

**Minutes of the Public Open Forum Held at the Trowell Parish Hall on
Tuesday 9th February 2016, at 7.15pm.**

Present - Cllrs. Mrs. L. Harley (Chairman), R. McGann, Mrs. C. McGann, Mrs. J. Bryant, G. Lockwood, P. Singer, Mrs. M. Birkitt, Mrs. H. Cumberpatch, Mrs. P. Cardwell, Mrs. S. Williams , D. Pringle & Mr. Hutchby (parishioner).

Clerk - Mrs. A. K. Mitchell

LH opened the meeting & thanked them for their attendance.

Mr. Hutchby raised the issue of drainage problems on FP8 in the Parish. It was noted that this issue had been reported to the Clerk in January by Mr. Hutchby & referred onto NCC for attention. Mr. Hutchby had been kept advised of progress. It was noted that Mr. Hutchby has been in touch with both BBC & NCC in the past in respect of this matter.

Mr. Hutchby circulated photographs of the affected area.

Mr. Hutchby was advised of the latest information received from NCC that day i.e. that the gully in question would be jetted by NCC as a one-off gesture of goodwill.

Mr. Hutchby apologised for how he spoke to the Clerk on his initial visit but added that this is an ongoing problem. He then advised Members of a petition of 126 names he had organised in this regard.

LH agreed to take the petition from Mr. Hutchby & arrange for its onward transmission to KER as the County Councillor for Trowell.

LH advised that since Mr. Hutchby's visit the Parish Council had done all it could to assist him with this problem.

HC asked if Mr. Hutchby had approached either the Borough Councillors or the County Councillor regarding this matter. Mr. Hutchby advised that he hadn't & that in previous years he had approached either BBC or NCC direct.

RMG asked who owns the footpath. He was advised that the footpath is the responsibility of NCC but it is not adopted highway so is not subject to the same maintenance standards.

GL requested that NCC be asked how you get a footpath adopted.

RMG commented that someone has tarmacked the surface & installed a street light at either end.

Mr. Hutchby asked if the Parish Council could raise the funds to pass onto NCC to carry out the necessary works. It was noted that it isn't quite as straight forward as that for various reasons, not least that some of the problems involve adjacent private land.

Mr. Hutchby also raised the matter of increased dog fouling in the Northern Drive/Wortley Avenue/Trowell Grove areas. He asked that the matter be included in the next newsletter.

LH advised that the matter would be taken to the next Editorial meeting but that the content of the next newsletter had already been decided upon.

MB outlined KB's previous campaign on this issue.

Mr. Hutchby commented that BBC & NCC are not very wise sending out employees to cut the grass etc in poor weather. These employees should be reassigned on such days to more appropriate tasks - this would be a better use of resources.

LH thanked Mr. Hutchby for his attendance, promised that she would arrange for the petition to be forwarded on to KER at the earliest opportunity.

The Open Forum was closed at approximately 7.35pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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