



Hockley Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Hockley Parish Council
Held at the Old Fire Station, at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 4th July 2016

| FULL COUNCIL MINUTES | | |
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| ITEM | PRESENTER | SUBJECT |
| 16/137 | Chairman | Welcome. |
| 16/138 | Chairman | <p>Members Attending.</p> <p>Chairman Cllr R Martin</p> <p>Present Cllr M Anderson, Cllr N Boxall, Cllr T Gleadall, Cllr S James, Cllr S Martin, Cllr V Randall, Cllr L Vingoe, Cllr B O'Shea, Cllr Meacham.</p> <p>Also present: The Clerk.</p> <p>Not present Cllrs Chelmsford, M Carter, T Carter.</p> |
| 16/139 | Chairman | <p>Declaration of Interests.</p> <p>Cllr Maddocks declared an interest as a County Councillor and Cllrs Hazlewood as a Rochford District Council.</p> |
| 16/140 | Chairman | <p>To consider the authorisation of vegetation clearance works to footpaths and footways within the parish boundaries where such clearance is necessary to provide a safe pedestrian passage and can be done lawfully.</p> <p>Following a discussion about the risk of setting precedent and raising expectations that other works would fall within the council's responsibility. Specific areas were mentioned; Church Road, Drivers' hill footways between Alderman's hill and Hawthorne Gardens.</p> <p>Cllr Hazlewood reminded the Council that staff would not be covered by insurance if an accident happened when working on highway without the correct authorisation and training. This point was noted and the council agreed that it was not minded to undertake work that was the responsibility of other authorities but would continue to put pressure on those authorities to do the work.</p> <p>Resolved: The Council will authorise vegetation clearance works to footpaths and footways within the parish boundaries where such clearance is necessary to provide a safe pedestrian passage and can be done lawfully. Proposed Cllr R Martin, seconded Cllr O'Shea. The resolution failed by three votes to five against and three abstentions.</p> |
| 16/141 | Clerk | Date of next meeting – 18th July 2016 |