

Minutes of the Meeting of Hawton Parish Council held in the All Saints Church, Hawton on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Present:**        **Councillor T Pykett (Chair)**  
                     **Councillor I Brownhill**  
                     **Councillor Mrs K Adams**  
                     **Councillor K Sutton**

**Also present 11 members of the public and District Councillors Kellas, Haynes and Allen**

**HPC24-021**   Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Councillor D Adams and County Councillor Mrs Saddington.

**HPC24-022**   Declarations of Interest

It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

**HPC24-024**   To receive an update from Urban & Civic on the construction of the Southern Link Road

The Chair welcomed representatives from Urban & Civic to the meeting who would update the Parish Council and residents on the present position with the Southern Link Road and the closure of Hawton Road.

A copy of a written presentation was shared with Members and residents present. In summary that presentation covered:

- Councillor tours that were held in June/July
- Resurfacing of the Church car park
- A planned archaeology event with Oxford Archaeology to be held in the Church towards the end of the year
- Maintenance of U&C owned green spaces in Hawton
- Removal of pylons on the Middlebeck site, with seven removed across the site after cables were routed underground
- Ongoing communications through the More Road Ahead newsletters, noticeboards monthly and quarterly meetings with County and District Officers and Members, together with an 'On Stream' newsletter issued to the whole of Newark

In terms of the new phase of works on Hawton Road, U&C were in the final stages of this. The existing kerb line had been removed and replaced with drainage kerbs that had holes in them. A new footpath would be put in which would be 2m wide and run from Elbow Cottage up to the new roundabout. A pedestrian crossing would be put in on the new roundabout. This work was originally down for two weekend closures,

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but a third will be required on 17<sup>th</sup> August from 8am to 4pm.

The timeline for the reopening of Hawton Road had slipped due to delays incurred by statutory utility providers (Severn Trent Water, Energetics and BT). The Road should have been opening on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024, but it was now expected to be the end of August 2024. The taxi service that had been running during the road closure would be extended in line with the longer closure.

Once the road was open there would still be a phased Traffic Restriction and Management Order in place. North-South pedestrian access would be provided, with traffic operating on a signal lane under alternating two-way lights. Gatemen will be situated at each of the site entrances on the new roundabout. It is anticipated that traffic management will be in place until the end of September.

The Chair thanked U&C for their presentation and opened the floor up to questions from residents.

Residents were concerned about the green spaces in the village that were under the ownership of U&C. In particular, the paddock, the area used by Oxford Archaeology and maintenance of the hedges. U&C confirmed that hedges were reviewed by an ecologist prior to any cutting and it was hoped that maintenance could be undertaken shortly.

U&C advised that the area used by Oxford Archaeology would form part of the flood alleviation site so would remain closed for another 8-10 weeks. The Rights of Way would be restored and maintained. It was anticipated it should open late Autumn.

Residents noted that there had been a lot of dust recently. U&C explained the process for dealing with dust to try and minimise the effect on residents.

A resident asked if there were any green spaces under the ownership of U&C that residents could use to walk in. U&C confirmed that none were available at the moment. Residents would be consulted about future uses of green space, but at the moment the focus was on completing the road.

It was reported that there was fly tipping on BW4. U&C would investigate and remove as necessary.

A resident asked what the plan was for the field behind the Church. U&C advised it would be part of the flood alleviation scheme which may flood in future years.

Councillor Mrs Adams asked whether plans were finalised for the country park as yet, as the Parish Council would not want any car park to the south of the village. U&C confirmed that detailed plans were not yet finalised and the Parish Council would form part of the consultation.

A resident referred to the repairs to the car park and asked if further feathering

could be undertaken on the edges as one vehicle had recently grounded on them. U&C would review and amend as necessary.

A resident asked if provision of footpaths could be investigated by U&C.

Reference was made to two recent incidents with the temporary traffic lights either end of the village. U&C would review and take action.

Residents noted that the traffic lights on the bridge had been very helpful and had taken away a lot of fear from residents. Councillor Kellas referred to discussions to retain the lights until the road was fully open. U&C will take that back to their Management Team.

The Chair thanked representatives from Urban & Civic for attending and residents for their participation and reconvened the meeting at 7.12pm.

**HPC24-024** Minutes of the Parish Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**HPC24-025** Public Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.13pm for the public session.

A resident asked whether, during the Summer months, the Church Bellringers could practice on a Wednesday rather than a Friday so that residents could enjoy social time in their gardens. The Chair advised that this was not a matter that was under the Parish Council's responsibility, but would raise with the Church on behalf of residents.

A resident referred to fireworks being let off on Bonfire Night and the impact noise had on their pets. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council held an event to commemorate Remembrance Sunday but that did not involve fireworks. The Parish Council had no jurisdiction to prevent residents holding private events that involved fireworks.

The Chair thanked residents for their input and reconvened the meeting at 7.18pm.

**HPC24-026** County Councillor Session

No report was presented as Councillor Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.

**HPC24-027** Nottinghamshire County Council

**To consider a petition to Nottinghamshire County Council for the installation of permanent traffic lights on Hawton Bridge**

Members discussed the recommendation from County Councillor Mrs Saddington to draw up a petition to submit to Nottinghamshire County Council for the installation of permanent traffic lights on Hawton Bridge.

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Members AGREED that this was an action they would wish pursue and the Clerk was asked to liaise with the Democratic Services Department at the County Council to ensure the correct wording and threshold for submission was achieved.

The Clerk confirmed that Farndon Parish Council would support Hawton Parish Council in its efforts to secure permanent traffic lights.

#### **HPC24-028 District Councillor Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.24pm for the District Councillor's to present their report.

Councillor Haynes referred to a motion put before Full Council in relation to flooding, with three extra points added. Councillor Kellas advised that one was in relation to the funding of the Internal Drainage Board whose levy impacts on council tax; one was to request dredging of the River Trent where appropriate. The final point was in relation to communication where there was a poor choice of wording in relation to advising residents who may be about to flood. Clarification had also been sought regarding the lead flood authority, which was the County Council, not the District Council. The amendments were not approved due to the administration wanting to speak to stakeholders first.

Questions had been raised on how the development of Middlebeck would impact on the services provided at Newark Hospital. Councillor Mrs Adams advised that she had recently been approached by an Officer from the District Council to join a Board related to health but had not received anything further. Councillor Haynes advised he would try and establish more information and feedback to the Clerk.

Councillor Kellas referred to the creation of a new portfolio for Health and Wellbeing but it was not clear what their role was or what the District Council were seeking to achieve with this.

Councillor Mrs Adams asked whether funding for the A46 dualling had been pulled by the Government. Members advised that they were unsure of the present position at the moment.

The Chair thanked District Councillors for their reports and reconvened the meeting at 7.34pm.

#### **HPC24-029 Newark & Sherwood District Council**

##### **(a) To note details of the Lloyds Tour of Britain Stage 4**

Members noted that Stage 4 of the Lloyds Tour of Britain would be in the Newark & Sherwood District on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> September. The tour would not come through Hawton but road closures would be in place in Newark on the day that could impact the community.

(b) Public Consultation on the Draft Interim Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

Members received the public consultation on the Draft Interim Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document. If Members wished to make any comment they were asked to forward them to the Clerk prior to the submission deadline of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

(c) Public Consultation on the Draft Solar Energy Supplementary Planning Document (2024)

Members received the public consultation on the Draft Solar Energy Supplementary Planning Document (2024). If Members wished to make any comment they were asked to forward them to the Clerk prior to the submission deadline of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**HPC24-030 Parish Council Matters**

(a) To receive an update on progress of the Village Gateway Signs

Members noted the progress report on the Village Gateway Signs. The Clerk would respond to the query regarding the size of the posts once access to the new roundabout on Hawton Road could be achieved.

**HPC24-031 Planning**

(a) There were no matters to consider.

**HPC24-032 Financial Matters**

(a) To consider accounts for payments:

Members noted and AGREED the following payments:

- Clerk's Wages – April to July - £167.17
- HMRC PAYE – April to July - £41.79
- IONOS – Domain & Emails - £14.40

(b) To note any receipts:

Members noted receipt of:

- NatWest – Interest -£143.60
- NatWest – Interest - £130.16
- NatWest – Interest - £145.31

(c) To note the Council's financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

Members noted that the financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 with the current account at £7,525.05 and the deposit account at £40,965.49.

**HPC24-033 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

(c) **July & August Newsletter**

A copy of the May Newsletter had been circulated to Members for information.

The Clerk referred to arrangements for the Annual General Meeting that this year  
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would be held on Saturday. 12<sup>th</sup> October at the YMCA, Newark between 1.30pm and 4.30pm.

**HPC24-034** Correspondence

(a) There were no items to consider.

**HPC24-035** To Receive Items for Notification

Councillor Brownhill asked whether a Remembrance event was planned this year. After discussion, it was AGREED that this was a well supported event by the community and an event be organised for Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**HPC24-036** Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.57pm