ms Stephenson taken photos and will speak with department concerned. Now known others in village received similar communication. Resident advised to be addressed within 30 days. [Note householders in other villages also been written to].

Resolved await outcome from either RCC or J Fox

B] road, potholes, etc. [see minutes last meeting] had been raised by Clerk with Highways who had sent following response: *"We have now inspected the site/s and no planned repair is necessary at this stage. Please be assured that we will continue to inspect in line with our Highway Safety Inspection Policy. Thank you for reporting this matter and this report is now closed."* Council thought disappointing communication and considered the issues raised with roads were more important than the hedges and more in keeping with the Highways remit.

C] letter from Cottesmore resident re speed limit on Burley Hill part of Oakham Road B668 re reducing from 50 to 40 mph.

Resolved June Fox to discuss with County Councillor for Cottesmore.

D] Discussion regarding parking issues in the village along Oakham Road caused by the last Brocante organised by the residents of Yew Tree House. Chairman also commented with regard to parking when funerals held in the church. Advised appropriate to use No Parking notices outside the property to ensure householders privacy and access on such occasions as it is private ground. The project is a business venture and parking is not possible at the premises due to the one way access. Villagers often more tolerant when a village project benefits and notice given.

Resolved Clerk to write to residents to ask if more consideration could be given to the effect of parking on Oakham Road on the access and exit to the village when the Christmas Brocante is planned for 9th November.

9. **RCC: Parish Council representatives on RCC Conduct Committee:** letter from RCC
Resolved : no nominations

10. **RCC: Snow Wardens:** RCC application form received in keeping with last years initiative. Clerk had seen Mr Peter Healey who fulfilled the appointment last year and he was in agreement to continue.
Resolved Mr Peter Healey to be confirmed as Snow Warden. Clerk to initiate admin.

11. **Village Hall update:** Vice Chairman, Cllr Harry Campden and Clerk had met Chairman and Treasurer of Village Hall Monday 30th September to discuss concerns shown with regard to the Parish Council's request to have sight of insurance documents.[see previous Minutes]. The meeting had been short and amicable and agreement reached. The Clerk had received a copy of the current insurance document.
Resolved the Village Hall Committee will pass on to the Parish Council each year a copy of the insurance document.

12. **Playpark/Spinney/Green spaces update funding:** Clerk had this morning met with representative of the 'Healthy Rutland Grant' scheme and visited both sites. The play park looks very tired but is a great space for the children to play. Some new equipment would certainly enhance. The roundabout that caused an injury is in perfect repair although of the older style and not ground flat. Some newer equipment with or without adult exercise would be a great improvement. A little painting has been done to enhance with colour. The weather has been detrimental to progress. With regard to the Spinney the Clerk explained the work that had been already done and the donations of plants being slowly introduced.
The outcome of the discussion was that in the opinion of the representative it would be far more likely the PC would receive support for the Spinney than the Playpark. Advice on how to proceed with fresh application was received. PC discussed the matter and were surprised the Spinney project was considered a more viable project than the playpark. [Clerk had explained to the fund representative the PC's funding commitment to Town pump work which was Grade II listed.]
Resolved Cllr J Fox to make enquiries with the fund and ascertain why the play park has not received the support.

13. **Town Pump update:** Clerk had been unable to speak personally to the Director of Skillwork were contracted to begin work in November. Advised by member of staff that obviously the weather has had knock on effect of various jobs.
Resolved Clerk to try and maintain contact with the company to ensure work begins as soon as possible.

14. **Planning:**
2019/0609/FUL Hambleton Bakery. Re arrangement of buildings vis agricultural ground: PC supported

H Campden advised planning application in pipeline for converting Horn House to two residences, this had been applied for some time ago but at present Clerk confirmed the PC had not been contacted.

Resolved future planning applications Clerk would advise RCC Reference number and email Councillors to allow them to refer to all the plans and other documents on line. Should a Councillor prefer to have paper copy Clerk would provide.

15. **Payments:**
Internet payment: Clerks Salary £544.27

16. Any Other Business: Cllr Connolly produced estimate from IMI re War Memorial Cleaning. Bring to next meeting. £1830 [NB VAT can be reclaimed]
Next meeting 6th November 2019