

HISTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of meeting held at St Andrews Centre, School Hill, Histon, Monday 14th May 2018

Present: Andy Butcher (Chairman)

Note taker: Chelsea O'Brien

Histon Residents: Marian Cleaver, Walter Davey, Elaine Farrell, Cedric Foster, Ashley Gordon, Stephen Hunt, Don Kelly (Speaker) Dan Mace (Speaker), Lynda Marsh, Max Parish (Speaker), Jean Newman (Speakers), Ruth Moulder (Speaker) plus 7 residents

Impington Residents: Aga Cahn, Martin Cahn, Pippa Heylings, Brian Ing, Simon Jocelyn, David Legge, Denis Payne, Pene Nudds (Speaker), Oliver Sellen, Josephine Teague, Alison Turnbull (Speaker), plus 2 residents

Non-residents: Sergeant Emma Hilson

1 **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION BY CHAIRMAN**

The Parish meetings were held concurrently. Andy Butcher, Chairman of Histon & Impington Parish Council welcomed all to the 124th Annual Parish Meeting of Histon Parish. Mrs O'Brien had agreed to take minutes.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Geoff Moore, Neil Davies, David Jenkins, Edd Stonham

3 **MINUTES OF THE 123rd ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th May 2017**

No matters raised, Chair signed the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting

4 **CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT**

Chairman presented slideshow, highlighting aspects from full report, covering:

- Village of The Year success
- A14 Improvement Scheme and impact on the Villages
- Junior School expansion
- Community Park Project – Milton Road
- Neighbourhood Plan progress
- Development in the villages, affordable housing

Full version of the Chairs report will be available on the website and hard copies in the Library.

5 **PRESENTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2017-18**

Slideshow projected to all showing interim end of year accounts. Full report will be available on the website and hard copies in the Library. A supporting item will also be published in the June edition of the Hisimp News.

Question: Dan Mace, resident of Histon - Does the feedback from Neighbourhood Plan survey reflect with what is planned for environmental spend?

Answer: Andy Butcher outlined, data collected from the Neighbourhood Plan Survey was listened to and worked through the relevant Committees for review and implement projects

6 **SPEAKERS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS AND OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST**

Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Sergeant Emma Hill

Sergeant Emma Hilson, outlined her new role as part of the Histon area Policing Team, following 10 years serving Cambridge City, Sergeant Hilson outlined:

- Reassurance following a recent policing review; with the aim of more officers being visible/available

- 3 departments: Response; Investigation; Neighbourhood
- Neighbourhood policing orientated structure
- Police Community Support Officers: Bujar Mani, Tom Bough, Joe Haylock
- PCSO Tony Martin covers Orchard Park
- Encouraged community involvement, speedwatch, volunteer work, eyes and ears
- Report local incidents on 101 or online
- Role of PCSO as community support not investigators
- Community resilience

Elaine Farrell, Histon residents queried if any there are any plans to re-start the Police Panel Meetings – Sergeant Hilson confirmed no plans are currently in place
Pippa Heyling, Impington resident highlighted the need for community resilience and welcomed Sergeant Hilson to attend the next Sustainability Group event

Enviro.Volunteers, Pene Nudds

Pene Nudds, organiser of the enviro.volunteers briefed on just a few of the projects the volunteers have undertaken in the villages, including:

- Chipping footpaths
- Dead hedging
- Compost Bins
- Relocation of Crossing Keepers Hut
- Events, Santas Grotto, Halloween
- Creation of flower beds
- Work with Cubs planting trees

Future aspirations for a partnership working with the A14 Action Group. Pene invited all to attend sessions, for more details email enviro@hisimp.net

Histon & Impington Sustainability Group, Ruth Moulder

Ruth Moulder, member of the Sustainability Group updated on recent works of the group in the villages, including:

- Wildflower verges
- Community Allotment at Gatehouse Road
- Hedgehog bridges, working in collaboration with Histon Brownies
- 'Weed Whackers' – led by Cedric Foster
- Repair Cafes
- Film Events – 'Demain'
- Socials and Brunches
- Food Festival with Histon & Impington Community Orchard

Future aspirations:

- Reduce plastics, and takeaway containers (polystyrene)
- Encourage recycling
- Village car sharing
- Energy saving focus

Presentation will be available on the website

HICOM (Histon & Impington Community, Don Kelly and Jean Newman

Don Kelly, Chairman HICOM and Jean Newman, Older Persons Co-Ordinator detailed the works of the village-based charity which employs both the village Older Persons Co-Ordinator and the Mental Wellbeing Champion as well as operating the village minibus. Don outlined:

- New appointment of Mental Wellbeing Champion
- New minibus, trips include: Exercise activities, clubs, shopping trips, attend appointments, social outings
- Community use of minibus
- Ask Jean

HICOP (Histon & Impington**Community Orchard), Dan Mace**

Active member of HICOM, Dan Mace presented slideshow of the heritage of community orchards and progression of the community orchard from the first planting of trees in 2013

- The variety of apples and pears chosen for the community orchard allows for picking 11 months of the year
- 71 trees planted to date
- Wildlife haven, bug hotels
- Community events, including wassail, apple juicing
- Open invite to upcoming event in partnership with RSPB – Bird in Hand Breakfast 30th June

Pippa Heylings, Impington resident enquired the current land usage at Manor Park and options for additional open space for the community orchard.

Brian Ing, Impington resident informed of land in the ownership of Histon & Impington Parish Council, with a 99 year lease with a sub-lease to HICOP.

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Parish Council Public Art Working Party, Pene Nudds and Alison Turnbull

Pene Nudds and Alison Turnbull briefed on:

- Requirements for spending of Section 106 monies
- How the Parish Council receives S106 funding through developments
- Need for public art to be functional
- Projects to date include: Homefield Park Gates, Quacky Races, graffiti project, Samba
- Aspirations for refurbishment of BT phone box Milton Road, re-location of Tithe Barn aisle post
- Appointment of artist for upcoming project 'Theories of Home'
- Fundraising opportunities for match funding of project
- Upcoming workshops/engagement activities, village displays
- Recent planning permission for glazed pavilion, Homefield Park – meeting place, entertainment venue

Resident of Histon, highlighted Open Studios in the villages as opportunity to exhibit. Alison clarified the need for artist working on public art to be engaged with the community, community engagement is part of the criteria for S106 spending.

Alison invited all to attend a meet and greet session with newly appointed artist Charlotte 23rd May on The Green

Poors Land Charity, Max Parish

Max Parish, Trustee of the Poors Land Charity provided a detailed timeline and progression of the charity dating back to 1649, when it was founded. Further information included:

- Founded in 1649, land was donated by a local land owner
- Site form 5 separate parcels totalling 3.6 acres
- 3 Trustees from the Parish Council and 3 from the Church
- 1889 divided into 26 allotment gardens
- Rent from the allotments was used to purchase coal for widows born in Histon, gifted at Christmas time
- 2004, the Charity changed its rules to include residents of Impington and updated its remit to include those in hardship, need or distress
- Active support for village charities with the same aim, Mobile Warden Scheme, Older Persons Co-Ordinator
- 2018 changed the Charity name to Histon and Impington Town Charity

Following questions regarding remit, Max clarified open to all residents of Histon and Impington in hardship, need or distress regardless of age.

Full presentation will be available on the website

7 OPEN FORUM

Don Kelly, resident of Histon – praised the speakers and good use of annual parish meeting to highlight the work of a variety of community groups in Histon and Impington

There being no further matters raised, meeting was closed at 9:20pm