

HAMFALLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting at Vale View Meeting Room at The Barn, Cattle Country

Thursday 19th May 2016

7.15pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of Minutes of meeting 6th May 2016
3. Chairman's Annual Report for 2015/2016
4. Any other matters or proposals raised by Electors

Minutes of Hamfallow Annual Parish Meeting
held on
19th May 2016
At 7.30pm
Vale View Meeting Room, The Barn, Cattle Country

Present: Councillors Priestley
Lane
Hamblin
McStea
McIntyre

C Child (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Fowler and Chandler gave their apologies

Approval of Minutes – Annual Parish Meeting held 6th May 2015

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were read and signed as correct record by the Chairman Heather Priestley

Chairman’s Report for 2015-2016: see attached report

2015/16 has continued to be a very busy period for Hamfallow Parish Council. The Parish Plan jointly produced by Hamfallow and Hinton Parish Councils has been formally adopted by both PCs.

Hamfallow Parish Council now has a permanent location for the bi-monthly meetings at Cattle Country (and within the Parish too!). This has demonstrated a commitment by the PC to identify a suitable public venue which enables parishioners to comfortably, and confidently, to attend meetings if they wish.

We have achieved a closer working and liaising relationship with our County Councillor Representative, and the District Councillors within the Parish, this is welcomed and is an extremely positive development.

There are ongoing issues concerning the general condition of the roads within Hamfallow Parish and the surrounding area. The PC has huge concerns that work to address the improvements required remains painfully slow, or non-existent. However, there is an ongoing obligation to our parishioners to pursue this maintenance/repair work for all our benefit.

Also at the front of many parishioners concerns is the need to identify an improved road infrastructure to support the increase in heavy traffic use in the area, especially on the B4066, and we have pledged our ongoing support to the Berkeley Triangle Action Group with their campaign.

The proposed housing development of 375 houses by Hunter Page at Newtown/Sharpness did not have planning consent approved, although they are appealing the decision. The PC remains vigilant regarding this matter and will

continue to oppose such a large development proposal in a predominantly rural location.

A sub-committee of the PC has been updating and expanding the Parish Council's website. Work on this has taken approximately six months and went live on 4 May 2016. The aim was to achieve a new modern look which we hope our Parishioners will find helpful, informative and a delight to look at! Our very grateful thanks to Councillor Liz Lane for all her hours of work, and taking the lead on this project.

The PC has continued to support throughout the year various community group applications which we received, considered and approved and donations made.

During 2016/17 we will continue to work hard for our Parishioners and the community we are so fortunate to live in.

Thank you to all the Parish Councillors for all their commitment and hard work to the Council, and the Parishioners, during this past twelve months, it is greatly appreciated. And, of course I continue to be very grateful to Caroline Child as our Parish Clerk for all her help, guidance and support...thank you!

Heather Priestley
Chairman

Any other matters raised by Electors at the chairman's discretion – none

Signed..... Dated.....