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**Minutes of a Meeting of Highnam Parish Council**

**held in The Old School on Tuesday 14 June 2016**

Present: Cllrs: M Welch, D Davies, M Moir, C Coats, C Shuttleworth, A Smith, T Talbot &

Y Watkins

In Attendance: R Hicks (Clerk), Cllr P Awford and 9 members of the public

Public Forum:

Report was made of road traffic signs in Highnam being obscured by overgrown hedging; also low hanging branches on the Oak tree at the Maidenhall corner adjacent to No.90;Question was asked about the wildflower patches;Request made for more daffodils to be ordered for planting;Fence leading into playing field reported as broken;Stile leading to Monkey Back is broken again;A tree has fallen across the footpath in Lassington Wood near tree no.4285;Flooding still occurs on the footpath leading to Barn Ground;Comment made reference Solar Farms;Questions were asked about the proposed Oakridge development,regarding access across TBC land,where does PC stand,and complaint that Planning notices were inadequate;Report that there was flooding again at Highnam traffic lights following heavy rain

1. To receive apologies for absence

None

2. To Co-opt Councillor

None available

3. To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 May 2016

The minutes were received by the Chair and signed as an accurate record.

4. Members of the Council are invited to declare any interest they may have in the

business set out below

Cllr Coats declared an interest at agenda item 17, 16/00476/FUL

5. To allow dispensations

Dispensation was approved for Cllr Coats to speak at agenda item 17

6. To receive County Councillor’s Report

Cllr Awford reported that there was a new Highways Officer for Highnam, Rhodri Grey. He was hoping that some attention would be given to litter etc on A40, and also to Highnam. Traffic Inspector reports and infrastructure were being challenged. Requests made for more work on A40 and attention to flooding at Highnam traffic lights were reported to Cllr Awford

7. To receive District Councillor’s Report

Cllr Davies provided some details on the Inspectors’ report on JCS and the increases

in numbers being recommended. However the recommendation was also made that

the extra houses should mainly be centred on Tewkesbury Town, and should not

impact the Service villages

8. To receive Clerks Report

Clerk reported that Highnam PCC had made a contribution of £150 towards the Halls

Car Park works

9. To consider request from Churcham Parish Council

Request had been received for support for a proposal to ask for a footpath/cycleway

from Highnam Roundabout to Churcham Garage. Cllr Talbot proposed, Cllr Coats

seconded a proposal to offer support; all were in favour

10. To discuss Capital Projects

a. Playing Field – it was reported progress was being made with these proposals

b. Quotes for footpaths – details were given of quotes received. After discussion a

proposal was put by Cllr Watkins, seconded Cllr Moir that the quote from Moat

Contracting be accepted for the work on footpath at Brimsome Meadow and from

Williams Orchard to Park Brake area. A vote showed all in favour

11. To discuss NDP

A response from Elin Tattersall and Michael Jones has been sought; case officer

Paul Hardiman has set out 3 options for consideration; Cllr Coats proposed that we

defer any decision until we have received further information, and a meeting held

with TBC; Advice was that NDP must fit with both Local Plan and JCS. After

discussion the feeling was that it was better to have a Plan, rather than no plan

12. To discuss Oakridge Development Proposal

At the previous public consultation, 119 of 133 responses were opposed to this

development. Currently there are over 100 objections logged on TBC web site to this

application. Discussion pointed to many points for objection to the application; Cllr

Coats proposed that Council strongly object, seconded by Cllr Moir; all voted in

favour. Cllr Coats will provide the detailed objection for submission to TBC

13. To discuss Crime

Smart Water can be provded through Parish Council, or residents can purchase. A note

will be put in Link

14. To discuss purchase of additional Litter Bins

Cllr Talbot will report in detail at July meeting

15. To discuss Fun Day

Will be held on 26 June 2016; volunteers are still being sought to man stalls

16.To receive and comment on Planning Applications

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| 16/00476/FUL | Mr & Mrs Wade | 1 Farthing Croft, GL2 8EQ | First floor side extension |
| 16/00486/OUT | R Keene & Sons | Over Farm | Outline application for 40 dwellings, land south of Oakridge |

Discussion of 16/00476/FUL had support and objection to the application; a vote taken was 4 to 1 that Council object to the application

16/00486/OUT had been discussed at Item 12 and decision taken to object; A question was asked whether a petition would carry any weight - response was that individual objections would be more use

17. Finance - to approve invoices for payment

- to approve accounting statements for 2015/6 for submission to Audit

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| **RBS a/c** | | | Power | | | Amount |
| 11 May 2016 | Loop Scorpio | 000213 | | 12 | £ 57.00 | |
| 16 May 2016 | Mainstream Digital | DD | | 12 | £ 4.31 | |
| 28 May 2016 | Admin Costs | S/o | | 13 | £ 372.49 | |
| 14 June 2016 | Glebe Gardening | 000207 | | 4 | £ 170.00 | |
| 14 June 2016 | Bucklands | 000215 | | 28 | £ 118.84 | |
| 14 June 2016 | Boston Seeds | 000216 | | 4 | £ 30.00 | |
| 14 June 2016 | C Shuttleworth | 000217 | | 19 | £ 200.00 | |
| 14 June 2016 | Glebe Gardening | 000218 | | 4 | £ 272.00 | |
| 14 June 2016 | HCCT | 000219 | | 29 | £ 15.00 | |
| 14 June 2016 | GAPTC | 000220 | | 6 | £ 192.60 | |

Detailed accounts had been circulated, and a proposal by Cllr Coats, seconded by Cllr Moir that they be approved and submitted to Audit Commission was approved by all

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| **Bank reconciliation May 2016** | | | |
| **RBS Account** | | | |
| Bank Balance at 29 April 2016 | £65,999.16 | Payments May 2016 | £1,755.79 |
|  |  | Outstanding Cheques | £232.00 |
| Receipts May 2016 | £0.00 | Restricted funds | £23,836.06 |
|  |  | **Available Balance** | £40,215.93 |
|  |  | **Bank Balance 1 June 2016** | £64,243.37 |
|  |  | **Petty Cash on hand** | £40.62 |
|  |  | **Total Balance** | £64,283.99 |
| **Restricted funds in RBS a/c** |  |  |  |
| **Project Reserves** | £13,269.25 |  |  |
| **Council Reserves** | £10,000.00 |  |  |
| **NDP Reserves** | £366.81 |  |  |
| **Fun Day Proceeds** | £200.00 |  |  |
|  | £23,836.06 |  |  |

19. Residual Items

1. Question was asked about frequency of grass cutting in the village

2. Question regarding misappropriate use of the animal roundhouse at Over Farm was

raised

3. Flooding at the top of Lassington Lane, at junction with Maidenhall was reported as

needing action

4. Dog fouling was again reported as getting worse

5. A Patient Participation Group has been formed at Highnam Surgery; Cllr Talbot is to

attend as Parish Council representative

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Next meeting : 12 July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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