

Minutes – Village Meeting - Wednesday 4th October 2017.

Present: Megan Ward, Andy Hall, Anna Davies, Ralph Davies, Margaret Huxtable, Harold Huxtable, Caroline Bradford, David Bradford, Mark Austerfield, Linda Clark, Nick Mayfield, Claire Lightbody, Jonathan Lightbody, Vanya Green, John Wilson, Lindy Wilson, Liz Laine, Fi Thompson.

Apologies: Jim and Jenny Piercy, Louise and Bill Lipman, Alison Hall, Lisa Parkes, Nev Ward.

Meeting opened at 7.35pm.

Planning application 17/01641/FUL – Andy clarified that the notification we had received was for amendments on an application that had already been approved. It was agreed that it wasn't something we needed to discuss further.

Gateway signs – Andy has been in discussion with SHOCK in regards to funding a further 2 signs so that there is a new gateway sign at each entrance to the village and SHOCK have kindly agreed to fund 50% of the extra 2 signs. We have been given permission from Highways to have 4 signs and to move them further out of the village to give more notice to slow traffic. The other 50% therefore would need to be paid for by the village. Ralph asked to clarify if the signs would be on both sides of the road and Andy confirmed that it would be 1 sign on 1 side of the road on each entrance. Jonathan asked about added costs for the erection of the signs etc and Andy confirmed that the erection was included in the price, the only addition to cost there may be is if we decided on more intricate artwork. The cost to the village would be approximately £2000. A vote was taken and the vote was unanimously in favour of funding the signs.

Andy suggested a simple design for the signs with the Name of the village along with a statement similar to 'Sustainable Hockerton welcomes safe drivers'. Discussion of what picture would be suitable took place and it was decided that the landscape of the village with the church in the foreground and the turbine seen behind would be ideal.

Liz Laine spoke about the focus on carbon savings by SHOCK and the current scheme to provide homeowners with £500 towards insulation. This is something that will need to be discussed with SHOCK before any work is carried out. Also, there will be opportunity to have thermographic imaging done to determine where heat is being lost in your home. The £200 funding for energy saving within the home is still also available. For more information or to request the funding please email: enquiries@sustainablehockerton.org or visit: <http://sustainablehockerton.org/500-offer-to-insulate-hockertons-homes/>.

Thank you to Andy, Ralph and Jonathan for distributing all the wheelie bin signs. Please do make sure you use them, the more out there the better for slowing traffic.

SHOCK are funding verge cutting on the outskirts of the village towards Southwell and Andy has agreed with Nev to do the rest of the village's verges at the same time.

Jonathan raised the ongoing issue of getting land owners to cut hedges back, especially that at the Kirklington end of the village. Andy is doing all he can in terms of the council dealing with it but it is a long process. We are hopeful that action will be taken soon. The only other action that could be taken is that individuals could try writing to the homeowner to ask for the hedges to be cut.

In discussion of the use of our village website it is clear that not enough people are currently using the website and there are ways that this could be improved. It is decided that the details of village meetings will be available on the website and noticeboards and not via email along with other announcements. Andy raised the discussion of cost of the website. Jonathan not only runs the website but until now has very kindly funded the setting up and running costs of the website and this no longer seems right. Andy asked for a vote to decide if the village is happy to pay the £100 per annum for the website, the vote was unanimously in favour of the village paying this cost.

Andy has restocked the phonebox library but it needs someone to be responsible for a monthly clean up and organisation of it. Vanya kindly offered to be our village librarian.

Lindy and Brian have kindly offered to take responsibility for checking the battery status of the defibrillator.

Caroline asked about an update on the fibre broadband coming to Hockerton. Lindy has been informed that it is due to go live in a fortnight and that a sticker will be put on the box once it is live.

Anna suggested another ladies night, possibly end of October/ beginning of November.

The question was also raised if we would be having a Christmas party again. Andy will be away this year. We could speak to Mel and Tom at the pub about sorting a party. It was suggested that maybe it could be a January party instead of a Christmas party as December is a very busy month.

The next meeting will need to be the AGM and Andy has some details of a development proposal for the land next to the village hall which will need to be discussed. The date for this will be Tuesday 17th October.

Meeting closed at 8.45