

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HEVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:**

Cllr S Ward (Chairman)  
Cllr S Benton (Vice Chair)  
Cllr J Norton  
Cllr I Nickalls  
Cllr D Holmes  
Cllr A Ramsbottom  
Cllr M Williamson  
Cllr A Bunn  
Cllr T Palmer  
Cllr S Howes  
Cllr A Long  
Mrs K Medler (Clerk)

**Parishioners: 1**

**In attendance:** County Councillor D Roper  
District Councillor J Neesam

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New year.

**1. APOLOGIES**

None.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

There were no declarations of interest or dispensation requests.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were agreed by all.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

- The Chairman advised the 'horse signs' are all in hand and will be installed as soon as possible.
- Cllr D Holmes confirmed the rats on the allotments are coming from under the shed on plot 16. Some rat poison has now been put down and the situation will be monitored.
- The Clerk confirmed Jerome Mayhew MP has been in touch with Highways concerning the beck but is experiencing the same lack of response as everyone else.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- The Chairman highlighted that a previous resident of the village will be turning 100 in March 2022. All agreed the Clerk should organise a card and an article will be placed in the village magazine.
- Cllr A Ramsbottom passed on thanks from T Mathewson for the card and gift given to her for doing the magazine.
- Complaints were made concerning the state of New Road - it is very bumpy, muddy, smelly and water logged and residents from The Heath area feel cut off from the main village because the road is really not suitable for use. The top of Low Lane at the junction with New Road is also very muddy. All agreed the Clerk should raise with Highways but also write to the farmer whose farm movements cause many of these problems.

*Cty Cllr D Roper & Dist Cllr J Neesam joined the meeting at 19:45*

**6. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION**

**a. Finance**

i) Accounts for payment

The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved:

Mrs K Medler (Expenses)	£11.56
E-on (Electricity)	£72.17
Npower (Electricity)	£55.61
BDC (Dog bin emptying)	£189.80
F C Hambling (Bus shelter cleaning)	£40.00
Hevingham Farms Ltd (Rent refund as overpaid)	£10.00
A Bullough (Allotment water tap refund)	£5.00
HMR&C (PAYE x3)	£131.60

The Clerk's standing order was paid on the 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Receipts noted:

Cambridge Building Society - interest £26.01

It was agreed that should any invoices be received for work already authorised, before the next meeting, these can be paid.

ii) Grass cutting contract 2022

The Clerk explained that she had mis-understood the quote from the current contractor and he had in fact quoted a figure for 2 years, so costs had not doubled, and that price will be held for the 2 years. Cllr I Nickalls has been unable to get a quote as the person he contacted is too busy. The Clerk has contacted Norse but to date, no quote has been received, despite chasing. It was agreed to re-appoint the current contractor on a 2-year contract.

iii) Magazine printing 2022

The Chairman reported that he has obtained 3 quotes and our current printer is the more competitive, although their price has increased. All agreed to stay with Norse. The Chairman suggested advert prices could be increased to help cover some of the cost and will bring proposals to the March meeting.

**b. Village allotments**

A request has been received for £10.00 to purchase some tulip bulbs to put in along the pathway near plots 24-28 as the wild flower seeds put in have not taken. In light of the decision made in December concerning future funding, all agreed the request should be denied with the suggestion of fundraising being made.

**c. Planning**

- i) There were no new applications to consider.
- ii) There were no outcomes of previous applications to report.

**d. HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The official celebrations are 2nd-5th June.

Mrs S Ward and Cllr A Ramsbottom will be forming a committee along with others to plan and organise various events. The main street party is currently planned for Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> June. If anyone is interested in joining the committee or sponsoring the events in some way, please get in touch. It was agreed that as this will be a village celebration, the Parish Council could provide some funding if needed (the sum of £500.00 will be provisionally earmarked).

**7. MATTERS TO REPORT**

**a. Correspondence**

Norfolk CAB are seeking a donation. The Parish Council last sent them £35.00 in March 2021 so it was agreed the request would be turned down this time.

**b. Clerks Report**

The man who cleans the bus shelter has told the Clerk, if there is someone else who would like to take on this job, he is happy to step down but if not, he is happy to continue. Cllr J Norton will speak to someone she thinks may be interested but if they are not, it was agreed it will be put out to a wider audience.

**c. Village Hall Report**

Cllr D Holmes advised that the works to the roof are worse than first thought so costs will now be higher than initially expected but they do have a contractor prepared to do the work.

Cllr M Williamson mentioned the lack of lighting outside the Hall's main door and Cllr D Holmes explained that the lights are part of the roof work but will still raise at the next meeting.

**d. Police Report**

The Clerk advised there were 2 crimes in the village during November: 2 x Violent & sexual offence (on or near The Turn. Further information can be accessed via [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk).

**e. District and County Reports**

*District*

BDC are consulting with the public on Council Tax via their website until the end of this week.

Food Waste collections are being extended to the whole of Broadland from April 2022.

The MD has said things have been improving from a Customer Service point of view but proof of this has been requested. Community Connectors are being employed for local GP surgeries to help people with benefits, debts, access to local services etc. Information will be sent to the Clerk to publicise.

*County*

The man who has been dealing with the various Highway issues in Hevingham has now left NCC. Cllr D Roper hopes to meet with his replacement soon. Highways will be inspecting the beck area tomorrow lunchtime.

Cllr D Roper has a small fund available still, if there are any road signs Hevingham would like. The following were suggested: 'Please drive carefully' x2 on The Heath and a 'Hevingham' sign on the Holt Road.

Council Tax will be increasing by 3%.

**8. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Review of magazine advert costs.

Next meeting is on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 19:30.