

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HEVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 9th JANUARY 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Cllr D Bunn (Chairman)
Cllr D Fox-Willis
Cllr A Coldham
Cllr A Bunn
Cllr S Medler
Cllr M Williamson
Cllr G Crane
Cllr J Norton
Cllr A Ramsbottom
Cllr P Carrick (District & Parish Cllr)
K Medler (Clerk)

Parishioners: 10

In attendance: County Cllr D Roper
Rev M McPhee

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor T Palmer.

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 5th December 2017 were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters on which to report.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A representative from the campaign to reduce the speed limit on the A140 Cromer Road advised the Council that the Group will be attending a meeting at NCC on the 19th January to present their petition and supporting information. If anyone has not contributed to their costs and would like to do so, they should speak to a member of the Group. Cllr A Coldham would like to thank 'David' for repairing the village sign on the Green which was damaged recently.

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)	£17.15
The Garden Guardian (Grass cutting 2017)	£3552.00
Norfolk Parish Training and Support (Allotment training)	£112.00
TT Jones Electrical Ltd (Street lighting maintenance)	£41.41
E-on (Electricity)	£67.48
HMR&C (PAYE x3)	£135.00
NPFA (Annual subscription)	£25.00

The Clerks standing order was paid on the 5th January.

The following receipt was noted:

Cambridge Building Society interest	£45.22
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Balance at the bank now stands at £57,811.49.

ii) Budget / Precept for 2018/19

Figures had been previously circulated with 3 options. In a vote Option 1 received 1 vote, Option 2 received 1 vote and Option 3 received 8 votes. The Precept will therefore be set at £10,000.00 as per Option 3.

b. Herbert Phillip Fund

Nothing to report other than submission of the Parish Partnership bid.

c. Church Grass Cutting Grant

Following receipt of information from Rev McPhee, all agreed to fund the grass cutting in full for the coming season.

d. Grass cutting contract for 2018

The Chairman advised he has contacted 2 local people but to date has not been provided with any prices. The Clerk will contact the contractor now doing the Churchyard for a price.

e. Bus shelter on the A140

The Police have carried out patrols at the bus shelter at various times of the day, up to the early hours of the morning and no one has been seen, nor has anyone else reported anything to them about persons sleeping in the shelter. The Police will continue to monitor and check the area. If there are any further sightings, this needs to be reported at the time to 101. Cllr D Fox-Willis confirmed the situation is much improved at the moment and he will also continue to monitor.

f. Planning

The following plans were considered:

- i) 20172126 – Plot1, 19 Brick Kiln Road – No objections
- ii) 20172127 – Plot 2, 19 Brick Kiln Road – No objections
- iii) 20172201 – Park Farm House, The Wilderness, Shortthorn Road – No objections

g. GDPR Compliance Plan

The clerk advised this needs to be carried forward to March as there is still quite a bit of information to be confirmed.

7. MATTERS TO REPORT

a. Correspondence

NARS are seeking a donation. All agreed to send £30.00.

The Annual Town and Parish Meeting is taking place at BDC on the 24th January. No one, other than Cllr P Carrick (who will be attending as District Councillor anyway), was able to attend.

b. Clerks Report

The Clerk provided details of the third set of results from the SAM sign which will be published in the Spring magazine.

c. Youth Advocate Report

The Youth Group will be starting again on the 11th January.

d. Village Hall Report

Next meeting 5th March 2018 when the committee will be discussing increasing the hire rates. Cllr M Williamson praised all those involved in the Christmas lunch which was held at the Hall.

e. Police Report

The Clerk advised there were 4 crimes in the village during October and 4 in November. Fuller details are available on the website.

f. County Councillors Report

The Budget consultation closed on the 2nd January and the Council will now be considering the figures closely. It is likely Council Tax will be increased by 6% for NCC. Final figures will be agreed at a meeting on the 12th February. Cllr D Roper voted against the expenses increase and intends to donate his increase to 'local' charities. Cllr D Roper will also be attending the meeting on the 19th January to support the speed limit reduction campaign.

A member of the public asked how a three-mile footpath can be put in at Great Ellingham for £60,000 as per the article in the EDP recently? Cllr D Roper will look into further and advise.

g. District Councillors report

BDC are not intending to increase Council Tax although there may be an increase in special expenses, which shouldn't affect Hevingham. BDC are now working with South Norfolk District Council to help reduce costs, which should benefit all concerned.

A member of the public questioned the article printed in the village magazine and Cllr P Carrick stated he did not name anyone specifically and stands by his comments.

8. MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Grass cutting in the village and GDPR.

Next meeting is on the 6th March 2018 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20:15