MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE HILL COURT COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIN STREET, BUSHBY, ON MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018, AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT
Members: Mrs P Chamberlain (Chair), Mrs A Burrell, Mrs E Derrick, Mrs K Goodacre, Mr H Gopsill and Mrs S Johnstone.
Clerk: Mrs S Bloy
Members of the Public: Mr R Mugglestone (Midlands Rural Housing) was in attendance for agenda item 18/59 (Housing Needs Survey).

ACTION

18/53 CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL
It was proposed by Mrs P Chamberlain and seconded by Mr H Gopsill that Mrs K Goodacre be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was RESOVED. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed by Mrs Goodacre and witnessed by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council. Mrs Goodacre took part in the remainder of the meeting as a member of the Parish Council.

18/54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies for absence were received from County/District Cllr Mr S Galton and District Cllr Mr P Elliott.

18/55 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION FROM MEMBERS ON MATTERS IN WHICH THEY HAVE A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST
There were no requests for dispensation.

18/56 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018
The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

18/57 MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION
Minute 18/48 - it was reported that despite the bad weather, 10 people had taken part in the village litter pick on 17 March. Residents in attendance had expressed concern regarding ongoing fly tipping at Telford Way.
Minute 18/49(b) - it was reported that litter picking of rural roads by HDC was removed from the contract with LCC in 2014. There are limited resources for litter picking in particular trouble spots.

18/58 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
There were no matters raised by members of the public.

18/59 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY
The Chair welcomed Mr R Mugglestone for this item. Mr Mugglestone gave a brief presentation to the report, noting that data from the HDC Housing Register is still to be incorporated. The importance of ensuring that residents are aware of the need to register with HDC for rental/shared ownership properties was stressed. In addition, it was noted that the survey had confirmed the need for market bungalows within the parish.

18/60 GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate potential dates for a meeting.
18/61 CLERK’S REPORT
The following planning decisions were reported:
18/00225/CLU – Certificate of lawfulness (6 Jasmine Way, Thurnby). Permitted
development.
18/00914/TPO – works to trees (HDC TPO 147, 62 Dalby Avenue, Bushby).
APPROVED.
18/00201/TPO – works to trees (LCC TPO 6, 40 Hollies Way, Thurnby). APPROVED
by LCC.
In addition, it was reported that the Parish Council had been invited to nominate a
representative to attend a Remembrance Day planning event at County Hall on 30
April 2018, 6.30 – 8.30 pm. It was agreed that Mrs E Derrick would attend.

18/62 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS
There was nothing to report.

18/63 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LRALC
It was proposed by Mrs E Derrick and seconded by Mrs A Burrell that the Parish
Council would renew its membership of the LRALC. This was RESOLVED.

18/64 FINANCIAL MATTERS
a) Payments and purchases – it was proposed by Mr H Gopsill and seconded by Mrs
A Burrell that the following be approved. This was RESOLVED.

Payments
i) Quick Cabs (taxibus) – £42.00
ii) ICP Cleaning Services (Hill Court – 5 weeks) - £153.00 (127.50 + 25.50 VAT)
iii) Harborough District Council (1 month planned maintenance) - £116.68
iv) LRALC (membership fees NALC and LRALC) - £538.09
v) Soar Valley Press (Printing of flyer) - £45.30
vi) Groundwork UK (return of unused Locality Grant) - £1,050.00
vii) Simon Harwood (set up and take down festive lights) - £210.00
viii) HMRC (NI and PAYE) - £885.69
ix) DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd (payroll) - £30.00 (25.00 + 5.00 VAT)
 x) S R Bloy (salary) - £1,245.41
 xi) S R Bloy (reimbursement for purchases) £36.48

Direct debits
i) ESPO (gas supply, February)- £69.22
ii) Total Gas and Power (Electricity) - £31.43
iii) HDC (refuse collection) - £27.23
iv) ESPO (gas supply, March) - £62.63
 v) Service charge - £18.00
vi) EMH Homes (service charge) – 149.20
vii) BT (Clerk and Hill Court) - £144.63

Purchases
i) Doorbell for Hill Court – approximately £20.00
ii) Addition of emptying nappy and sanitary bins monthly at Hill Court (£225.00
annual charge) to contract with ICP Cleaning Services
iii) HDC (renewal of monthly refuse collection) - £194.79 annual charge
b) Bank Mandate - it was proposed by Mr H Gopsill and seconded by Mrs A Burrell
that the following changes be made to the banking arrangements:
 Mrs S Johnstone - view and submit on-line payments.
 Mrs A Derrick, Mrs K Goodacre and Mr J King be added as signatories and to
view and authorise on-line payments.

c) Bank charges – it was reported that Unity Trust have notified that there will be an
increase in bank charges from June 2018, due to the increase in the Parish Council’s credit turnover. The Clerk had requested that this be reviewed as the increase in credit had been due to the one-off s106 grant from HDC. A response is awaited. 

18/65 PLANNING APPLICATIONS
Mrs A Burrell did not take part in this agenda item other than to provide advice.
a) 18/00459/FUL – erection of single storey rear extension (21 Devenports Hill, Bushby). NEUTRAL with no comments.
b) 18/00524/FUL – erection of two storey side and rear extension (52A Main Street, Bushby). NEUTRAL with no comments.
c) 18/00552/FUL – erection of upgraded entrance gates to dwelling (63 Station Road, Thurnby). NEUTRAL with no comments.
d) 18/00559/FUL – erection of two storey side extension (73 Telford Way, Thurnby). NEUTRAL with no comments.
It was proposed by Mr J King and seconded by Mr H Gopsill that the above decisions be approved. This was RESOLVED.

18/66 PLANNING APPLICATION 18/00312/OUT – LAND AT CHARITY FARM, BUSHBY
It was noted that a drop in for residents is to be held on Saturday 21 April 2018, between 10.00 and 12.00, at the Hill Court Community Centre and that the deadline for comments on the application by the Parish Council has been extended to 15 May 2018.

18/67 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT
Enforcement cases in Thurnby and Bushby were noted.

18/68 APPEAL DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE
a) Planning Appeal ref APP/F2415/Z/17/3190648 – Thurnby Reform Church, 720 Uppingham Road, Thurnby. It was noted that the appeal had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.
b) Public Footpath Diversion Order ref ROW/3182219 – Footpath D19 (Part) Pulford Drive, Thurnby. It was reported that the Planning Inspectorate had not confirmed the Order. This will now to be considered by the Highways Authority.

18/69 HARBOROUGH LOCAL PLAN 2011-2031
It was noted that the above was submitted to the Secretary of State on 16 March 2018.

18/70 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR THURNBY AND BUSHBY
It was noted that a meeting of the NP Steering Group is scheduled for 2 May 2018 at which the Group will consider the outcomes of the Community Engagement event and the Stakeholder workshop and agree next steps. The final report on the Locality Grant awarded to the Parish Council, as previously circulated was noted. It was noted that a new round of Locality funding has been opened and agreed that the Clerk should prepare a bid for further funding.

18/71 MADE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL
It was noted that the Houghton-on-the-Hill neighbourhood plan has been made, following a referendum.

18/72 HIGHWAYS MATTERS
a) Grange Lane pedestrian safety scheme – it was noted that Mrs E Derrick, Mr S Galton and the Clerk are to meet on 17 April 2018 to progress this issue.
b) Conversion of street lights owned by the Parish Council to LED – it was reported that a site visit has been held and that all four lights are convertible. Further details and costs are to follow.
c) Parking enforcement at Fernvale and St Luke’s schools – a request has been
placed for enforcement presence at the schools.
d) School buses – this is being pursued by the Clerk. In the meantime, Mrs E Derrick brought the Parish Council’s attention to an article in the Leicester Mercury dated 4 April concerning the County council school transport policy.

18/73 EARLY HELP REVIEW
Concern was expressed at the impact on families in Harborough District in general and Thurnby and Bushby in particular and their access to the proposed revised services. The Parish has already undergone severe reductions in public transport provision and this is likely to be cut further. As a consequence there would be a reliance on travelling by car or taxi, which may be unaffordable to those families who are in greatest need of support. It was agreed that the Clerk should submit this to the review. **Clerk**

18/74 LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN REVIEW
Responses to the above were agreed for submission by the Clerk. **Clerk**

18/75 LCC CONSULTATION ON A NEW PASSENGER TRANSPORT POLICY AND STRATEGY
Mr H Gopsill gave a brief verbal report on the briefing session held at County Hall. It was agreed that the consultation be considered by the GPC for recommendation to the next meeting of the Parish Council. It was noted that a meeting of the 747 Bus Group is being called to consider the consultation. **GPC**

18/76 HARBOROUGH DISTRICT PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY
It was noted that the above was endorsed by the HDC Executive and has been referred to the Full Council for adoption at its meeting on 9 April 2018. **Clerk**

18/77 DOG AND LITTER BINS
An initial report on the removal of remaining dog bins; the use of dual purpose litter bins; and, the provision of replacement/additional litter bins was received. It was agreed that the Clerk should pursue this in conjunction with Mr J Kemp at HDC. **Clerk**

18/78 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS
It was reported that this is ongoing. **Clerk**

18/79 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
a) Report from tree wardens – there was nothing to report.
b) Litter – this had been covered elsewhere in the agenda. **Clerk**

18/80 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
It was agreed that the following be included on the next agenda:
- LCC Consultation on a New Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy.
- Consideration of HDC’s response to the revised NPPF.
- LCC Remembrance Day Planning Event held to be attended Mrs E Derrick.

18/81 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 May 2018, commencing at 7.00 pm at the Hill Court Community Centre. It was noted that this is the Annual Parish Council meeting at which the Chair and Vice-Chair are elected for the next twelve months.

The meeting closed at 21.00

Chair, 14 May 2018