

Minutes of the Hoton Parish Council Meeting

Held in Hoton Village Hall on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 7.45pm

In attendance: Cllr Cassell (Chair), Cllr Rathod, Cllr Doherty, Cllr Boker (left at 8.25pm), Hamish Byers (Prestwold) (left at 8.25pm) and Victoria Webster (Parish Clerk)

The meeting commenced at 7.50pm

1/23	<p>To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Dargie, Cty Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Girgis and Stanford Hall.</p>
2/23	<p>Declarations of interests: disclosable pecuniary interests; personal interests; or personal interests that may lead to bias, by parish councillors to items on the agenda. There were no declarations of interest.</p>
3/23	<p>To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th February 2023 The minutes were accepted as true and accurate and were proposed by Cllr Rathod and seconded by Cllr Doherty.</p>
4/23	<p>Stanford Hall Rehabilitation Centre Stanford Hall sent their apologies.</p>
5/23	<p>Prestwold Hall Estate</p> <p>The lagoons will cease to be used for liquid disposal and will be used to store water.</p> <p>The children’s nursery planning application is still ongoing.</p> <p>The 6 inch high part licence acoustic building work is due to start next month. 90% of the material for this work will be coming from Melton with the remainder from Burton and Loughborough which should cause no additional traffic for the village.</p> <p>The planning application for the Wymeswold industrial estate is still pending.</p> <p>The planning application for the car storage on the airfield is still pending. The estate was asked to provide evidence that the extra storage would not cause any more of a flood risk to the area. This was submitted today with the reports stating there is no increase to flooding.</p> <p>Hamish discussed the extra lorries that are currently on site and explained the reasons for this is due to the Christmas period. The numbers are now reducing and he doesn’t anticipate any additional lorries. The amount has decreased 20% on what it was last week and expects the number to significantly drop in the near future. The lorries in question don’t fall under the planning application for the airfield storage. Hamish stated that the estate may look to extend the area the planning application covers. Hamish did invite the principal objector from the village over to the estate to look around and discuss their concerns.</p> <p>The question was raised as to what action the Parish Council should take if a villager approached them about the estate and the increasing number of lorries and extra traffic? Hamish confirmed he is happy to show anyone around the estate and has drone photographs of the area in to show anyone if required.</p>

	<p>It was asked what can the village expect to see over the next month or two with the removal of lorries on Wymeswold Road. Hamish confirmed they should practically be gone apart from the application area. The estate could apply for a temporary license to cover these lorries and it would likely be approved.</p> <p>Hamish informed the Councillors that MFN have advertised that Prestwold are hosting a car event on the airfield but they are not. The event has now been postponed but they could potentially be extra traffic on the 23rd April. Security will be in place to stop access and the local police are in support of this. Doing all can to stop them accessing the site or causing any havoc.</p> <p>A comment was made that when councillors visited the airfield there were more than the 10 transporters a day visiting the site than that stated in the airfield planning application.</p> <p>Hamish stated that the 10 transporters a day is an average of what the site expects to receive so some days it could be more but other days it will be less.</p> <p>It was asked if the number of vehicles going in and out of the site is being monitored.</p> <p>Hamish confirmed there is CCTV which records the comings and goings of each vehicle and there is gatehouse where drivers have to sign. Hamish could request the data to review.</p> <p>The question was asked if each company using the airfield has a contract and if there a clause in the contracts that states they don't exceed these numbers.</p> <p>Hamish confirmed this information is not publicly available yet but will become public</p> <p>Hamish confirmed within 2 weeks there should be fewer lorries and that they should reduce week on week.</p> <p>It was highlighted that when a vehicle is sold at auction the vehicle then has to be collected within a certain time frame, could Hamish find out what this time frame is.</p> <p>Hamish confirmed he doesn't know this information. It is within the estates interest for the lorries not to move quickly as they are paying weekly.</p> <p>A comment was made that it would have been easier for the estate to have told the Parish Council about this.</p> <p>Hamish said he arrived on site one day to find lorries scattered around, including on land that they shouldn't have been on. There was a break down in communication.</p> <p>Hamish said he didn't tell the Parish Council or the village about locating the cars on the airfield because they knew what the reaction would have been and knew they wouldn't get planning permission.</p> <p>Hamish to update the Parish Council as to numbers of vehicles expected and movement on site etc. prior to every Parish Council meeting.</p>
6/23	<p>Questions and comments from members of the public (10 minutes)</p> <p>No members of the public attended the meeting.</p>
7/23	<p>Police Report and Correspondence</p> <p>The reports were distributed prior to the meeting. No comments were made and no questions raised.</p>
8/23	<p>Borough Councillors Report</p>

	<p>Cllr Boker confirmed the planning permission for a solar farm as you drive into Loughborough on left hand side has been granted.</p> <p>The public consultation of the new local plan has ended and the report is expected in June. The plan will then go for consultation for 6 weeks and will hopefully be law by September.</p>
9/23	<p>County Councillors Reports</p> <p>There was no County Councillor present. Apologies were given.</p>
10/23	<p>Co-option of a Councillor</p> <p>Cllr Cassell received an expression of interest.</p>
11/23	<p>Business</p> <p>a. To review and agree future meeting dates All agreed to these dates.</p> <p>b. To review and approve the Policies and Procedures that have been updated The policies that were updated were approved. An Appraisal form, Retention of Documents and an Asset Risk Assessment document is needed.</p> <p>Action: VW to look at putting these together</p>
12/23	<p>To Receive Reports from Councillors</p> <p>At the recent Playing field committee meeting, dates for forthcoming volunteer days were scheduled for the 21st May and the 10th September.</p>
13/23	<p>To make comments and agree action on the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P/22/1777/2. 7 Rempstone Road, Hoton. Tree and vegetation removal to area identified on map in red, and also to remove all trees and vegetation to create access track for works to be completed shown edged. No decision has been made. • P/22/1603/2. 40 Loughborough Road, Hoton. Construction of 4 dwellings with associated parking, hard surfacing and landscaping. No decision has been made. Action: Check the progress with this. • P/22/2163/2. Land off Prestwold Lane. Part change of use of airfield runway to Storage and Distribution of motor vehicles (Class B8) with associated infrastructure (Retrospective Application). No decision has been made. • P/22/2288/2. 23 Hollytree Close. Erection of single storey rear extension. Grant conditionally.
14/23	<p>Correspondence – Discuss and Agree Response to the following:</p> <p>a. Lorries on Prestwold Estate Airfield As discussed above.</p>
15/23	<p>To Receive the Clerks Report</p> <p>The Clerk talked through the updates on the report.</p>
16/23	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Financial update - The Cash Book & Bank Statement to be reviewed and signed off The paperwork was reviewed and agreed.</p>

	<p>b. To agree payments due for the month (Schedule of Payments to be signed by the Chair). The payments were reviewed and signed off.</p>
17/23	<p>To agree items for the Press Release</p> <p>Playing Field Committee volunteer days</p> <p>Sponsoring projects in the village speak to the Clerk</p> <p>Cutting of hedges around the village, quote the law.</p>
18/23	<p>To receive agenda items for the next meeting</p> <p>New Policies and Procedures</p> <p>Sunrise Eggs</p>

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record.

Chairman Signature: _____

Date: _____