**Hart Parish Council**

**Minutes of meeting held at 6.45 pm on Monday 5 February 2018 at Hart Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs. T. Britcliffe, K. Brown, F. Lancaster, K. Park

**In Attendance:** M. West, Clerk

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Beck, Geddes and Littlefair
2. **Public Forum:** No members of public present.
3. **Declarations of Interests:** None
4. **Minutes of 8th January 2018:** Item 7, Ward Councillor’s Report amended, at Cllr Beck’s request, to remove all words following ‘24 April’ Once amended the minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the meeting Chairman.
5. **Matters Arising:** ***(a)*** ***White Hart Car Park Wall***: The Clerk reported that Punch Taverns had confirmed that they would definitely be repairing the wall.

***(b) HBC Issues:*** The Clerk read the response received from Peter Frost, HBC. Councillors requested that she write to Mr. Frost reiterating the Parish Council’s concerns about the flooding, that it was a major issue for most villagers, a matter of Health & Safety, and ask that it be urgently elevated up the list of items to be addressed by HBC engineers. The work should be possible with equipment known to be already owned by HBC.

***(c) Burns Close:*** The Clerk had received a letter from Mr. Hunter, in which he stated how aggrieved he felt that no-one from the Parish Council had been to discuss the issues with him before making complaints to the Borough Council. He went on to present the facts, offered to plant a hawthorn tree and made some very constructive suggestions as to how the flooding at Burns Close might be addressed. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Hunter, thanking him for his suggestions, accept his offer to plant a tree and forward his letter in its entirety to Kieran Bostock and Mike Blair, HBC, as the flooding issues are related to land owned by the Borough Council.

Cllr Park noted that the whole entrance to Burns Close was a mess, and suggested it be included in the village walkabout with HBC officers. The Clerk was asked to request possible dates for the walkabout and copy Cllr Beck into the message.

**Action**: Clerk to write to HBC re: blocked gullies/flooding needing to be addressed urgently, to forward Mr. Hunter’s letter and request possible dates for a village walkabout in late February/early March. Clerk to write to Mr. Hunter as requested.

1. **Chairman’s Report:** The Chairman had reported to HBC that morning, fly-tipping of 30 or more tyres, as well as some furniture, in the Back Lane, between the A179 and Worsett Lane.
2. **Ward Councillors’ Report:**Cllr Beck had submitted a written report in which he referred to a planning application which was actually outside Hart parish boundary.
3. **Finance Report**: (i) The Clerk presented the Transactions Report and Actual against Budget Report. These were **accepted**.

**Receipts £0 Payments:** D.M. Ireland (Annual cont. to Clerk’s tel/broadband) **£200.00**

1. **Correspondence:** (i) Letter from Alan Hunter (dealt with under Item 5c).

(ii) Information Commissioners Office – Certificate of Registration.

(iii) HMRC – early notification of planned change in VAT registration number due to IT improvements.

(iv) E-mail from Peter Devlin, Borough Solicitor re meeting to discuss signage for the village field.

1. **Website matters:** The Clerk noted that she had still not received any photographs for the web-site. She specifically wanted photos of every Parish Councillor and also photos taken around Hart village. It was suggested that a photo competition for children might result in some useful pictures.
2. **Planning Application:** None

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1. **Matters of Concern to Councillors:**

* Light at the top of North Hart Lane is **still** off, even though officers have reported it fixed;
* The road down to the Fens is in very poor condition due to flooding and heavy construction plant/vehicles;
* The salt bin at the top of Butts Lane, near the former Post Office, has disappeared and urgently needs replacing;
* The A179 roundabout at Hart is becoming very dangerous, with drivers on the A179 travelling too fast to stop to allow for vehicles wanting to turn into or out of Hart safely – several near misses reported recently;
* The general amount of rubbish along the highway verges along Hart Lane from Hart to Throston local centre and from Hart to Middle Warren – ‘knee deep in plastic’ rubbish mostly thrown from vehicles.
* The new development to the rear of Millbank Close and other proposed developments in the village – need to know what steps HBC have put in place, given our recent experience with The Darlings, to protect the amenity of the village during the construction – particularly the issue of mud on the roads from construction vehicles.
* When was ownership of the layby, at Glebe Farm, transferred from HBC?

**13. Date of next meetings:** 6.45pm Monday 12th March 2018.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.